

# BOWDENS SILVER

Project Update - June 2023

## Bowdens Silver Project achieves development approval

**Bowdens Silver is pleased to advise the Independent Planning Commission of New South Wales (IPC) has approved the Bowdens Silver Project, allowing it to proceed to development and production.**

The approval comes with strict conditions to protect the environment, amenity, and the health and safety of nearby residents. It follows a thorough assessment process, involving 14 NSW Government departments and agencies, rigorous independent peer reviews, and extensive consultation with the community and key stakeholders.

The decision means the Project is a step closer to creating hundreds of jobs and delivering a significant economic boost to the Mid-Western region.

We appreciate the community's ongoing patience and understanding, and the considered contributions they made throughout the assessment process.

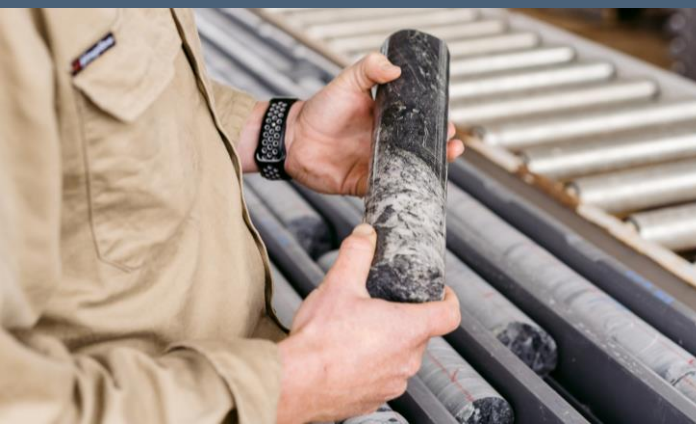


## Project highlights

- 320 jobs during construction
- 228 jobs during operations
- \$250 million capital investment
- \$4.7 million towards community infrastructure and road maintenance
- A locals-first employment approach

## The role of silver in the economic transition

Silver and zinc have been recognised by the NSW Government as part of its Critical Minerals and High-Tech Metals Strategy as highly-valued metals with wide-ranging applications in fields such as electronics, solar power, aerospace, electric vehicles and medicine.



## What's next?

There is a lot of work to do before the mine begins operations.

We are currently working on a variety of management plans, which are central to the mine's operations. This includes air quality, water, biodiversity, social impact and transport management plans. Once these plans are approved by the Department of Planning and Environment, they will form the basis of our operational compliance.

We are also undertaking mine optimisation studies to further enhance the development and production of the mine's operations.

This work will continue throughout 2023 with development set to commence in the second half of 2024.

We will be continuing to engage with the local community as we progress to the development stage.

***For the latest information on project updates, please visit our website at [bowdenssilver.com.au](http://bowdenssilver.com.au)***



## Prioritising community health

Agencies from across the NSW Government have reviewed and approved Bowdens Silver's assessments to safeguard the health and safety of the community now and into the future.

As part of the Project's rigorous assessment process, we undertook extensive risk assessments to consider the potential impacts of the Project on community health. These comprehensive assessments showed the Project presents no health risks to the local community including:

- The Project presents no unacceptable risks to water quality for drinking water and rainwater tanks, or nearby creeks, streams and groundwater bores. Strict mitigations and controls will be in place to ensure there will be no impacts to surface water and groundwater.
- The Project presents no health risks from air quality, dust or emissions from the mine.

- The Project presents no health risks from short-term or long-term exposure to those living in proximity to the mine.

These assessments will be regulated throughout the life of the project by the NSW Resources Regulator, the Environmental Protection Authority (EPA) and other regulators. Full details of the Health Assessments can be found in the Project's Environmental Impact Statement.

We are also supporting our community's health and safety by providing a baseline blood lead level testing program. The IPC noted in its decision to approve the Project that the inclusion of such a program was not necessary but may assist in addressing community concerns about the Project. Further details about the program will be announced shortly.

## Working and partnering with us

We currently have a team of 23 employees who live and work in our community and we are always on the lookout for more to join our team.

As we get closer to the construction and operation phase of the Project, Bowdens Silver will be advertising for a wide range of future roles.

As we get closer to development, Bowdens Silver will be hosting supplier briefings and meeting with local businesses across the region to ensure they are aware of opportunities to partner with us and enjoy the benefits of our presence.



*If you are keen to register your future interest in the Project, please contact [careers@bowdenssilver.com.au](mailto:careers@bowdenssilver.com.au) with a copy of your CV.*



*If you or your business are interested in being a part of the Project in the future, please contact us at [information@bowdenssilver.com.au](mailto:information@bowdenssilver.com.au)*

## Get in touch

Bowdens Silver's team of local staff live and work in the community, and always welcome your questions or feedback. Our website also contains a handy FAQs section answering a wide range of questions we've received from community members and interested stakeholders. For further information and to find out more about upcoming community engagement activities, please visit the website or contact us.

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