

# Sunrise Project Community Consultative Committee Annual Report for 2022

<b>CCC / Project Name:</b>	Sunrise Project	<b>Reporting Period:</b>	March 2021 to March 2022
<b>Independent Chairperson:</b>	<b>Lisa Andrews</b>	<b>Proponent Contact:</b>	<b>Bronwyn Flynn</b>

## 1. Executive Summary

The Clean TeQ Sunrise Project is an approved nickel cobalt scandium mining development situated approximately 350 kilometres west-northwest of Sydney, near the village of Fifield, New South Wales.

The project was originally approved in 2001 for the establishment and operation of:

- The mine (including the processing facility);
- Limestone quarry;
- Rail siding;
- Gas pipeline;
- Borefields and water pipeline; and
- Associated transport activities and transport infrastructure

Since then, there have been 6 modifications and another is proposed during this reporting period.

The project has previously been known as Black Range Minerals, Syerston, Scandium 21, Clean TeQ Sunrise who recently restructured its business and is now called the Sunrise Project owned by Sunrise Energy Materials Pty Ltd.

A Community Consultative Committee (CCC) was re-established in 2017 and operates in accordance with the Department of Planning, Industry & Environment's Community Consultative Committee Guidelines for State Significant Development (January 2019). The project is located within three local government areas, and therefore has a large membership, comprising of:

- Two local community representatives (plus one alternate)
- One Lachlan Shire Council delegate (and alternate)
- One Parkes Shire Council delegate (and alternate)
- One Forbes Shire Council delegate (and alternate)
- Stakeholder group – Trundle Community Consultative Committee delegate (and alternate)
- Condobolin Chamber of Commerce delegate
- Parkes Business Chamber delegate
- Three company representatives; and
- One Independent Chairperson.

The meetings were held bi-annually in 2020, (June and November) while the company sought to secure funding for the next stage of the project.

The proponent has previously produced extensive fact sheets to assist the community in their understanding of the project. These fact sheets are available on the project website.

The CCC is an effective communication forum between the community, stakeholders, the three Councils and the company. It functions well and accordingly, fulfils its objectives under the Department's guidelines.

## 2. CCC activities over last 12 months

The committee met in April 2021, August 2021 (extraordinary), December 2021 and March 2021.

Attendees receive a comprehensive presentation from the proponent, which includes updates on the modification applications, management plan updates and post-approvals. Topics of discussion during the report period included:

- Project Execution Plan and its Modification, including Specialist Studies:
  - › Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Assessment
  - › Biodiversity Review
  - › Noise and Air Quality Assessment
  - › Surface Water Assessment
  - › Social Impact Review
  - › Road Transport Assessment
  - › Land Contamination Assessment; and
  - Other environmental aspects that will be assessed in the Modification Report
- Regional Updates:
  - \* Power Supply
  - \* Parkes Office
  - \* Autoclaves relocation
- ML 1770 Phoenix Platinum Exploration and exploration in the region
- EL 4573 "Sunrise East" & Hylea exploration results
- Critical Asset Approvals
- Annual Report
- Project Update (financial backing, engineering & design, exploration, infrastructure works, agency approvals, equipment, etc.)
- Community Engagement Update (building relationships, participation and hosting local events, shop front office, website, newsletters, community information sessions, education and community sponsorship programs, etc.)
- Site Management Update Environmental Management Update (development of Environmental Management Plans, attended monitoring as per licence conditions, air quality, Aboriginal cultural heritage salvage works, etc.)
- Water Management (Lachlan Bore Holder Licences, etc).
- Voluntary Planning Agreements with the local government agencies.
- ASX announcements.
- Early site works.
- Site Management, Land Management and Emergency Management.
- Feral animals and weed management.
- Rehabilitation/Planting.
- Accommodation Camp.
- Staffing movements.

Attendance at the meetings is high, with the occasional apology due to competing commitments from volunteer members.

There were no joint CCC's held.

## 3. Key issues

Trending topics of committee discussion can be summarised as:

Issue	Actions Taken	Outcome
<b>Project Execution Plans</b>	The proponent continues to keep CCC members informed	Each meeting.

<b>Groundwater</b>	The proponent has conducted a bore fields survey, consulted with Council, DI-Water and met with the Concerned Borefields Residents Alliance (CoBRA).	Appropriate water licenses have been obtained and bore monitoring is being undertaken. A Water Resources Fact Sheet has been created and a Water Management Plan (including surface water & ground water) is being developed for approval by the relevant government agencies.
<b>Water Pipeline Agreement</b>	The raw water pipeline is currently on the critical path for the Project between the proponent, Forbes and Lachlan Shire Councils.	CCC to receive updates at each meeting.
<b>Traffic Management (pedestrian and road safety through the township of Trundle)</b>	The proponent commissioned a Pedestrian Safety Assessment Review (supplementary to the Traffic Management Assessment) to address concerns raised.	A Road Transport Handout fact sheet was prepared and presented to the CCC and is available on the company website. Heavy vehicle permits have been obtained to reduce the number of traffic movements by 20%. A Traffic Management Plan has been developed and submitted to the Department.
<b>Dust &amp; Noise</b>	The company continues to present to the CCC at each meeting, providing data on monitoring results.	Air Quality Management Plan & Noise Management Plans have been prepared.  The drought conditions and regional dust storm events continued to raise concern with the community, however the recent significant rainfall has helped mitigate this issue.
<b>Local Employment Opportunities</b>	The proponent has committed to providing jobs to locals where possible and is developing a procurement policy to support local opportunities for contractors and suppliers.	Potential contractors may pre-register on the company website, providing details.
<b>Future of the project moving forward</b>	Concerns from the community that the project will proceed as proposed (given previous proponents have failed to get the mine constructed and operational).	The proponent has committed to keeping the CCC members informed of its work to

		secure funding. This has been difficult due to COVID-19 restrictions.
<b>Modification 7 – Design Changes</b>	The proponent is lodged a modification for changes to mine sequencing, the processing plant, site accommodation, road transport and the rail siding.	Approved by DPE 18/1/22
<b>Proposed transportation of large components to the site from Port Pirie</b>	The proponent has prepared transportation plans (including proposed modifications to bridges, infrastructure, etc to allow for the components to be moved), arrangements with relevant authorities, etc.	CCC members will be briefed at each meeting.
<b>Proposed Electrical Transmission Line</b>	A proposed 132 kV electrical transmission line from Parkes to Sunrise.	The proponent provides updates at each CCC
<b>Voluntary Planning Agreements (VPA)</b>	The proponent has Voluntary Planning Agreements with each local government area (Parkes, Forbes & Lachlan Shires).	The proponent provides an update at each CCC on the results of the VPAs.

#### 4. Focus for next 12 months

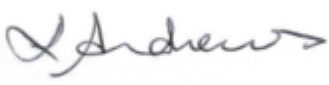
The CCC has moved to annual meetings as the proponent continues to secure financial backing for the next stages of the project.

The planned activities for 2023 will be guided by the contributions of the CCC members. These activities are likely to include:

- A site inspection.
- Continued updates on financing for the next stage of the project.
- Continued updates with obtaining relevant government agency approvals.
- Continued updates on Management Plan reviews and approvals.
- Continued updates on environmental monitoring of the site.
- Continued updates on Community Engagement & Support Programs.

To the best of my knowledge, there are no outstanding or emerging issues that have not been addressed.

CCC minutes and presentations are available on the project website.

Signature of Chair:	
Date:	14 April 2022