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INQUIRY INTO IMPACTS OF GOLD, SILVER, LEAD AND ZINC MINING – REPORT TABLED

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An Upper House committee has today tabled the report 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 "As metals mining expands in New South Wales communities deserve confidence that the sector is regulated appropriately to protect human health and the environment".

Dr Cohn noted that the inquiry had received a high level of engagement from the Orange, Blayney and Mudgee regions of New South Wales and stated "The perspective of communities that are directly impacted by mining is important".

The inquiry received 230 submissions and 11 supplementary submissions. In addition, the committee conducted four public hearings for the inquiry – two at Parliament House, one in Orange and one in Mudgee. The committee also held three site visits: one to the Cadia Mine just outside Orange; one to a private property to the south of the Cadia Mine site; and another to the village of Lue where the Bowdens Silver Project is located.

"I would like to express my sincere gratitude to everyone who contributed to this inquiry through writing submissions or appearing at hearings or by hosting a site visit." Dr Cohn concluded.

Details concerning the inquiry, and a copy of the final report, can be found at:

<https://www.parliament.nsw.gov.au/committees/inquiries/Pages/inquiry-details.aspx?pk=2976>

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