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Open Pit Continuation Project —

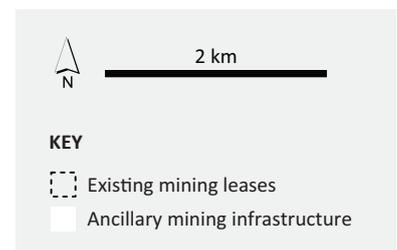
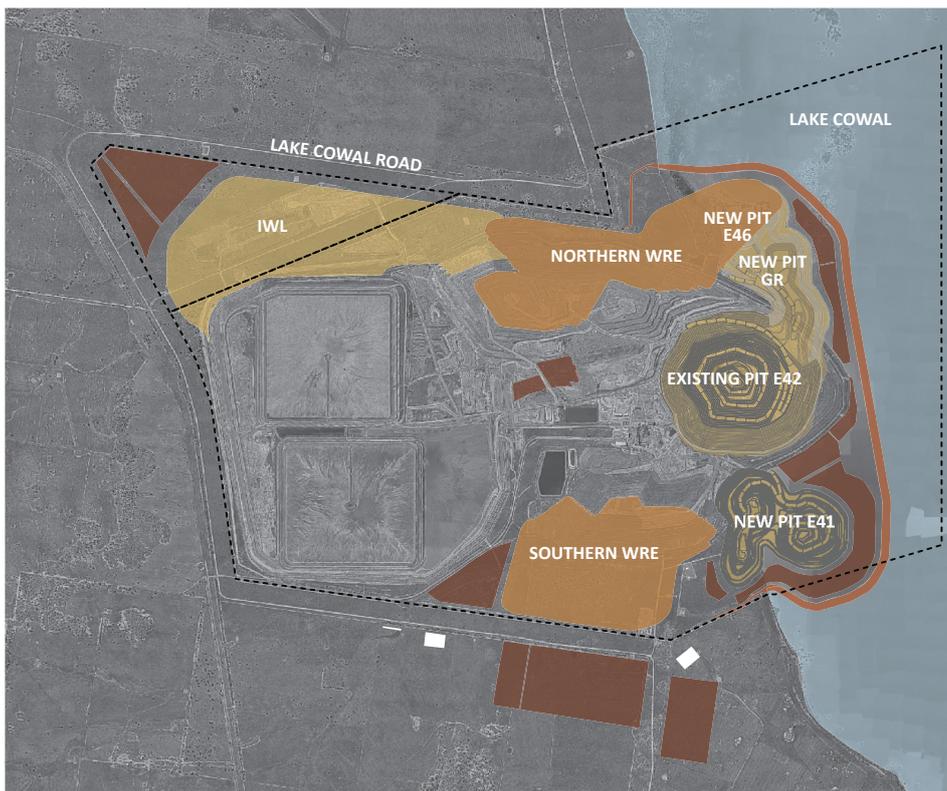
Evolution is considering its next phase of operations by seeking to develop the Cowal Gold Operations (CGO) Open Pit Continuation (OPC) project. The OPC Project will continue the life of open pit mining, enabling the retention of the open pit workforce. This will allow CGO to continue to contribute to the local and national economies through employment, community advancement, environmental stewardship and payment of taxes and royalties.

Environmental impact statement

CGO commissioned independent detailed technical, environmental and social impact studies for the Project. The results of these studies and other consultation informed the Project design and the preparation of the environmental impact statement (EIS).

The EIS provided a comprehensive assessment of potential environmental, social and economic benefits and impacts of the Project as well as identification of appropriate management and mitigation measures.

The development application (DA) for the project and accompanying EIS were submitted to the NSW Department of Planning and Environment (DPE) and then publicly exhibited for four weeks, from 15 June 2023 to 12 July 2023.



Submissions

Thank you to all who put the time and effort into putting forward a Submission on the OPC. We welcome all input and have summarised below.

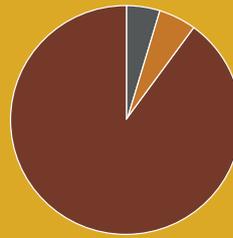
A total of 109 submissions were received during the public exhibition period. This includes:

- 101 community submissions. Of which 78 were from the local community, and
- 8 special interest groups.

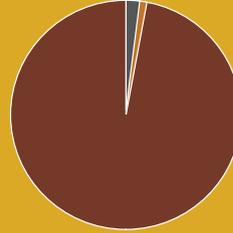
In addition, 14 Government Agencies provided feedback.

Submissions are available to review online on DPE's Major Planning Projects Portal:

www.planningportal.nsw.gov.au/major-projects/projects/cowal-gold-operations-open-pit-continuation-0



Total Submissions (109)



Community Submissions (excluding Special Interest Groups)

Of the 101 submissions, 78 were received from the local area.

Key for submitters

- Objection
- Comment
- Support

Key themes



Economic benefits



Social benefits



Jobs



Biodiversity



Water

Next Step: Response to Submissions Report

CGO is currently preparing a Submissions Report for the Project. The purpose of this Report is to:

- give CGO the opportunity to respond to the matters raised in submissions relevant to the Project
- ensure the community receives feedback from CGO on the matters the community and agencies have raised in submissions

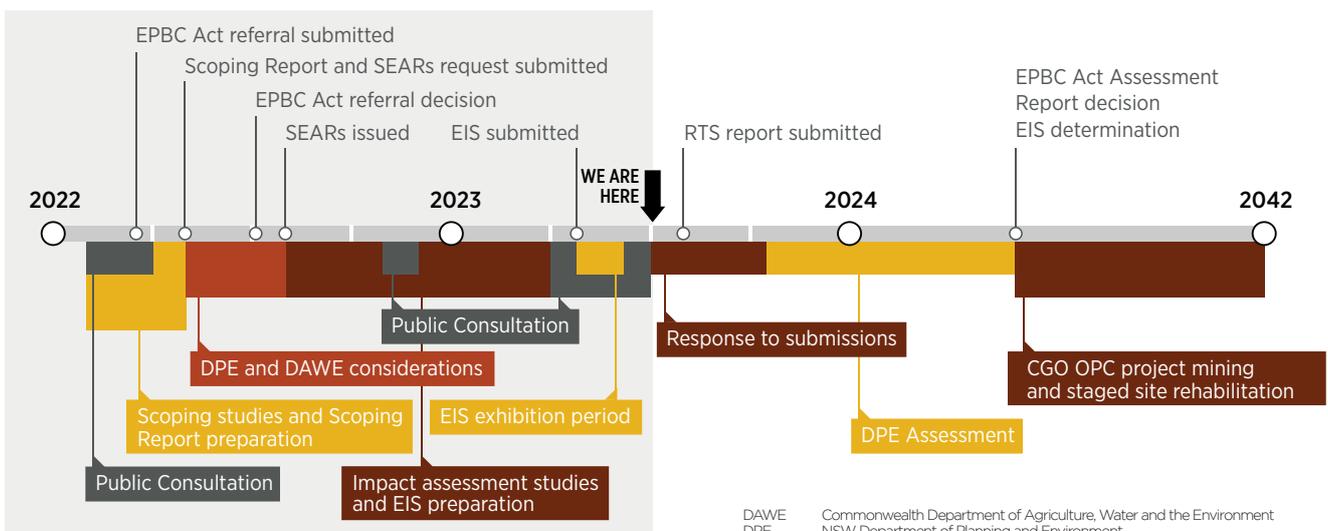
- help the consent authority to evaluate the merits of the Project.

CGO is currently carefully considering all submissions received and will respond to matters raised in the submissions in the Submissions Report.

The Submissions Report will be submitted to DPE and published on its Major Projects website.

The consent authority will consider the Response to Submissions Report, along with the EIS and the submissions made on the EIS when making a final determination about the Project.

The timeline below indicates the current stage of the planning and assessment process.



Grey background represents the completed stages within the planning and assessment process

- DAWE Commonwealth Department of Agriculture, Water and the Environment
- DPE NSW Department of Planning and Environment
- EPBC Act Commonwealth Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999
- RTS Response to submissions
- SEARs Secretary's Environmental Assessment Requirements

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