



DON'T MISS CHANCE TO HAVE YOUR SAY ON VICKERY EXTENSION PROJECT

24 January 2019

Residents have just one week left to register to have their say at next month's Independent Planning Commission public hearing on the Vickery Extension Project.

The Commission will sit in Boggabri and Gunnedah over two days in February to listen to views on Whitehaven Coal's proposed Vickery Coal Mine extension.

The preliminary stage of the multi-stage public hearing was originally scheduled for December last year but had to be postponed due to unprecedented community interest.

Eighty-three people had been registered by the Commission to have their say on the project – that was expected to take about 14 hours.

The Commission decided it was impractical to hear from that many speakers in one day and extending the hearing to a second day in the week before Christmas was unworkable.

The three-member Commission panel, comprising Mr John Hann (Panel Chair), Professor Chris Fell AM and Professor Garry Willgoose, will now sit in Boggabri on Monday 4 February and Gunnedah on Tuesday 5 February to hear views on the project.

Anyone who wishes to present to the Panel must complete an Expression of Interest form – available on the Commission's website (www.ipcn.nsw.gov.au) – and return it via email or post by 5pm AEDT on Wednesday 30 January 2019.

Those who were registered by the Commission to speak at the postponed hearing do not need to submit a new application.

The Commission will also accept written submissions on the proposal up until Tuesday 12 February 2019.

Commissioners Hann, Fell and Willgoose met with representatives of both Gunnedah and Narrabri Councils in Gunnedah in mid-December, and also conducted an inspection of the site and surrounding properties.