



## **Russell Vale Underground Expansion Project (MP09\_0013)**

The NSW Department of Planning, Industry & Environment has now finalised its whole-of-government assessment for the **Russell Vale Underground Expansion Project (MP09\_0013)** and provided it to the Independent Planning Commission NSW for determination.

The Minister for Planning and Public Spaces has requested that the Commission conduct a public hearing into the carrying out of the Project prior to determining the state significant development (SSD) application for it.

As required under COVID-19 regulations, the Commission will conduct this public hearing electronically by video conference (with an option to participate by telephone).

Three Commissioners have been appointed to determine this SSD application: Professor Alice Clark (Panel chair), Dr Peter Williams and Professor Chris Fell AM. They will host the Electronic Public Hearing **from 10am AEDT on Monday 19 October 2020** to hear directly from community members. *(Please note: The Commission has tentatively set aside Tuesday 20 October 2020 to extend the public hearing to a second day should it be necessary.)*

### **How to Have Your Say**

If you wish to apply to speak at the Electronic Public Hearing, you must complete the registration form available on our website by no later than **5pm AEDT on Monday 12 October 2020**. Those who are registered to speak will be provided further technical information closer to the hearing.

### **How to watch and/or listen to the Public Hearing**

This Electronic Public Hearing will be broadcast on the Commission's website: [www.ipcn.nsw.gov.au/livestream](http://www.ipcn.nsw.gov.au/livestream). If you have no or limited internet access, you'll be able to listen to a live audio stream of proceedings by dialing **1800 093 431** and entering the following PIN: **25135846#**

A transcript of the hearing will be published on our website.

### **Written submissions**

The Commission will accept written comments on the **Russell Vale Underground Expansion Project** up to one week (seven days) after the hearing via email, post or our online portal: [www.ipcn.nsw.gov.au/have-your-say](http://www.ipcn.nsw.gov.au/have-your-say). **The deadline for written submissions is 5pm AEDT on Tuesday 27 October 2020**. Written comments are weighed the same as spoken presentations.

### **Merit appeal rights**

After this public hearing, no merit appeal may be brought under Division 8.3 of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979* in respect of any future decision made by the Commission as consent authority for this SSD application.

### **For more information**

You can find the Department's final assessment report and other relevant information on our website: [www.ipcn.nsw.gov.au](http://www.ipcn.nsw.gov.au), under **Russell Vale Underground Expansion Project**.