Have your say on a new mineral sands mine in Balranald

A proposal to build a new mineral sands mine 12 kilometres northwest of Balranald will be on exhibition from today for community feedback.

The Department of Planning and Environment is keen to hear the community’s views on the application which seeks to:

- construct an open-cut mineral sands mine to extract and process up to 14.4 million tonnes of mineral sands used to produce titanium over a 15-year period
- provide 225 jobs during peak construction and 550 ongoing jobs once the mine is fully operational
- construct and operate a new processing plant and associated infrastructure, including a water supply pipeline, mine access roads and an employee accommodation facility
- transport processed minerals from the mine on public roads to Victoria for further processing and/or export

A spokesperson for the Department of Planning and Environment said the local community always has an opportunity to share their views.

“Community consultation is an integral part of the planning process and the applicant will have to respond to the feedback we receive and this is taken into consideration when we develop our recommendations,” the spokesperson said.

“It’s easy to participate by going online and we encourage everyone to take a look and have their say.”

To make a submission or view the environmental impact statement, visit www.majorprojects.planning.nsw.gov.au Submissions can be made from Wednesday 3 June until Monday 6 July.

Written submissions can also be made to:

Attn: Director Resource Assessments, Planning Services
Department of Planning and Environment
GPO Box 39
Sydney NSW 2001

The EIS is also available to view in person at:
• Department of Planning & Environment, Information Centre, 23-33 Bridge Street, Sydney
• Balranald Shire Council, Information Centre, 70 Market Street, Balranald
• Nature Conservation Council, Level 2, 5 Wilson Street, Newtown

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