Thursday, 26 April 2012

**Proposed re-opening of Woodlawn mine on public exhibition**

The public is being invited to comment on a proposal to reopen the Woodlawn underground mine in the NSW Southern Tablelands and resume mining operations on the site.

The proponent, TriAusMin, is seeking approval for the Woodlawn Zinc-Copper Project, 50km south of Goulburn, including:

- Reprocessing up to 1.5 million tonnes of existing on-site tailings material for nine years;
- Reopening the Woodlawn underground mine to extract up to 350,000 tonnes of metalliferous ore each year for 10 years, including zinc, copper, lead, gold and silver;
- Constructing and operating associated infrastructure including new processing facilities and tailings dam;
- Transporting ore concentrate from the site via road to port for export; and
- Progressive rehabilitation of the site.

The department required the proponent to address a number of issues in its environmental assessment including air quality, noise, blasting and vibration, flora and fauna, visual impact, traffic issues and potential socio-economic impacts.

A copy of the environmental assessment can be viewed on the department’s website, by visiting [http://majorprojects.planning.nsw.gov.au](http://majorprojects.planning.nsw.gov.au) and following the links to the ‘On Exhibition’ page.

The proposal will also be on exhibition from Thursday 26 April to Monday 28 May 2012 at:

- **Department of Planning and Infrastructure** - Information Centre, 23-33 Bridge Street, Sydney;
- **Goulburn-Mulwaree Council** – Civic Centre, 184-194 Bourke Street, Goulburn; and
- **Nature Conservation Council** – Level 2, 5 Wilson Street, Newtown.

Submissions received during the exhibition period will be made available on the department’s website and will be carefully considered as part of the department’s assessment of the project.

Submissions can be:

- Lodged online at [http://majorprojects.planning.nsw.gov.au](http://majorprojects.planning.nsw.gov.au) (then search for the project);
- Emailed to plan_comment@planning.nsw.gov.au;
- Faxed to (02) 9228 6466; or
- Posted to Mining and Industry Projects, Department of Planning and Infrastructure, GPO Box 39, SYDNEY NSW 2001.

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NOTE: The Department of Planning and Infrastructure is issuing this media release to encourage the community to take part in the planning process. However, it is the role of the proponent (either through its documents published on our website or otherwise) to provide further specific details about the proposal.