



21 February 2023

Mr Michael Cassel  
Secretary  
Department of Planning and Environment

Dear Mr Cassel

**BOWDENS SILVER PROJECT (SSD 5765)**

The Independent Planning Commission (**Commission**) is currently working towards the determination of the Bowdens Silver Project (**Bowdens Project**).

The Minister's request of the Commission provides that the Planning Secretary may agree to another date by which the Project is to be determined by the Commission, other than the 12 weeks after receipt of the Assessment Report provided for in the Minister's request.

As the Bowdens Project Assessment Report was received on 22 December 2022, and it is the Commission's practice not to hold public hearings over the Christmas/New Year period, the Commission conducted its three day public hearing into the Bowdens Project relatively late within the 12 week period, over 15, 16 and 17 February 2023.

At the public hearing, the Commission heard verbal submissions from 80 speakers. To date, the Commission has also received more than 700 written submissions on the Bowdens Project, with written submissions still being accepted until 5pm on 24 February 2023.

As a consequence of the above, the Commission would be assisted by an extension of time within which to give due consideration to these submissions and seeks your agreement to extend the deadline for determination of the Bowdens Project by three weeks to **6 April 2023**.

Yours sincerely

Dr Samantha McLean  
**Executive Director**