

Community Consultative Committee Minutes

The meeting was held on 18 February 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)
Mark Williams (Aurelia Metals Ltd, Environmental Superintendent, Hera/Federation Mine)
Travis Carter (Aurelia metals Ltd, Federation Mine Manager)

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.

Members undertook a site tour by bus of the Hera and Federation sites concluding at 11.45am

Meeting commenced 11.55am

1 Apologies

Malcolm Harris (Community Representative)
Cr Chris Deighton (Cobar Shire Council Representative)

2 Pecuniary and other interests

NIL

3 Confirmation of Minutes

Minutes from the CCC meeting of 10 December 2024 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 Ngilyampaa Nation as the traditional custodians.

Federation Project

- Ore transport between Federation and Peak commenced on 20 November 2024. Trucking is occurring under a temporary permit from TfNSW
- No haulage occurred during January and is scheduled to recommence around 24 February 2025. It is anticipated this will be continuous as steady state production commences. It is expected 3 road trains will commence and then drop back to 2 road trains on a regular basis operating within the 12 hour maximum driving time per day permitted under the heavy transport driver rules.
- Kidman Way upgrade works at the Priory Tank Road and the Peak intersection have been delayed. These works are now likely to be finished in May due to delays in obtaining all necessary approvals.
- Hera Camp accommodation numbers fluctuated during January between 90 and just over 120.
- Aerial photos of the Federation Complex provided showing progress.
- Slides showing the Federation Mine development were discussed.

Environment and Community

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.

Two submissions were received from individuals along with various government agencies. The company "Response to Submissions" report has been submitted to DPHI and is available on the department's major projects website.

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

- To increase the amount 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

- To minimise dust in the camp and exploration core yard, plans are in place to bitumen the road past the camp and trial long term road stabilising products in other areas where people work outdoors near access roads.

Complaints

- No complaints were received since the last meeting
- One issue was observed where a contractor was driving recklessly in the road reserve along Burthong Road. That contractor is no longer with the business.

Non-Compliance

- There have been no non-compliances reported since the last meeting.

Actions

- Upgrade has been approved to the Federation workshop including construction of a new workshop, a wash bay for the mining fleet, and water oil separation system. The current system is undersized and was causing ongoing maintenance issues.

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

- November – 132 movements – 4203.55 tonnes
 - December – 368 movements – 12407.19 tonnes
- Note: Return trip from Federation to The Peak is counted as two movements

Blasting

- Blast monitoring recommenced in November 2024 with 66 in November, 69 in December and 63 in January 2025.
- No exceedances were recorded.

Exploration

- Nymagee Mine is the current focus for exploration. For the calendar year 2024 – 4634.67m were drilled
- 3000m planned for the rest of the 25FY

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

Malcolm forwarded the following issues to Mr West for the meeting>

- Concern about trucks running extra hours on Priory Tank Road as it is not up to standard for night running. MW advised due to limits on drivers' hours night time running is not anticipated.
- When is a truck wash bay to be constructed. MW took this as an action to report back at the next meeting.

Des asked if there had been progress with Cobar Shire Council concerning the erection of school bus running times signs. MW advised action to date but the company will instal a sign at the site departure reminding drivers of the school bus times.

9 Community Engagement Opportunities

Nil

10 General Business

Travis Carter advised a local bus has been deployed between the Hera village and the Nymagee pub with positive use.

11 Next Meeting

Meeting closed 12.30pm

Tuesday 26 May 2025 TBC