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# Noise bund: KCGM to seek public input

By Matt Chambers

**SUPER** Pit operator Kalgoorlie Consolidated Gold Mines has been told to get community input on its plans for new structures which will change the Boulder skyline.

KCGM wants to build a new noise bund and waste dump as part of its plans to expand the giant gold mine, Australia's biggest in terms of production, to the south.

It has also put in an application to increase the height of one of its tailings dams on the Bulong Road from 30m to 40m.

Environmental Protection Authority environmental officer Andrew Mack, who is helping decide if the plans need environmental assessment, said KCGM had been asked to sub-

mit more information on the plans for the noise bund and waste dump.

"We would hope that there is some level of community consultation in that, which has been indicated to KCGM," Mr Mack said.

KCGM environment manager Jim Bawden said a notice of intent was due out in the middle of the month and the public would have four weeks to comment on it.

Public input has already contributed to changing the design of the noise bund, removing an access road which left a gap in the middle of the planned 25m high structure.

KCGM general manager John Shipp told last week's Kalgoorlie-Boulder environmental reference group meeting that when the plans were put on display at last month's

Mine Open Day, concerns had been raised about the noise which could come through the gap.

A map released by KCGM yesterday shows the gap has now been shut and the access road will go around the noise bunds.

In September, Mr Mack said concerns had already been raised about visual, noise and dust impacts the noise bund and waste dump would have. Groundwater concerns had been raised over the expanding tailings dam.

The EPA was still waiting on the Department of Industry and Resources to get back with information on the tailings dams so it could set a level of assessment, Mr Mack said.

Comments can be given and more information obtained by calling KCGM on 9022 1100.



Comment wanted: Kalgoorlie Consolidated Gold Mines wants to extend its noise bund and waste dump. It has been told by the Environmental Protection Authority to seek public comment on the plans.

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**YOUR FEEDBACK IS INVITED**

Dear Neighbour,

As you may be aware KCGM is currently seeking approval to extend the environmental noise bund and waste rock dump area southward over previously degraded land. A draft project plan has been prepared which describes this proposal, examines the likely environmental effects and the proposed environmental management practices.

We wish to invite you, as one of our near neighbours to take a look at the draft project plan we have prepared for this proposal. We would appreciate it if you could get back to us with any feedback regarding this plan by Friday the 9<sup>th</sup> January 2004.

**How Can I See the Draft Project Plan?**

Copies of the draft project plan are available for review at the:

- Department of Environment (Kalgoorlie Office)
- William Grunt Memorial Library
- KCGM website - [www.superpit.com.au](http://www.superpit.com.au)

A printed or CD version is also available upon request from Michelle Birch on 9022 1338.

**Why Provide Feedback?**

Feedback is an important way for you to provide information, express your opinions and put forward any suggestions for an alternative course of action. It is an opportunity for you to indicate any suggestions you may have to improve the draft project plan. All feedback received by KCGM will be acknowledged and any feedback may be quoted in full or in part in the final report.

**What Should be Included in Feedback?**

You may agree or disagree with, or comment on, the general issues discussed in the draft project plan. It helps if you give reasons for your conclusions. Your feedback may make an important contribution by suggesting a better way to implement the project.

When making comments on the draft project plan please:

- state your point of view and attempt to list points so that any issues raised are clear;
- refer each point to the appropriate section in the draft project plan;
- suggest recommendations, safeguards or alternatives (if possible).

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Please remember to include:

- your name,
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- contact number.

**Where Should Feedback Be Sent?**

Please e-mail or post your feedback to:

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**When Should Feedback Be Sent?**

The closing date for feedback is Friday 9 January 2004

Please feel free to contact us at any stage to discuss any queries you may have about this draft project plan or any other aspect our operations through our Public Inquiry Line on 9022 1100.

Yours Sincerely  
Kalgoorlie Consolidated Gold Mines Pty Ltd



**JOHN SHIPP  
GENERAL MANAGER**

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**If you have any questions or would like further information please contact Michelle Birch on (08) 9022 1338.**

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