



## Addressing scoping requirements for the EES

The FGM Sustained Operations Project team, together with lead consultants AECOM are preparing the documentation required for the Environment Effects Statement (EES) to adequately address the scoping requirements in consultation with the Victorian Department of Transport and Planning (DTP) and other regulatory agencies.

### We remain at the preparation stage

The preparation stage involves undertaking technical assessments to assess potential impacts of the project. Once the technical reports and EES chapters are drafted, they are reviewed by the various regulatory agencies known as the Technical Reference Group (TRG).

The TRG provides feedback on the technical reports, which is then distributed to the technical specialists to consider and update their reports. This feedback loop continues until the regulators are satisfied that the reports meet the scoping requirements.

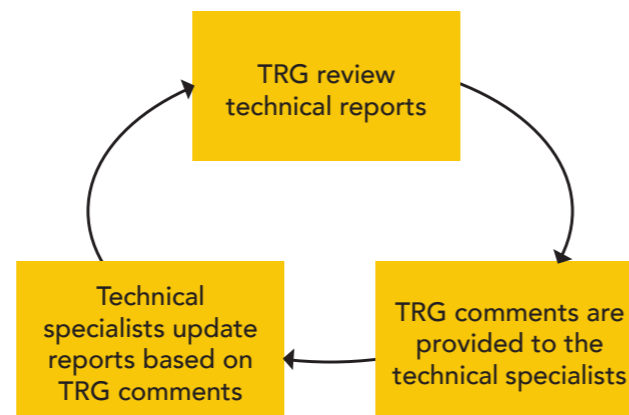
DTP manage the EES process, when DTP are satisfied with the EES content, the technical reports are issued to the Minister for Planning for consideration, prior to the public review phase. The minister must sign off on the EES content before it is released for public review.

The results of the technical assessments will be made available for public review in the following formats:

- › Technical reports – Provides the technical details and full assessment
- › EES chapters – Provide a succinct summary in lay person terms to explain the technical information.

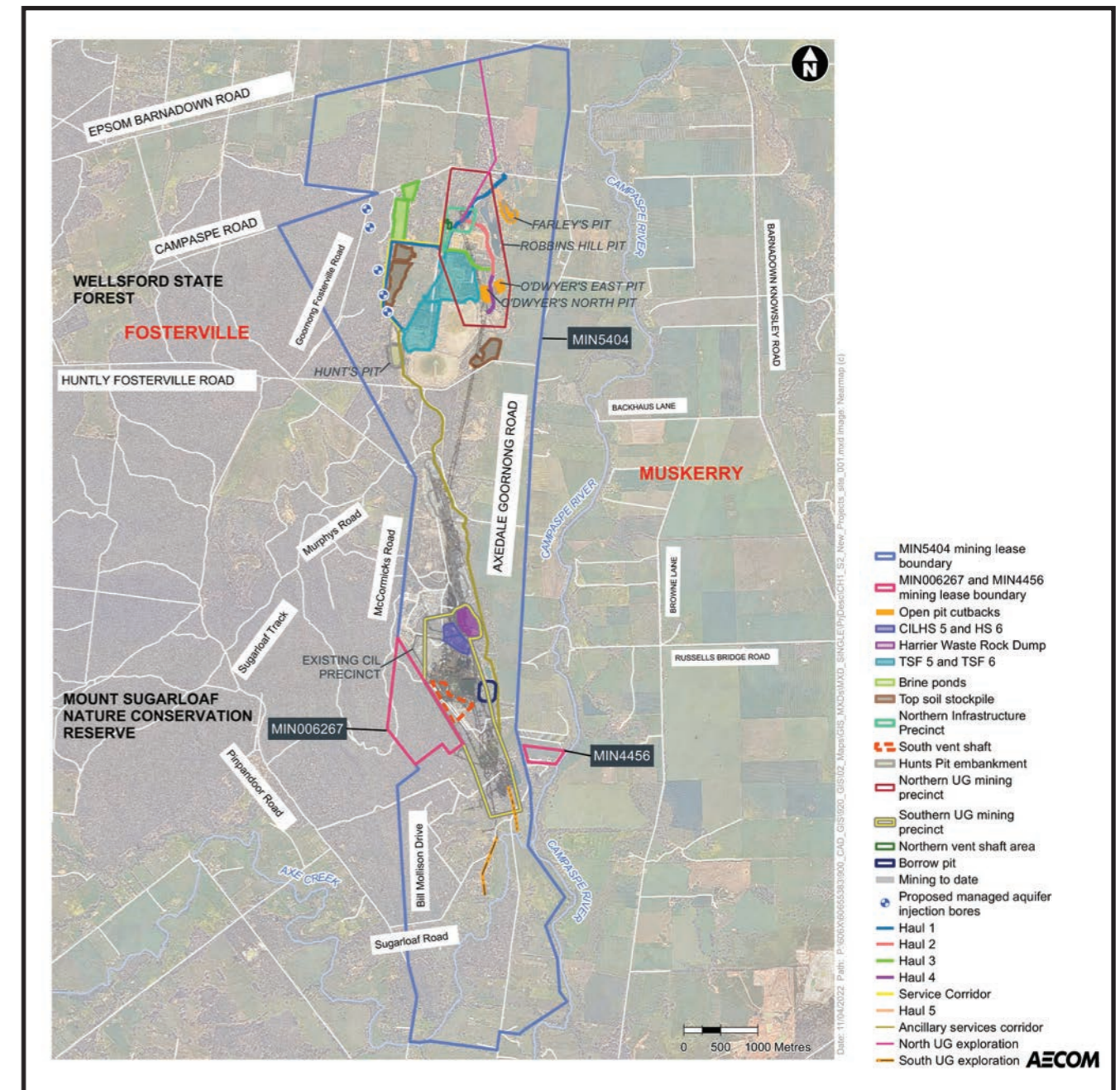
All project components already exist at FGM, the only new proposed project component is Aquifer Recharge. As technology develops FGM will implement methods that are to industry standard whilst meeting current regulations or going above and beyond in areas where possible to ensure the best outcome for the environment and community.

Technical assessment are being carried out on the project components shown on the map on page 7.



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 Final scoping requirements were issued by the Minister for Planning in September 2022. These provided the final scoping for the EES. The FGM Sustained Operations Project team, together with lead consultants AECOM are now preparing the required documentation.

<b>REFERRAL</b>	Project referred to Minister for Planning
<b>DECISION</b>	Minister's decision on the need for an EES
<b>SCOPING</b>	Scoping requirements for EES studies and report set by Minister
<b>PREPARING THE EES</b>	Proponent prepares the EES
<b>PUBLIC REVIEW</b>	Exhibition of EES and lodgement of submissions
<b>ASSESSMENT</b>	Minister's Assessment of environmental effects
<b>INFORMING DECISIONS</b>	Decision makers consider the Assessment



As was reported in the previous issue the following technical assessments are being undertaken:

1. Aboriginal cultural heritage impact assessment
2. Historic heritage impact assessment
3. Air quality / Greenhouse gas emissions impact assessments
4. Ecology impact assessment
5. Geotechnical impact assessment
6. Groundwater impact assessment
7. Ground vibration impact assessment
8. Landscape and visual impact assessment
9. Land use planning impact assessment
10. Noise impact assessment
11. Surface water impact assessment
12. Traffic impact assessment
13. Social impact assessment
14. Economic impact assessment

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