

Final documentation under review

As we head into Winter 2024, work on completing all documentation for publication of the Environment Effects Statement for the Sustained Operations Project (SOP), is ongoing. If successful, the SOP will ensure that the mine can continue to operate for at least the next 10 years.

“Why is it taking so long?”

There have been quite a few enquiries about why the preparation process is taking such a long time and this is because of the complexity involved.

As mentioned in previous newsletters, the EES explores the following environmental effects:

- › Resource development;
- › Biodiversity and ecological values;
- › Water resources and environmental values;
- › Cultural heritage;
- › Amenity, socio-economic and land use.

Based on these effects, 14 technical studies were commissioned. These impact assessment reports have been developed by independent experts and are subject to a thorough review process, undertaken by a Technical Reference Group (TRG) made up of members from government agencies, local government and statutory authorities.

The reports have gone through several iterations in order to establish that any potential direct, indirect, cumulative, on-site and off-site effects from the proposed project, have been identified and fully assessed. Some updates of the reports and chapters are interlinked and required other reports to be subsequently updated.

All this documentation – including technical reports and chapter summaries – are now at final draft stage and are currently undergoing an adequacy review process by lead regulatory agency, the Department of Transport and Planning (DTP), to confirm that FGM have met the scoping requirements.

What's next?

Once the DTP are satisfied the documentation passes adequacy, the public review period (of 30 business days) will go ahead.


FGM will be required to give public notice (in the form of newspaper advertisements) of the dates of the public review period and invite submissions on the effects of the SOP.

During the public review phase of the EES, everyone is entitled to have their say about the Sustained Operations Project by making a submission. We will provide clear instructions on how submissions can be received when the time comes.



Gather more information

Take the time to learn more about the project:

- › Watch the video flythrough of the components of the SOP: 
- › Visit the Sustained Operations Project page on our website: fgmcommunity.com.au
- › Follow our Facebook/Instagram pages
- › Register to receive email updates: 