

**Federation
Community Consultative
Committee Minutes**

The meeting was held on 19 August 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)
Ian (Mudgee) Maidens (Community Representative)
Cr Chris Deighton (Cobar Shire Council Representative)
Liam Richards (Environmental Consultant)
Lucija Hossack (Environmental Advisor, Federation)
Scott Ginnivan (Aurelia metals, HSEC Manager, Cobar Region)
Emma White (Senior Mine Geologist, Federation)
Iso Harry (Technical Services Superintendent, Federation)

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting and acknowledged the traditional custodians of the country on which the meeting is being held and 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)
Patrick Mukwindidza (Contract Mine Manager)

2 Pecuniary and other interests

NIL

3 Confirmation of Minutes

Minutes from the CCC meeting of 27 May 2025 had been distributed via email and were accepted as a correct record.

4 Business Arising from Previous Meeting

NIL

5 Correspondence

NIL

6 Company Report

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

The ASX Announcement of 19 June 2025 regarding the FY26 Guidance and Outlook for FY27/28 was tabled for members.

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 September/October 2025 due to delays in design approval with Transport for NSW.
- Independent Environmental Audit to assess the company's compliance with the Project Approval is being finalised and scheduled for submission to DPHI by 20 August 2025. Audit outcomes will be made public on the company website.
- Mine development : 1,134 m (March quarter: 877 m)
- Ore mined increased 57% to 53 kt (Mar Q: 34 kt); 106 kt mined in FY25 YTD
- It was noted that the 2nd Jumbo has arrived on site.
- Federation ore processed throughout the quarter with 55 kt being treated at Peak, with strong throughput and recovery maintained.
- Project capital this quarter was \$10.8 M, taking the total FY25 Federation growth capital to \$66.4 M.
- 8 August 2025 Board approved the Tertiary Ball Mill and the Crushing & Materials Handling Expansion projects, which is part of the Cobar basin Optimisation program.
- All Cobar Basin Optimisation projects are now approved. These will increase the Peak Processing Plant capacity to ~1.1 – 1.2 Mtpa, enabling the treatment of all Federation ore alongside Peak South Mine and New Cobar (including Great Cobar) ores.
- Federation FY26 development and production is planned to ramp up by 320kt-340kt. The majority of surface infrastructure has been complete and the focus is now on mining.

Environment and Community

As reported at previous CCC meetings the company received approval to modify the project on 3 March 2025.

The Management Plans are currently being updated in line with the MOD 2 assessment and approval. These plans are being submitted to the relevant Regulatory Authorities for review and approval. When plans are approved, they will be uploaded to the Aurelia

website and superseded plans will be removed.

Priorities and improvement initiatives

- Follow-up actions arising from questions at the last CCC meeting regarding public roads:
 - Allocation of federation VPA funding to roads, an email was sent to Cobarr Shire Council (CSC) on 18 August 2025 requesting a breakdown and are awaiting a response.
 - Truck movements: The haulage contractor has been instructed to comply with the approved access times to Federation. Federation is investigating access card controls on the Gallagher system to prevent access before hours. Federation intends to include in the next modification approval to allow haulage trucks to park within the Project Approval boundary (off the public road). Documentation will be prepared to avoid future non-compliance.
 - Road Line marking and Shoulder condition on Priory Tank Road: Line marking on the Nymagee and Priory Tank Roads have been completed by CSC. Nymagee to Four Corners Farm Stay line marking on the old bitumen has been raised with CSC on 6 August 2025 and are awaiting a response. Heavy patching of shoulders on Priory Tank Road was scheduled to commence on 18 August 2025 by CSC.
 - School bus sign was installed on 17 July 2025 on the Federation heavy vehicle access road before entering Burthong Road to remind drivers of the school buses using the route.

Members raised concern that the centre line marking, and the shoulder strengthening were left to get into their current state after previously having highlighted this to the company. It was noted by members that the shoulder patching has commenced, and mowing was being undertaken but needs regular assessment and maintenance.

Cr Chris Deighton noted the issues on Priory Tank Road were raised at a recent council workshop.

Ian Maidens raised the need for a heavy vehicle all weather pull-off bay to be installed in Priory Tank Road for both north and south movements.

- Dewatering remains a priority and challenge. Preliminary investigations have commenced into transferring underground water from Federation to underground at Hera. This would require a modification to the Project Approval and environmental and water licensing. Benefits include storing groundwater close to the Hera Processing Plant and reducing evaporation.

Complaints

1 complaint was received since the last meeting

- Related to noise from operators on the Nymagee Mine exploration activities.

Non-Compliance

- Three non-compliances have been reported since the last meeting. These relate to findings from the Independent Environmental Audit (IEA). All have been reported to the various regulatory authorities.
 - 18/07/25 – Failure to submit the IEA report and Response to Audit Recommendations by the due date
 - 09/07/25 – PM2.5 dust monitoring has not been undertaken for the operation as required by the Project Approval.
 - 09/07/25 – HVAS exceedance for 24 April 2025 not reported to regulatory authorities as required by the project Approval.

Actions

- IEA report to be submitted to DPHI by 20 August 2025
- Install PM2.5 dust monitor with air quality consultant to finalise scope, select location and review Hera/Federation air quality network
- Tighten internal reporting of HVAS exceedances to prevent recurrence.

Groundwater Monitoring

- Groundwater monitoring was completed in June 2025 and the quarterly Standing Water Level (SWL) for the Hera bores were all showing a minor recovery, however the Federation bores showed declines consistent with mining activity.

Air Quality Monitoring

- The HVAS PM10 and HVAS TSP real time monitoring showed exceedances of the EPL limits. It was noted the May 2025 data was yet to be received. The EBAM average daily concentrations of PM10 were well under the NEPM criteria. E-Sampler 1 had intermittent issues resulting in poor data capture and was serviced on 6 August 2025. E-Sampler 2 showed 1 exceedance in May 2025.

Trucking to Peak

- April – 480 movements – 1,667.55 tonnes
 - May – 592 movements – 21,235.25 tonnes
 - June – 486 movements – 17,314.05 tonnes
- Note: Return trip from Federation to The Peak is counted as two movements

Blasting

- Number of blasts each month were April 68, May 76 and June 72.
- No exceedances were recorded.

Exploration

- Nymagee Mine is still the current focus for exploration in the Nymagee area. A notification alerting residents to the works was emailed and circulated on 21 July 2025.
- Nymagee District Exploration and Surface drilling continued at Federation West throughout the quarter, aimed at extending mineralisation along strike and at

depth from the discovery drillholes. 4,971 m were drilled during the quarter and progressive results were announced during the quarter (ASX announcement tabled). Drilling is ongoing at the end of the quarter. A second surface drill rig was mobilised to Nymagee North during the quarter and drilled 2,425m to test for extensions to historical mineralisation, targeting ~750m north of the Nymagee main Zone. Drilling is ongoing.

- Regional activities in the Nymagee District during the quarter included initiation of air core drilling at the Lyell project area to assess basement geochemistry over Induced Polarisation chargeability anomalies. Drilling is ongoing and 1,783m had been drilled by the end of the quarter.

Des raised concern about rumours that a mine at Nymagee could be “open cut” and the potential impact on residents. Vehicles accessing the site were causing impacts and an alternative route needs investigation. ACTION

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

- See comments earlier re Priory Tank Road.
- Members sought details of the Federation VPA, noting how much has been raised and spent. Members would like a copy of the VPA. ACTION
- Cr Deighton thanked Aurelia for the distribution of household goods that had been relocated from the Dargues mine.

8 Community Engagement Opportunities

NIL

9 General Business

NIL

10 Next Meeting

Meeting closed 11.05am

Tuesday 11 November 2025 TBC