

Dubbo Project Community Newsletter

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Key updates to start the year

Welcome to our first Dubbo Project community newsletter for 2022. We're getting the year started with some key updates on works and activity you may notice around our site in the next few months. We also wanted to let you know about the expected public exhibition dates for our Dubbo Project Modification Report, and your opportunity to submit comments.

Modification Report (MOD1) public exhibition and submissions

Although the Dubbo Project has been fully approved to commence construction, the recently released [Optimisation Study](#) has led to several design improvements.

The optimisation work from the study simplifies the project's process flow sheet and incorporates new operating strategies. These strategies will reduce impact on the Dubbo community, improve our water recycling significantly, as well as reduce operating costs and improve the economics of the Dubbo Project.

To reflect these improvements, we need to submit a Modification Report to the Department of Planning, Industry & Environment (DPIE).



After submission, and the report meeting all requirements, it will be placed on Public Exhibition on the department's website.



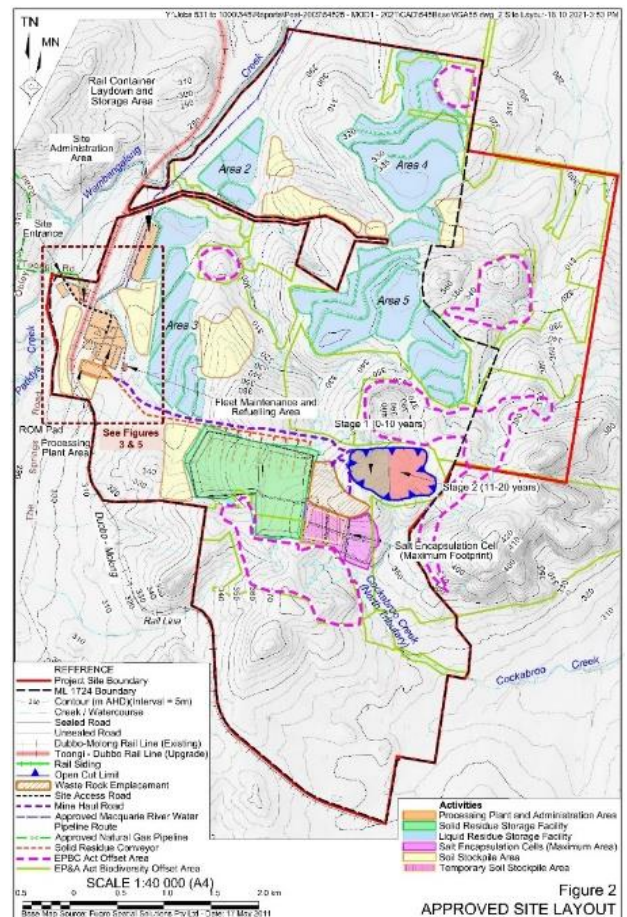
During the public exhibition period, individuals or organisations will be able to submit written responses on the report to the department.



We estimate public exhibition will take place between January - February 2022.

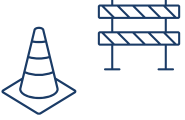
What are some of the Dubbo Project improvements?

- **Increasing the brine concentrator capacity.** This increases the recycling of water and reagents, halving water consumption at the project.
- **Refurbishment of the railway line.** This simplifies project logistics and significantly reduces the number of truck movements through the Dubbo community. This will also provide new categories of local entry level jobs.
- **Inclusion of a chlor-alkali plant.** This reduces the transport of acid and soda ash from the roads of Dubbo and NSW, and allows for production of reagents at the project site, reducing the cost of reagents and their handling and transportation.
- **Increase of personnel** for processing plant operations to approximately 270



Approved Dubbo Project site layout.

Notice of upcoming works and activity



Over January and February, you may notice some extra work and activity around our sites. Here's what we'll be doing.

Dubbo-Toongi railway corridor survey activity

In 2015, the Dubbo Project received approval to reactivate the Dubbo to Toongi section of the Dubbo-Molong railway line.

From January, you may see engineers and surveyors in high viz doing inspections along the line as part of the engineering study.

During the design phase of the railway line refurbishment, we will also be contacting and consulting with neighbours, near neighbours and other stakeholders.



Rounding off 2021

Environmental monitoring station at Wychitella

As 2021 drew to a close, an environmental monitoring station (containerised) was installed at Wychitella in December.

Initially, the monitoring station will collect weather and air quality data. At a later date, noise and gas monitoring equipment will also be installed.



Laying the slab for the monitoring station at Wychitella.

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