

# Sustained Operations Project update



We are currently undertaking an Environment Effects Statement (EES) process to support gold production at the site for at least the next 10 years.

The purpose of this EES is to assess the environmental impacts of the Sustained Operations Project.

## What stage are FGM at in the EES Process?

Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning (DELWP) have prepared and released the draft scoping requirements for public comment. The public comment period lasted 15 business days and closed on the 07th June. Comments on the draft scoping requirements submitted to DELWP will be reviewed and may be used to update the draft scoping requirements. The draft scoping requirements will be sent to the Minister for Planning to be finalised. The Sustained Operations Project team are waiting for the final scoping requirements to be released. The scoping requirements broadly outline the matters to be investigated and documented within the EES.

## Community Engagement

As a part of the ongoing community engagement process, the Sustained Operations Project team have held several open house sessions to discuss the EES process and draft scoping requirements. Members from the FGM operations team attended to explain the proposed project components. RMCG facilitated the event and were on hand to take any general concerns. Community engagement is on-going as we move through the EES process.

## Get involved

To keep up to date with the SOP please register to be on the mailing list by contacting the FGM Sustained Operations Project Team – care of RMCG by phone: 03 5441 4821 or email: [FostervilleEES@RMCG.com.au](mailto:FostervilleEES@RMCG.com.au)

Information is also available by visiting <https://fgm.consultation.ai/>.

If you have queries on the EES process DELWP can

be contacted on (03) 8392 5503; or via email at [environment.assessment@delwp.vic.gov.au](mailto:environment.assessment@delwp.vic.gov.au)

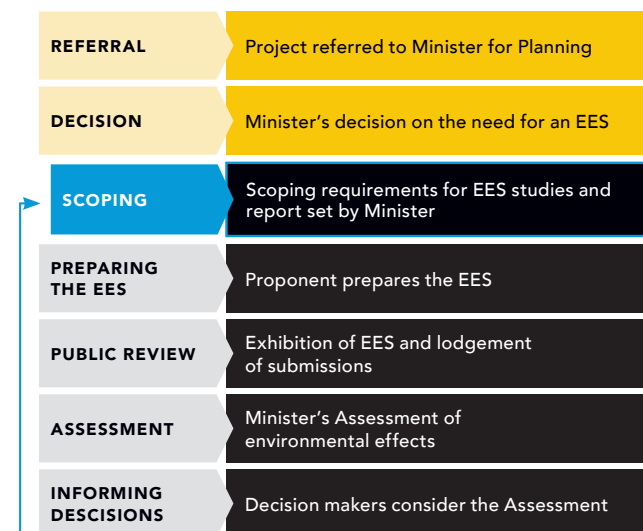
## Next steps

Whilst we wait for the final scoping requirements to be released, we are continuing to gather information and progress investigations for each of the technical studies, which is expected to take months.

As the technical studies are drafted the reports are presented to the Technical Reference Group (TRG) which consists of lead statutory agencies, the City of Greater Bendigo and Registered Aboriginal Party representatives.

We will continue with community engagement to ensure the community and all stakeholders are kept updated and informed.

## HOW DOES THE EES PROCESS WORK?



### WE ARE CURRENTLY HERE

The scoping requirements have been drafted with public comment to be reviewed before being finalised. In the interim, the EES is being drafted and technical consultants are preparing their reports and EES chapters.