



## COMMUNITY CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE

### MINUTES

The meeting was held on 2 May 2019 at the Peak Gold Mines, Hillston Road, Cobar.

Meeting commenced at 4.00pm.

#### Present at the Meeting:

Garry West (Independent Chair)  
Chris Bruce (Community Representative)  
Julie Payne (Community Representative)  
Russell Grant (Community Representative)  
Garry Ryman (Cobar Shire Council, Director of Planning & Environmental Services, As Observer)  
Samantha Lloyd (Peak Gold Mines, Environment and Social Responsibility Advisor)  
Laura Barnes (Peak Gold Mines, Graduate Environment and Social Responsibility Advisor)  
Jonathon Thompson (Aurelia Metals Ltd, Representative, Group Manager, Environment)  
Neal Valk (General Manager, Peak Gold Mines)

#### 1. Apologies

NIL

#### 2. Site Induction & Site Inspection

The Community undertook a site inspection including the surface operations, ventilation towers and the tailings dam.

#### 3. Introductions

Each member present provided a brief outline of their background as Cobar district residents and their community interests.

#### 4. CCC Guidelines

The Chair provided the meeting with the background of Community Consultative Committees (CCC) which are normally only formally established by the NSW Department of Planning & Environment for State Significant projects. The Department and Cobar Shire Council did not object to the company using the Guidelines for this committee.

The CCC performs an advisory and consultative role with the company being able to keep the community informed of their activities, but also to seek the community's' views on issues and how to respond.

The role of the Independent Chair is to be a convener, facilitator, mediator and advisor for the committee.

The CCC will meet quarterly and draft minutes will be issued to committee members for review and comment within 7 days of the meeting followed by final minutes that can be used for consultation within a further 7 days. The final minutes will also be uploaded to the company website.

#### 5. **Pecuniary and other interests**

The Chair, Garry West declared that he has been appointed by Peak Gold Mines and is paid a meeting fee and travel costs.

Chris Bruce advised his business provides labour hire services to the Peak Gold Mines.

Julie Payne advised she has a daughter employed by the Peak Gold Mines and has no pecuniary interest.

Russell Grant advised he has no relatives employed at the mine nor has he any pecuniary interest.

Garry Ryman advised he was an observer at this meeting on the request of the General Manager of Cobar Shire Council, who is currently the consent authority for the mine. Future attendance by Cobar Shire Council representatives will be as resolved by the General Manager.

Company employees provide the community with an overview of their professional background and employment role with Peak Gold Mines.

#### 6. **General Business**

Committee held general discussion of issues of concern to the community particularly ventilation fans, noise, emissions (and air quality issues generally) and employment.

Each of these issues will be discussed in more detail at subsequent meetings. It was noted that Peak Gold Mines intends to hold another community update meeting during the first week of June 2019. This CCC will be briefed on the issues discussed and arising from the community input.

#### **Next Meeting**

1 August 2019 commencing at 4pm

Meeting Closed: 6.10pm