

**Federation
Community Consultative
Committee Minutes**

The meeting was held on 11 November 2025 at Recreation Room, Hera Village, Nymagee.

Meeting commenced at 9 am.

Present at the Meeting:

Garry West (Independent Chair)
Des (David) Hill (Community Representative)
Malcolm Harris (Community Representative)
Angus Wyllie (General Manager, Cobar Region)
Travis Carter (Aurelia Metals Ltd, Federation Mine Manager)
Lucija Hossack (Environmental Advisor, 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.

The Chair also noted the death of Phillip Harley, a former member of the CCC and extended condolences to his family.

1 Apologies

Bev Ellison (Community Representative)
Ian (Mudgee) Maidens (Community Representative)
Scott Ginnivan (Aurelia metals, HSEC Manager, Cobar Region)
Emma White (Senior Mine Geologist, Federation)
Iso Harry (Technical Services Superintendent, Federation)

2 Pecuniary and other interests

NIL

3 Confirmation of Minutes

Minutes from the CCC meeting of 19 August 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.

Federation – Hera Complex Progress Update

Tracking Key Dates

- 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 report 2025 has been finalised and made public on the company website.
- Federation – Hera Mine is tracking well with the completion of the Independent Environmental Audit actions

FY 26 Q1 – Federation ramp-up on plan

- Commercial production started in FY25 Q3
- Mining started ahead of the scheduled ramp up
- Infill drilling progressing ahead of plan to unlock potential future inventory upgrades in the deeper zones. Resource remains open at depth

Milestones achieved this quarter

- Aurelia Metals recognised for 35 years with Australian Resources & Energy Employer Association (AREEA)

Federation – Mine Ramp Up ahead of plan with costs in line

- Development metres 31% higher. In line with quarterly target of 1,500m/qtr
- Ore mined (Sept QTR – 63kt) 19% higher and ahead of YTD plan. Opportunity to exceed planned FY26 volumes.
- Operating Costs (Sept QTR - \$17m) in line with FY26 guidance

Environment and Community

Project Approval Modification – MOD 2

As reported at previous CCC meetings the company received approval to modify the project on 3 March 2025. Several actions have already been closed out, and the remaining are on track to be completed by the end of the month.

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 Cobar Shire Council (CSC) on 18 August 2025 requesting a breakdown and are awaiting a response.
 - Pull-off bay on Priory Tank Road to assist truck movements
 - a. Haulage contractor instructed to comply with approved access times to Federation
 - b. Hera/Federation investigating access-card controls on the Gallagher system to prevent access before approved hours
 - c. Intend to include in the next modification approval a provision to allow haulage trucks to park within the Project Approval boundary (off the public road); documentation will be prepared to avoid non-compliance.
 - Road Line marking and Shoulder condition on Priory Tank Road:
 - a. 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.
 - b. This work has been completed and the condition of the shoulders on Priory Tank Road has significantly improved.
- Dewatering remains a priority. Preliminary investigations have commenced into transferring underground water from Federation to underground at Hera; Treating the water via a Reverse Osmosis plant; as well as a water balance study currently being worked on by EMM.

Complaints

No complaints were received since the last meeting.

Complaint noted at the previous meeting -

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

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.
 - 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.
 - 18/07/25 – Failure to submit the IEA report and Response to Audit Recommendations by the due date

- September – Blast exceedance

Actions

- IEA report to be submitted to DPHI by 20 August 2025 – this has been completed.
- Install PM2.5 dust monitor with air quality consultant to finalise scope, select location and review Hera/Federation air quality network – the review has been completed, and the recommendations have been accepted. Currently in the process of procuring the equipment for installation in 2026.
- Tighten internal reporting of HVAS exceedances to prevent recurrence – completed.

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

- Each of the HVAS PM10 and HVAS TSP real time monitoring units showed an exceedance of the EPL limit.
- The EBAM average daily concentrations of PM10 were well under the NEPM criteria.
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- E-Sampler 1 previously had intermittent issues resulting in poor data capture was serviced on 6 August. E-Sampler 2 had an intermittent fault throughout August which resulted in limited data capture. The issue was rectified and data capture improved for September 2025.

Trucking to Peak

- July – 574 movements – 21,606.3 tonnes
 - August – 354 movements – 24,500.7 tonnes
 - September – 516 movements – 19,150.8 tonnes
- Note: Return trip from Federation to The Peak is counted as two movements

Blasting

- Number of blasts each month were July 82, August 76 and September 77.
- One exceedance was recorded on 9 September when the overpressure criteria of 120dB was exceeded. The blast monitoring result was 121dB. Comparison to weather data at the time of the blast exceedance showed that there was a maximum wind gust of 27km/hr within the 10-minute timeframe of the blast. Wind speeds on either side of this maximum gust were at or below 9km/hr. It is suspected that the wind gust at the time of the blast resulted in a higher reading at the blast monitor.

Exploration

- Surface drilling was completed at Federation West (totalling 663m) early in the quarter before mobilising to the Nymagee project for the remainder of the quarter. Exploration drilling was designed to extend mineralisation along strike at Nymagee North and assess key structural positions between Nymagee Mair and Nymagee North (with a further 5,712m completed) The program discovered the Metropolitan and lazer lenses, north of the Nymagee Main Deposit, and extended the Nymagee North Deposit further north by approximately 50m. Nymagee North mineralisation is gold-rich and polymetallic, not typically observe at Nymagee, Results were announced after the quarter end.
- Surface drilling mobilised back to the Nymagee Main deposit in the south, to test for depth extensions and DHEM targets identified in the FY25.
- Regional activities for the quarter included completion of air core drilling at the Lyell project area for 142 drillholes (totalling 1,033m) to assess basement geochemistry over Induced Polarisation ((IP) chargeability anomalies. Resulted are expected in Q2 FY26. The air core drill mobilised further north to the Stone's Tanks prospect area to start a maiden program consisting of 234 drillholes (totalling 2,228m). Results are expected in Q2 FY26 and Stage 2 is expected to be initiated over an historic gold project.
- Underground exploration drilling will be re-initiated at Federation in Q2 FY26 after a significant campaign of resource infill drilling. The program will target unresolved areas of Federation West. Surface drilling will be finalised at Nymagee early in Q2 FY26.
- Highlights of recent drilling:
 - 7.0m (4.2m ETW) @ 2.2% Cu and 22g/t Ag in NMD117 from 512.0m (Lazer lens)
 - 4.3m (2.4 ETW) @ 2.7% Cu, 1.8g/t Au, 3.6% Zn, 1.7% Pb and 95g/t Ag in NMD114W1 from 567.1m (Nymagee North lens)
 - 4.9m (3.2m ETW) @ 1.0% Cu and 7g/t Ag in NMD123 from 312.2m (Metropolitan lens)
- Drilling ongoing and an additional Downhole Electromagnetic survey planned at Nymagee North in November 2025.

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

NIL

8 Community Engagement Opportunities

Aurelia supported the Cobar Colour Run that is part of the Festival of the Miners Ghost, the Nymagee Flower Show, the Paula Potter Cup and the Nymagee Gymkhana.

9 General Business

Angus Wyllie reported the first contribution of the VPA with Cobar Council has been paid. The Nymagee Facebook will be used to advise the community when the roadworks are scheduled.

10 Next Meeting

Meeting closed 9.45am

Next Meeting 17 February 2026 commencing at 9am