## **BOWDENS** SILVER

## Project Update

Informal update provided to CCC members via videoconference

20 June 2023



## **Project Approval**

- NSW Independent Planning Commission (IPC) approved the Bowdens Silver Project on 3 April 2023 subject to conditions.
- These conditions are required to:
  - Prevent, minimise, or offset adverse environmental impacts;
  - Set standards and performance measures for acceptable environmental performance;
  - Require regular monitoring and reporting; and
  - Provide for the ongoing environmental management of the development.
- Statement of Reasons for Decision sets out the IPC's reasons for approval of the Bowdens Silver Project.



## **Management Plans**

- A range of management plans are to be prepared in accordance with the requirements of the conditions as specified in the Development Consent.
- These will form the basis of operational compliance.
- Management plans are required to be approved by the Planning Secretary.
- Work is in progress and expected to be finalised by end of calendar year 2023.
- Consultation will be required with CCC on:
  - Rehabilitation Strategy
  - Social Impact



## **Management Plans**

#### Plans required prior to construction:

Noise and Blasting Materials Classification Verification Program

Air Quality and Greenhouse Gas Traffic

Heritage Biodiversity

Water Social Impact

**Environmental Management Strategy** 

#### Plans required prior to commencement of mining:

**Hazardous Material** 

**Bushfire** 

**Rehabilitation Strategy** 

Note: Some of these require sub-plans within the overall plan.



## **Optimisation / Definitive Feasibility**

- Updated Mineral Resource Assessment was announced end of March:
  - 44% increase in total silver equivalent ounces.
  - 56% increase in total tonnes.
- Updated Ore Reserve and metallurgy in progress.
- Updating of operating and capital costs in progress.
- Updated Definitive Feasibility Study to be completed by early calendar year 2024.
- Planning for construction to commence in 2<sup>nd</sup> half of calendar year 2024 pending DFS outcomes and market conditions.



## **Exploration**

- Two diamond drilling rigs are continuing exploration as part of ongoing program to further define mineralisation under and adjacent to pit.
- Sterilisation drilling program due to commence soon.
- Seismic surveys across company owned land and regionally to help define drilling targets to commence soon.
- Other regional work such as soil sampling and mapping planned.



#### **Environment**

- Over 2000 seedlings currently in stock for planting along Pyangle and Powells Roads.
- Infill planting ongoing of 600+ seedlings added to the Pyangle Road screen area to date.
- Request for proposal to undertake implementation of our biodiversity offset strategy out for tender.



## Community

- Consultation continuing with local residents and stakeholders, MWRC and government agencies.
- Newsletter mailed to all letterboxes in MWRC LGA.
- Huge interest from local and wider region businesses for supplier and contract opportunities.
- Community Investment Program continues and keen to receive any ideas from CCC members.



# Questions?

