

Community Consultative Committee Minutes

The meeting was held on 27 May 2025 at Recreation Room, Hera Village, Nymagee.

Meeting commenced at 10 am.

Present at the Meeting:

Garry West (Independent Chair)
Des (David) Hill (Community Representative)
Bev Ellison (Community Representative)
Malcolm Harris (Community Representative)
Mark Williams (Aurelia Metals Ltd, Environmental Superintendent, Hera/Federation Mine)
Ian (Mudgee) Maidens (Observer)

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting and acknowledged the traditional custodians of the country on which the meeting is being held and also acknowledged Elders past, present and emerging and all First Nations persons present.

1 Apologies

Angus Wyllie (General Manager, Cobar Region)

Travis Carter (Aurelia metals Ltd, Federation Mine Manager)

2 Pecuniary and other interests

NIL

3 Confirmation of Minutes

Minutes from the CCC meeting of 18 March 2025 had been distributed via email and were accepted as a correct record.

4 Business Arising from Previous Meeting

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NIL

6 Correspondence

NIL

7 Company Report

The CCC presentation was presented and included an Acknowledgement of Country recognising the Ngiyampaa Nation as the traditional custodians.

Federation Project

- Kidman Way upgrade works at the Priory Tank Road and the Peak intersection have been delayed. These works are now to commence in August due to delays in design approval with Transport for NSW.
- 3 May 2025 was the official 12 months anniversary since commencement of Federation which has triggered the need for an Independent Environmental Audit to assess the company's compliance with the Project Approval.
- The Audit will be conducted by Ken Holmes of Barnett and May, who carried out a site visit on 8-9 May 2025 and the environmental team is compiling the supporting documents required by the auditor.
- The audit is to ensure the company has done what is required in accordance with the Project Approval conditions and the supporting Management Plans. The outcome of the audit will be made public once approved by DPHI and will be available on the company website.
- It was noted that the 2nd Jumbo has arrived on site.
- A new emulsion yard is being installed by Orica. Emulsion is used to manufacture explosives.
- The new workshop is under construction at Federation

Environment and Community

As reported at the last CCC meeting the company was seeking approval to modify the project approval. Modification 2 to the Federation Project was placed on exhibition by the Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure (DPHI) which closed on 5 December 2024 and the project was approved on 3 March 2025

The MOD 2 detail provided at the last meeting is seeking approval to modify the project approval:

- To increase the number of ore trucked to the Peak mine
- To increase trucking numbers and increase trucking hours from 7pm to 10pm
- To recover tailings from Hera Mine tailings storage facility to paste backfill at Federation Mine

Priorities and improvement initiatives

- A wash bay has not been installed for ore trucks as originally planned. It was decided that the better option was to manage lead dust from leaving the site was to exclude the trucks from the ROM pad area and bitumen sealing the HV access road. The trucks are not driving through the ore stockpile. They are being loaded to the side.
- De-watering remains a priority and a challenge. Preliminary investigations have commenced into transferring UG water from Federation to UG at Hera. This would require a modification to the project approval. It would have the benefit of storing groundwater close to the Hera processing plant and reducing evaporation.

Complaints

2 complaints were received since the last meeting

- 1 complaint was relating to noise from increased trucking

- 1 complaint regarding trucks not complying with approved times.

Non-Compliance

- There have been 14 non-compliances reported since the last meeting. These non-compliances relate to trucking ore, with trucks either leaving or arriving at site before 7am. These non-compliances have been reported to the EPA, DPHI and the Resources Regulator.

Actions

- Ongoing management of the transport contractor to ensure compliance with approved transport times.
- Arrange to install real time noise monitors at 2 premises which are the origin of the complaints regarding trucking noise.

Groundwater Monitoring

- Groundwater monitoring was completed in December 2024 and the quarterly Standing Water Level (SWL) for the Hera and Federation bores were all showing a minor recovery.

Air Quality Monitoring

- The HVAS PM10 and HVAS TSP real time monitoring showed no exceedances of the EPL limits.

Trucking to Peak

- February – 20 movements – 716.4 tonnes
 - March – 406 movements – 15607.75 tonnes
- Note: Return trip from Federation to The Peak is counted as two movements

Blasting

- Blast monitoring recommenced in November 2024 with 62 in January, 55 in February and 67 in March 2025.
- No exceedances were recorded.

Exploration

- Nymagee Mine is the current focus for exploration in the Nymagee area. A notification alerting residents to the works was emailed and circulated on 25 April 2025.
- An extract of the announcement to the ASX was circulated to the committee regarding the successful drilling program at Federation. The full document can be found at:
- <https://aureliametals.com/federation-exploration-update-2/>

8 Matters which the Community Representatives wish to raise with the Mine Operator

- Malcolm raised concern that no centre lines have been included in the new road works. In addition, the shoulders on Priory Tank Road need attention.
- Malcolm felt that a “pull-off” bay should be constructed on Priory Tank Road which would

- help trucks better manage movement times.
- Malcolm asked how much of the Federation VPA money is being spent on the road.
ACTION: Mark to investigate and report back.

Des asked if there had been progress concerning the erection of school bus running times signs. MW advised he will follow up.

9 Community Engagement Opportunities

Nil

10 General Business

NIL

11 Next Meeting

Meeting closed 11.06am

Tuesday 19 August 2025 TBC