

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT PROCESS

Bowdens Silver

(SSD-5765)



New South Wales Government
Independent Planning Commission

The Independent Planning Commission is the consent authority that will determine whether or not the recently reassessed development application for the Bowdens Silver should be approved and, if so, with what conditions. A new panel of three Commissioners will review the assessment report, additional information from the applicant, supplementary advice from DPHI and written and verbal submissions from the community and determine the application.

KEY DATES

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Community drop-in sessions
Mudgee:
28 Sept 6-9pm
29 Sept 9am-12pm
Lue:
29 Sept 4-7pm

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Speaker registrations close
12 noon on Mon 5 October 2026

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Written submissions close
11:59pm on Fri 23 October 2026

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Public hearing starts 9:00am
Wed 14 & Thurs 15 October 2026

WHAT TO EXPECT FROM THE COMMISSION PROCESS

📄 **ALL INFORMATION CAN BE ACCESSED ON THE COMMISSION WEBSITE**
Our website has a [‘case page’](#) for the Bowdens Silver application where all the documents to be considered by the newly appointed Panel can be accessed throughout the case. Key documents include supplementary advice on the application from the Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure’s (DPHI) and a Commission [factsheet](#) about its process.



i **COMMUNITY DROP-IN SESSIONS WILL BE HELD**
Communications and Engagement staff of the Commission will hold informal community drop-in sessions ahead of the public hearing to answer the community’s questions about the overall process, provide guidance on navigating the Commission’s website, assist people in accessing their previous submissions and explain the steps involved in making a new written or verbal submission on the application. Drop-in sessions will take place at:
Mudgee: Mudgee Showground Main Pavilion, located at 11 Nicholson Street, Mudgee
• Monday 28 September - open between 6:00pm and 9:00pm
• Tuesday 29 September - open between 9:00am and 12:00pm (noon)
Lue: Lue Community Hall, 52 Cox Street, Lue
Tuesday 29 September - open between 4:00pm and 7:00pm
To assist us in preparing for these sessions, send us your questions [here](#) and indicate your interest in attending [here](#).

📄 **WRITTEN SUBMISSIONS ARE INVITED**
The Commission invites written submissions from all interested parties. The newly appointed Panel has a copy of all previous submissions, transcripts and video from the 2023 public hearing. If you would like to make a new submission in consideration of the supplementary advice from DPHI you are invited to do so. Written submissions are to be lodged via the website case page before the submission deadline, not provided by email.

👤 **THE PANEL WILL HOLD STAKEHOLDER MEETINGS & CONDUCT A SITE INSPECTION**
The Panel will meet separately with local council/s, DPHI, the applicant, and others as required, to seek additional detail about the application and its assessment. A full transcript of these meetings will be published on our website. The Panel will also inspect the proposed project site and visit the local area. A detailed record of these visits will be published on our Bowdens Silver case page.

👤 **A PUBLIC HEARING WILL BE HELD**
A livestreamed public hearing will be held at the **Mudgee Showground, Main Pavilion starting at 9:00am on Wednesday 14 & Thursday 15 October 2026**. If required, a third day may be added. The new Panel will view the video of the 2023 public hearing days in full prior to 14 October 2026. At the public hearing, the Applicant will speak and members of the community will present their views on the application. The Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure (DPHI) will also be asked to provide information about its assessment and supplementary advice.
Due to a public hearing being held, merit appeal rights in respect of the decision on this application are not available to either the applicant or objectors.

🏁 **THE PANEL WILL MAKE A DETERMINATION**
The Commission has been asked to make its decision about the applications within 12 weeks of receiving the application. When the Commission makes its decision, a **Statement of Reasons for Decision** that includes how community views were taken into account will be published on our website and all who participated in our process will be notified of the decision.

HOW DO I PARTICIPATE?

📄 **MAKE A WRITTEN SUBMISSION**
The deadline for lodging written submissions via the [Commission website](#) is 11:59PM on Wednesday 21 October 2026

i **ATTEND DROP-IN SESSION, ASK QUESTION OR UPDATE CONTACTS**
Indicate your interest in attending [here](#).
Ask a question about the process [here](#)
Update your contact details [here](#)

👤 **SPEAK AT THE PUBLIC HEARING**
Registered speakers can present in person, via video conference or via telephone.
• [Register to speak](#) on the Commission's website by 12 noon on Mon 5 October 2026
• Any presentation slides must be provided to us five days in advance of the hearing.

📺 **VIEW THE PUBLIC HEARING**
Members of the community can either;
• attend the hearing in person on 14 & 15 October 2026 in the audience; or
• watch the livestream via the Commission’s website
• watch the February 2023 and October 2026 hearing days on our YouTube channel
Recordings and transcripts will be made available on the website within three business days for those unable to attend.

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