

## How will Iluka consult with the community

Iluka recognises that consultation with the community is a critical and fundamental element of Wimmera Project. The Wimmera Project stakeholder consultation plan outlines how Iluka plans to engage and work with various local individuals and groups to ensure that Project information is provided, interests are heard, and concerns raised and addressed where reasonable.

The stakeholder consultation plan will be made available on the:

- Wimmera Project webpage: [www.iluka.com/engage/wimmera](http://www.iluka.com/engage/wimmera); and
- Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning (DELWP) website: <https://www.planning.vic.gov.au/environment-assessment/browse-projects/projects/wimmera-mineral-sands>

## Where can I find out more about the Project

The Wimmera Project webpage [www.iluka.com/engage/wimmera](http://www.iluka.com/engage/wimmera) is the primary source of Project information. It will include the following information as it becomes available:

- Project updates;
- summary of the EES process and schedule;
- environmental study program scope and schedule;
- EES referral;
- EPBC referral;
- Project newsletters;
- frequently asked questions (FAQs);
- information sheets about the environmental studies;
- stakeholder consultation plan;
- summary of key issues raised during consultation;
- upcoming consultation activities;
- minutes of any community consultation committee established for the Project; and
- an option to provide feedback.

Iluka will also distribute regular newsletters and information sheets.

Certain Project documents can also be accessed on the DELWP website: <https://www.planning.vic.gov.au/environment-assessment/browse-projects/projects/wimmera-mineral-sands>

## Can I discuss the Project with Iluka

You are encouraged to contact Iluka via the following avenues:

- attend further community drop-in sessions;
- phone the Wimmera Project hotline on 1800 201 113;
- visit the Wimmera Project website: [www.iluka.com/engage/wimmera](http://www.iluka.com/engage/wimmera);
- email Iluka on [wimmeraproject@iluka.com](mailto:wimmeraproject@iluka.com); or
- visit the Wimmera Project community drop-in centre at Horsham Real Estate office, open Tuesdays and Fridays 9.30 am–2.30 pm or by appointment.

If you would like to be notified about upcoming public consultation opportunities, please send a request to Iluka via [wimmeraproject@iluka.com](mailto:wimmeraproject@iluka.com). You can also provide written feedback to Iluka via the feedback forms at each community information session.



## Can I discuss the EES process with the DELWP Impact Assessment Unit (IAU)

You are welcome to discuss the EES process with the DELWP IAU via:

- email: [environment.assessment@delwp.vic.gov.au](mailto:environment.assessment@delwp.vic.gov.au); or
- phone: (03) 9392 5503.

## Are there formal opportunities to provide feedback on the Project

Yes, in addition to the ongoing opportunity to provide feedback to Iluka, the EES process also provides formal opportunities for stakeholders to comment on the Project to the Victorian and Commonwealth governments, during the following stages:

- public exhibition of the EES and EPBC referrals (2019);
- public exhibition of the draft EES scoping requirements (March 2020);
- public exhibition of the EES (approximately Q3 2021); and
- inquiry panel hearing (approximately Q4 2021).

## Can I attend the community drop-in sessions

All members of the community are invited to attend the community drop-in sessions. It is intended that sessions will be held at various locations local to the Project area such as the public halls in Toolondo and Noradjuha, and possibly also at a location in Horsham. Check the Wimmera webpage to confirm venues, dates and times.

No RSVP is necessary.

Each session will provide a Project update, a summary of key community concerns raised to date and a summary of upcoming consultation activities.

Approximate date	Key topics
11 March 2020	Project introduction.
Q3 2020	draft impact studies: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• noise;</li><li>• landscape and visual amenity;</li><li>• water;</li><li>• Aboriginal cultural heritage;</li><li>• air quality; and</li><li>• soil, agriculture and rehabilitation.</li></ul>
Q4 2020	draft impact studies: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• socioeconomics;</li><li>• ecology;</li><li>• traffic and transport;</li><li>• hazard and risks; and</li><li>• radiation.</li></ul>
H1 2021	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• draft EES;</li><li>• EPA works approval application;</li><li>• draft rehabilitation and closure plan;</li><li>• planning scheme amendment; and</li><li>• draft work plan.</li></ul>





Public comments are invited on the draft scoping requirements in relation to matters that should be investigated and documented in the environment effects statement (EES) process for the proposed Wimmera Project.

The draft scoping requirements are open for public comment until midnight on 31 March 2020.

Any comments received will be considered by DELWP during the finalisation of the scoping requirements and will be treated as public documents. Your comments also will be considered by the proponent in the preparation of the EES. Personal details and identifying features (eg names, addresses and contact details) will be removed before your submission is shared with Iluka Resources Limited. You must provide written consent for DELWP to provide your name and address to Iluka Resources Limited.

Comments should be emailed to: [environment.assessment@delwp.vic.gov.au](mailto:environment.assessment@delwp.vic.gov.au)

Written comments can also be posted to: Impact Assessment Unit, Planning Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning PO Box 500, EAST MELBOURNE, VIC 8002

To discuss the draft EES scoping requirements with Iluka or for more information please contact Iluka:

Phone: 1800 305 993

Visit: [www.iluka.com/engage/wimmera](http://www.iluka.com/engage/wimmera)

Email: [wimmeraproject@iluka.com](mailto:wimmeraproject@iluka.com)

Drop in: Wimmera community drop-in centre at Horsham Real Estate office Tuesdays and Fridays 9.30 am–2.30 pm or by appointment

## Has Iluka spoken with affected landowners

Iluka recognises that ongoing and open engagement with affected landowners is critical to the success of the Project.

Iluka has been in ongoing discussions with landowners regarding the Project and negotiating access to facilitate environmental monitoring, investigations and assessments. Wherever possible field studies are timed to occur outside of busy farming periods such as cropping, harvesting and sowing periods.

Detailed discussions with landowners to secure access for the Project construction and mining operations (either by purchase, lease, or some other means) are unlikely to commence until the Iluka Board approves that the Project transition into the detailed feasibility stage.

Iluka is very grateful for the support and will continue to collaborate with landowners on the Wimmera Project to achieve the best possible outcomes for mining and agriculture over time.

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**Iluka seeks to engage early in open, inclusive and meaningful communication and incorporate stakeholder views into our decision-making processes.**

## Is there a community consultation committee for the Wimmera Project

No such consultative committee currently exists. Iluka will be happy to participate in any community consultation committee for the Wimmera Project, formed and chaired by an independent local authority, such as Regional Development Victoria or Horsham Rural City Council.

Iluka recognises the value of such forums in contributing to Project decisions relating to aspects such as regional employment and development and access to regional infrastructure and services.

## How will Iluka consider and respond to feedback

All Project-related feedback received by Iluka will be recorded by Iluka. Key issues raised during the consultation process will be summarised on the Wimmera Project webpage and will be discussed at each TRG meeting.

Key issues will be considered and addressed as applicable during the Project design, in the preparation of the study program, the technical assessments, the main EES document and in the supporting documents.

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**Iluka will work in partnership with governments and the community to maximise benefits for local communities.**

## Will the potential socioeconomic impacts and opportunities of the Project be assessed

Iluka will engage an independent consultant to conduct a socioeconomic impact assessment for the Project. The assessment process will involve engagement with key stakeholders and community groups, with the findings being used to guide actions in the mitigation or enhancement of the identified impacts.