

# WE'RE LISTENING: ADD YOUR VOICE TO THE PLANNING PROCESS

Last week we submitted our planning application to build a gold mine at the Curraghinalt deposit between Rouskey and Greencastle. The application runs to more than 10,000 pages and includes nearly 40 detailed reports by independent experts from internationally recognised environmental consulting firms.

The application has taken several years to complete and is informed by the multiple engagements and public consultations we have held with the communities in Greencastle, Rouskey, Gortin and beyond over the past two years. These engagements were held not only to give you a broad overview of our project and the chance to ask questions, but to tell us what you like and don't like about our plans. Your opinions helped shape our final planning application.

A large part of our application concerns the environmental impacts of our project and mitigation measures, from opening to closure. We address topics such as air quality and noise, water, health, ecology, economics, landscape and visual, traffic, closure and reclamation. We are building a safe project and all of our processes have been designed to meet or exceed regulatory requirements.

Now that the application has been submitted with all of the detailed and finalised plans for the project, consultation enters a new phase. The public, planning consultees and



political representatives will be able to examine the application fully and give their opinions on our plans to the Department for Infrastructure (DfI).

Our engagement with local residents and other stakeholders began in 2009 when we acquired the project. Community updates focused on helping people understand our exploration activities, both past and future. Following on the success of that exploration, we began to examine the potential to build a mine at the Curraghinalt gold deposit. In January 2016, we held five public meetings in Greencastle, Rouskey and Gortin. Our plans for the mine were still at an early stage at that point. However, we felt it was necessary and valuable to engage with the community to build understanding of the project and begin to gather feedback on our proposals.

The statutory process for the application began in August 2016 following submission of the Proposal of Application Notice (PAN) to the

DfI. In November 2016, as part of the formal pre-application community consultation (PACC), Dalradian held two public information events attended by more than 270 people. More than 5,000 households had been sent information about the project and the events. The public information events took place at the Company's current underground exploration site and allowed residents to access more information about the project and ask questions of the 30 Dalradian employees and consultants in attendance. More than 60 information boards were on display, the majority of them relating to environmental impact, at 12 stations depicting various aspects of the proposed mine, with a model of the site and a 3-D animation to assist in visualizing the future site.

Our pre-application community consultation went above and beyond statutory requirements.

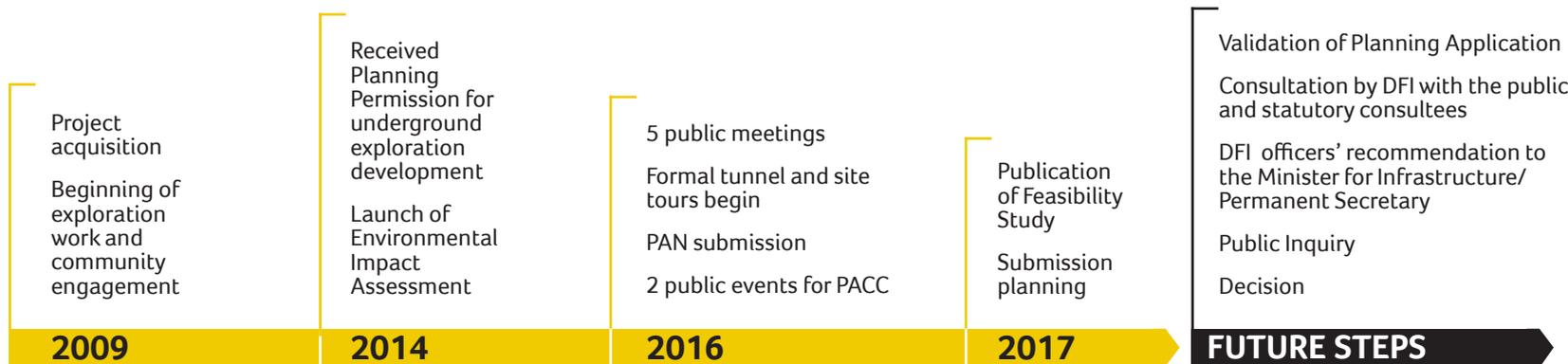
To further promote understanding of the project and transparency with respect to our operations, Dalradian offers tunnel and site tours and face-to-face meetings with local residents, businesses and members of the wider public. Since the summer of 2016, more than 800 people have attended these tours, which are ongoing.

Now that the application has been submitted, DfI will consult with public and statutory consultees and will consider all views expressed. DfI planners will then either recommend a decision or a public inquiry will be called. Given the scale of the project, a public inquiry is likely and Dalradian will be pleased to participate so that a careful examination of all aspects of the project can take place to inform the decision. The public inquiry would result in a recommendation to the Minister for Infrastructure, or in the absence of an executive, a senior civil servant.

We have gone beyond what is required of us, because your views were crucial in shaping a project that will bring 350 permanent jobs and a US\$1 billion boost to Tyrone. Over the coming months, the public will be able to examine our proposal in detail and give their opinion on it. Dalradian welcomes further engagement, which will continue throughout the life of the project.



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