

Cadia Mine Expert Health Advisory Panel – Summary Statement

NSW Health acknowledges the significant community concern about potential dust exposure from the Cadia gold mine in Central Western NSW. As a result of these concerns, NSW Health undertook a detailed Deep Dive investigation with a small number of community volunteers to examine possible exposures and assess any health risks. NSW Health is grateful to these volunteers for participating in this important investigation.

NSW Health convened the Cadia Mine Expert Health Advisory Panel to assess potential health risks to the Cadia community from environmental exposure to heavy metals associated with the Cadia mine. The Panel considered the environmental and clinical assessments conducted to date, including findings from the Cadia Deep Dive Investigation.

The Panel concluded:

- Environmental assessments indicate that heavy metals from the Cadia mine are not impacting household environments in the community. The levels of exposure to heavy metals are low, at concentrations consistent with expected background levels and below health-based guideline values.
- Clinical assessments of community volunteers provided no definitive evidence of clinical impacts from heavy metal exposure.
- There is no evidence to indicate that wider community testing for heavy metals would be useful at this time. Individual testing may be recommended by a health professional if clinically warranted.