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Have your say on modification to extend the life of Cowal gold mine

A proposal by Evolution Mining (Cowal) Pty Limited to modify its current consent for the Cowal gold mine is on exhibition for community consultation.

The Department of Planning and Environment is keen to hear the community’s views on the proposed changes to the mine, located 38 kilometres northeast of West Wyalong, which include:

- extending the mine life by eight years until 2032;
- increasing the depth of the existing open cut pit by 70 metres to access additional ore
- increasing the capacity of the mine’s on-site waste storage facilities.

The rest of the mine’s operations would remain the same.

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,” the spokesperson said.

“This feedback is taken into consideration as part of the assessment.

“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 Modification Application and accompanying documents, visit www.majorprojects.planning.nsw.gov.au.

Submissions can be made until Thursday 8 December 2016.

Written submissions can also be made to:
Department of Planning and Environment
Attn: Director – Resource Assessments
GPO Box 39
Sydney NSW 2001

The application and EIS are also available to view in person at:
- Department of Planning & Environment, Level 25, 320 Pitt Street, Sydney
- Bland Shire Council: 6 Shire Street, West Wyalong
- Forbes Shire Council: 2 Court Street, Forbes
- Lachlan Shire Council: 58-64 Molong Street, Condobolin

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