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Sunrise Energy Metals Community Consultative Committee



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	Community Consultative Committee	Meeting Date: Commenced:	1 December 2021 2:05pm
Independent Chairperson:	Lisa Andrews (LA) <i>[in person]</i>		
Member Attendees: (In person)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mayor John Medcalf – Lachlan Shire Council representative (JM)• Des Ward, Community Representative (DW)• Mike Wood – Sunrise Regional Manager (MW)• Bronwyn Flynn – Sunrise Environment, Approvals and Community Lead (BF)		
Member Attendees: (Online)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mayor Ken Keith – Parkes Shire Council representative (KK)• Mayor Phyllis Miller – Forbes Shire Council representative (PM)• Deputy Mayor Chris Roylance - Forbes Shire Council representative (CR)• Cr Steve Karaitiana – Forbes Shire Council representative (SK)• Helen Quade, Community representative alternate (HQ)• John Lagerlow, Trundle CCC representative (JL)• Sam Riggall – Sunrise Energy Metals Chief Executive Officer (SR)		
Invited Guests:	Nil		
Observers	Nil		
Venue:	Council Chambers, Lachlan Shire Council Offices		
Minute takers:	Bronwyn Flynn, Mike Wood		
Close:	2:58pm		

1. Welcome & Introductions

Independent Chairperson, Lisa Andrews welcomed all members and guests to the Community Consultative Committee (CCC). LA declared that she is an Independent Chairperson, appointed by the Secretary of the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment and engaged by Sunrise Energy Metals to chair this CCC meeting.

LA reminded all committee members to ensure their declarations are kept up to date.

2. Apologies

Cr Mark Hall – Lachlan Shire Council, Cr Alan Ward – Parkes Shire Council, Cr Barbara Newton – Parkes Shire Council, Narelle Sunderland – Community Representative & Ally Coe – Wiradjuri Condobolin Corporation. Absent: Geoff Rice – Parkes Chamber of Commerce & Dennis Brady – Condobolin Chamber of Commerce.

3. Business Arising from previous minutes

LA confirmed that the minutes from the July meeting were finalised and a copy emailed to members on 18/11/21.

Action Items:

ITEM	ISSUE	RESPONSIBILITY
1	Provide the PowerPoint presentation to LA for distribution to the committee members. (Complete – sent to members 29/7/21.)	BF
2	Provide a response to questions taken on notice. (Complete – included in the minutes.)	BF

DW enquired about the response to his question from the July meeting regarding permeability testing BF advised that she would take on notice and respond.

4. Correspondence Report as emailed 18/11/21

- 29/7/21 – Email to members with the MOD 7 presentation from the extraordinary CCC held 28/7/21.
- 11/8/21 – Email to members with the draft minutes from the 28/7/21 meeting.
- 23/8/21 - Email to CCC members with the finalised minutes and presentation.
- 7/10/21 – Email to CCC members with the DPIE notification regarding the RTS.
- 18/11/21 - Email to members with the meeting notice, agenda and correspondence report.
- 27/11/21 – Email to members with a reminder for this meeting.

5. Sunrise Project Update - Presentation

Sunrise Regional Update – Mike Wood

MW provided the CCC with an update on the activities undertaken in the region since the April 2021 meeting:

- Electricity Transmission Line
 - Connection agreement process is underway with network service providers
 - Discussions ongoing with landholders along the proposed route
- Parkes Office
 - Office has been sub-let to Fulton Hogan, who are undertaking the civil and services infrastructure for the Parkes Special Activation Precinct
 - Approximately 40 Fulton Hogan staff are utilising the office space
- Autoclave relocation
 - During October, our two autoclaves stored at Pt Pirie, South Australia were moved to a new storage location approximately 3km away
 - A number of infrastructure modifications (civil & electrical) were required along the route with learnings from this move relevant for the move to NSW
 - The autoclaves were moved using self-propelled modular transporters (i.e. no prime mover needed), which provided more manoeuvrability which reduced the extent of the civil works required for the move
 - There is a video of the relocation which can be viewed here (https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6_zUBgLI6g8)
- Exploration
 - Exploration activity on ML 1770 has included completion of the second phase of platinum drilling, with laboratory assay results still being received and reviewed
 - Exploration activities undertaken regionally included:
 - A 40 hole drilling campaign on EL 8833 targeting limestone
 - Diamond drilling currently underway on EL 4573
 - Access agreement discussions with landholders underway at the Hylea Project tenements, with exploration activity planned to commence in 2022
 - Locally based exploration team with local contractors and labour employed where possible

Q & A relating to Mike Wood's update

JM asked: Hasn't there been some drilling at Hylea previously?

SR replied: Yes, that's right. Drilling was undertaken on a 600m x 200m grid targeting mainly cobalt, located in the south-east portion of the Hylea tenements. Future drilling will target the 5km-long magnetic anomaly identified at Hylea during earlier geophysical surveys.

Community Update – Bronwyn Flynn

BF provided the CCC with an update on community relations activities since the July 2021 meeting:

- Sunrise Energy Metals attended the NSW Minerals Council hosted Mining Careers Dinner held mid-year in Orange for year 10 students. The evening was well attended by both students and mining companies, and the Minerals Council is planning on hosting a similar event in Dubbo in 2022.

- Sunrise Energy Metals continues to support the Condobolin Public School's breakfast club.
- The next Sunrise Project newsletter will be published this month. Keep an eye out in the local paper in the lead up to Christmas. The newsletter will also be published on the website.
- No community complaints have been received so far this year.

Environmental Management Update – Bronwyn Flynn

- Environmental monitoring at the Sunrise Project is continuing in line with the Project Development Consent and Environmental Protection Licence, including:
 - Dust (depositional and particulate matter monitoring)
 - Surface water (sampling events occurred in August and November)
 - Groundwater monitoring (sampled in October and November - six monthly onsite and borefield monitoring)

Environmental Approvals Update – Bronwyn Flynn

- A timeline was provided of the key milestones for the Project Execution Plan Modification since it was submitted in mid-2021.
- Ten agency/government submissions were received during the exhibition period.
- The Modification is currently under assessment with the NSW Department of Planning, Industry & Environment.

Q & A relating to Bronwyn Flynn's update

Nil

NSW Government Critical Minerals Hub Announcement – Sam Riggall

SR provided some background to the NSW Government's recent announcement on a Critical Minerals Hub to be located near Dubbo:

- This is a welcome announcement for the region and many Projects in the area
- More detail around the announcement will probably come in the near future
- Although Western Australia has a developed critical minerals industry (such as lithium), they're not the only State that has minerals needed for the battery supply chains
- The State government's strategy for the Hub may also assist with programs to support training for skilled roles
- State and Local government policies, and timeliness of approvals, will play an important role in attracting overseas investment

Funding Update – Sam Riggall

SR provided an update on funding for the Sunrise Project:

- There has been more activity on the finance front recently – inward interest in the Project is very strong
- Nickel prices are at ten year highs, and cobalt prices are also relatively strong
- Regions that will depend on these metals include Japan and South Korea, with the US and Europe not far behind
- Sunrise Energy Metals will continue to focus on financing activities – Sunrise becomes more valuable as the decarbonization trend accelerates

Q & A relating to Sam Riggall's update

Nil

6. Community questions

No community questions were submitted.

7. General Business

KK asked: Will there be a need to work with the government to ensure there are enough training and skills programs in place, especially around regional TAFE opportunities?

SR responded: We've identified labour and skills shortages as a risk for the project and we will be working with government to ensure that there are programs in place to support these projects. KK suggested the LGAs also be involved in this discussion.

SR asked: Last meeting I raised the issue of the raw water pipeline lease, could the Councils please provide an update on where that is at?

PM responded: Negotiations were still ongoing, but the agreement still had to go to Council to be signed off.

JM responded: SEM should catch up with Greg Tory following this meeting.

8. Next meeting

The meeting dates for 2022 were proposed as follows:

- Wednesday, 9th March 2022, time & location to be confirmed.
- Wednesday 28th September 2022, time & location to be confirmed.

Meeting was closed at 2:58pm with LA thanking all members for their contribution throughout 2021 and wishing everyone a safe and happy festive season.

ACTION ITEMS

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