



Tritton Operations - Community Consultative Committee

Minutes

The meeting was held on 19 March 2025 at the Nyngan RSL Civic Club.

Meeting commenced at 3pm

Present at the meeting:

Garry West (Independent Chair)

Jason Hughes (General Manager, Aeris Resources, Tritton Operations)

Paul Harris (Chief Operating Officer, Aeris Resources)

Chris Raymond (Exploration Manager, Tritton Operations)

Natalie O'Connell (Senior Community Advisor, Aeris Resources)

Cordelia Smart (Senior Environmental Advisor, Tritton Operations)

Derek Francis (General Manager, Bogan Shire Council)

Debb Wood (Director, People & Community Services, Bogan Shire Council)

Tony Wood (Nyngan Police Sergeant)

Graeme Angove (Landholder representative)

Apologies

Venita Dutton (Nyngan LALC)

Raylene Weldon (Nyngan LALC)

Welcome

The Chairperson opened the meeting with an Acknowledgement of Country and welcomed attendees.

Minutes of Previous meeting

Minutes were circulated and no changes were requested and were uploaded to the project website.

Business Arising

Bushfire management – discussions have been held and companies position understood. Shae Martin (HSE Manager) begun communications with the RFS in relation to fuel reduction burning during the winter months.

Company Report

Business Update

Jason provided the following overview:

- Tritton is moving through a significant transformation phase to ensure long term viability of the operation. This is being done by prioritising development & backfill, improving planning & execution and improving efficiencies to lower operating costs.
- The operation is transitioning now which is the toughest time. Ore and Copper tonnes are down. Significant change is occurring across the site.
- This transformation of Tritton is fully supported by Head Office and the site management team and no impact is occurring to local suppliers or payments.
- There has been an increase of personnel with the MacKellar ramp up of approximately 75 people per day associated with the Murrawombie open pit activities.
- Murrawombie open pit activities commenced in February 2025 with the aim of getting more copper and capping the leach pads. 1.175M tonnes of ore will be recovered at 1.24% copper and 0.2 g/t gold. First ore to the mill is planned for Q3 FY25.
- Works involve cut back of existing pit to recover ore and reuse suitable waste rock to progressively encapsulate 3 heap leach pads. 14M tonnes of rock will be used in the rehabilitation saving \$8M in environmental bonds.
- The final landform will be revegetated with native grasses and shrubs
- The ponds will continue to be managed for seepage and ongoing groundwater monitoring.

Tritton People

Jason Hughes provided an overview of the senior leadership team and the workforce breakdown.

Currently 381 employees with 270 living locally, DIDO numbers of 76, FIFO numbers of 14 and 21 contractors.

Total spend on accommodation and travel in the last 12 months has been \$7.2M and \$6.3M spent on subsidising employees to live locally over the last 12 months. Residential employment remains the company priority.

Environmental Incidents, Complaints & Initiatives

Nil Complaints for the quarter.

Environmental Initiatives:

- Clean up Australia day 2025
- Bushfire management strategies, including firebreak maintenance and potential shared response efforts. Conversations have focussed on ensuring clear communication channels and understanding of available resources, particularly in the event of a fire near property boundaries.
- Correspondence with the Rural Fire Service on Winter backburning plans.
- Follow up with the RFS around conducting controlled backburning during the winter months to reduce fuel load ahead of the next fire season. The is to establish a coordinated approach where Aeris can provide support, such as access to specific areas, machinery and water to enhance the effectiveness of these reduction efforts.

Operations:

- Environmental monitoring continues and results are published on the Aeris website
- No exceedances for environmental monitoring for this quarter
- LIDAR survey completed across sites
- 10 ground water monitoring bores have been decommissioned as part of the HLF closure
- EPA targeted compliance inspection for air quality for EPL 11254 & 4501
- Review and update of Management Plan is in progress.

Projects & Rehabilitation

- Murrawombie open cut operations commenced
- MCM HLF closure plan has been presented to the Resource Regulator
- Mod 9 application has been submitted with public exhibition commencing on 28 February
- Preparing response to S240 Notice from the Resource Regulator on the North East WRE & Pits

Graeme questioned what height the leach pads would go to during the Murrawombie cut-back. Cordelia indicated that the height of the leach pads would only be raising ~5m which was needed to seal the pads and allow rehabilitation and that they weren't going to become large waste dumps.

Development Approval – Modification 9

- Aeris Resources has applied for modification (MOD 9) to the Tritton Copper Mine (DA 41/98) to optimise and integrate operations in the region, including:
 - Height of Tailings Dam increased from 272m AHD to 278m AHD

- Mining Operations extended from December 2028 to December 2036
- Increasing export of tailings material for paste back fill
- Application submitted and lodged with NSW Planning 19 February 2025
- Public exhibition on the DPHI website from 5 March to 19 March 2025
- Anticipate approval by June 2025

Constellation Project

The EIS was lodged with DPHI on 15/08/2024 as a State Significant Development and was on exhibition concluding on 11 September 2024. The Response to Submissions Report (RTS) was submitted 29 January 2025. The EIS is now in the assessment phase and a visit by NSW Planning is expected early April.

The Constellation project is a State Significant Development (SSD – 41579871) located approximately 45km northeast of Tritton. Constellation will utilise existing Infrastructure and Concentrate Processing facilities at Tritton Copper Mine.

Progress Update

- Resource drilling completed in January 2025
- Upon receipt of assay results the geology block model will be updated, with the Maiden Resource Estimate (MRE) to be released in March
- Progressing several Feasibility Study (FS) Phase design workstreams (Site layout / Mine site integration, Haul Road, Power Supply & Distribution, Metallurgical Testwork program and ore treatment solution), to confirm the project is technically and economically viable
- Project was determined to be a “Not controlled action: under the EPBC Act by DCCEW

Look-ahead (2025)

- Update mine and mine infrastructure design and estimates in the first half of 2025
- Complete metallurgical test work program to test variability across ore body for both Oxide and Sulphide ores and inform updated financial model
- Complete all other facility designs to FS level
- Aiming for EIS determination and Mine Licence approval by mid-2025, with secondary approvals concurrently into second half of 2025
- Financial Investment Decision (FID) will be made in second half of 2025

Exploration Update

Drilling finished at Constellation in January 2025.

In the current quarter working on completing the Mineral Resource Estimation update.

General Business

Debb Wood advised Bogan Shire Council are planning a Welcome to Nyngan Day on Saturday 29 March 2025 at the Bowling Club and are seeking the support of Aeris. Whilst shift times may not permit a great number of employees to attend Aeris committed to ensuring any information packs are distributed and will assist will ongoing 2-way flow of information.

Graeme raised the need for haul truck signage at the Murrawombie pit turn out. Jason agreed to arrange temporary signage for when truck activity was occurring.

Jason noted that some of the road signs at the Girilambone end of Yarrandale Rd needed replacing too. Derek agreed to have Council attend to the signs.

General discussion about new members needed from Girilambone and propose the next CCC meeting be held in the village.

Meeting closed at 3.40pm

Actions

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Next Meeting

Wednesday 28 May 2025 TBC