

# Sunrise Energy Metals Project Community Consultative Committee Annual Report for 2023 - 2024

<b>CCC / Project Name:</b>	Sunrise Project	<b>Reporting Period:</b>	March 2022 to June 2023
<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 revised Department of Planning's Community Consultative Committee Guidelines for State Significant Development. The project is located within three local government areas, and therefore has a large membership, comprising of:

- Two local community representatives
- 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
- Two representatives from the Wiradjuri Condobolin Corporation
- Condobolin Chamber of Commerce delegate
- Parkes Business Chamber delegate
- Three company representatives; and
- One Independent Chairperson.

In 2023 the representative for the Trundle Community Consultative Committee resigned and moved out of the area. The 'alternate' delegate was moved into the vacant position.

The meetings moved from bi-annually in 2022, (March and October) to annually in 2023 & 2024, 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.

## Review of Effectiveness of the CCC

In accordance with the revised CCC guidelines, it is deemed that the CCC operates effectively. The proponent provides comprehensive presentations, ongoing notifications, timely responses to requests and completion of action items. There have been no concerns raised by CCC members.

The CCC is a successful 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 October 2022 and June 2023.

Attendees receive a comprehensive presentation from the proponent, which included updates on the following items:

- Water bore drilling and installation of production bores.
- Mineral Exploration
- Test Work and Technology Development'
- Community Update
- Environmental Updates
- Environmental Protection Licence
- Dust monitoring
- Surface Water monitoring
- Groundwater monitoring
- Meteorological monitoring
- Environmental Approvals Update
- Annual Review
- Project Execution Plan
- Road Upgrade and Maintenance Strategy
- Traffic Management Plan
- Rehabilitation Strategy
- 132kV Electrical Transmission Line
- Borefield Approvals
- Oversize Transport Route

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>Groundwater Management</b>	Construction of the four remaining approved groundwater bores commenced in April 2023.	All relevant stakeholders have been notified, including the CCC.
<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.

<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 for the next stage of the development.
<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

#### 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.

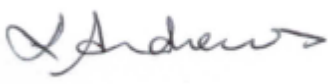
The planned activities for 2024 will be guided by the contributions of the CCC members. These activities are likely to include:

- 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 groundwater management
- 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.

*Note: The Independent Chairperson that established this CCC has stepped down from this committee at the beginning of 2024 and a replacement Chair has been appointed by DPHI.*

Signature of Chair:	
Date:	30 May 2024