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PORTFOLIO COMMITTEE NO. 2 - HEALTH

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INQUIRY INTO IMPACTS OF GOLD, SILVER, LEAD AND ZINC MINING –PUBLIC HEARINGS AND SITE VISITS IN ORANGE AND MUDGEES

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An Upper House committee will travel to Orange and Mudgees to conduct site visits and public hearings for its inquiry into current and potential impacts of gold, silver, lead and zinc mining on human health, land, air and water quality in New South Wales.

Dr Amanda Cohn MLC, Chair of Portfolio Committee No. 2 – Health said "During our visit we'll hear directly from locals in the region about the impacts of mining on their day to day lives". In particular, Dr Cohn said she expected the committee would hear about the Cadia Mine near Orange, McPhillamys Gold Project at Blayney and the Bowdens Silver Project at Lue.

On Tuesday 3 October the committee will commence with a public hearing at the Orange Ex-Services Club, Orange. At the hearing the committee will hear from a number of stakeholders including local landholders and the Chief Executive Officer of Orange City Council. In the afternoon that day the committee will be hosted for a site visit at the Cadia Mine as well as nearby properties. "We have already received a lot of evidence regarding Cadia" said Dr Cohn "and the committee is looking forward to consolidating our learning on the ground".

On Wednesday 4 October the committee will hold a public hearing at Club Mudgees, Mudgees. The committee will again hear from a number of stakeholders including locals with medical expertise who can speak to the possible impacts of mining on the health of humans and animals; locals who can speak to the possible effects of mining on the wine, olive and tourism industries in the Mudgees area; and union representatives who can speak to the work health and safety aspects of mining.

In the afternoon, the committee will visit the site of the Bowdens Silver Project at Lue and meet with members of the Mudgees Region Action Group and local landholders.

To view the hearing schedules for the Orange and Mudgees hearings, please visit the inquiry webpage at [Current and potential impacts of gold, silver, lead and zinc mining on human health, land, air and water quality in New South Wales \(nsw.gov.au\)](https://www.nsw.gov.au/legislation/committees/committees/committee-no-2-health)

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