

EXHIBITION OF STATE SIGNIFICANT DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION

Cowal Gold Operations Underground Development

Application No	SSD-10367
Location	Lake Cowal Road, Lake Cowal
Applicant	Evolution Mining (Cowal) Pty Limited
Council Area	Bland Shire
Consent Authority	Minister for Planning and Public Spaces or Independent Planning Commission

Description of proposal

Expansion of the existing mining operations to include a new underground mine to operate until 2040, annual ore production rate of up to 1.8 million tonnes per annum and production of approximately 1.8 million ounces of gold. The Project comprises the following key components:

- Excavation of two declines to provide underground access and ventilation;
- Development of a box-cut entry adjacent to the open-cut pit;
- Development of stopes via conventional and mechanised drill and blast techniques;
- Production of ore via mechanised long hole open stopping with paste backfill;
- Development of a paste fill plant;
- Installation of services, including power, water and communications; and
- An underground workshop area.

Evolution has separately lodged a related application to modify Development Consent DA 14/98 under section 4.55(2) of the EP&A Act. The purpose of the proposed modification application is to make changes to the existing approved development to support the proposed underground development.

Exhibition Details

The application for State Significant Development (SSD), Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) and accompanying documents will be exhibited from **Monday 26 October 2020** until **Sunday 22 November 2020** and are accessible electronically on the Department's website (www.planningportal.nsw.gov.au/major-projects/projects/on-exhibition).

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