



Tritton Operations - Community Consultative Committee

Minutes

The meeting was held on 11 December 2024 at the Nyngan RSL Civic Club.

Meeting commenced at 9.30am

Present at the meeting:

Garry West (Independent Chair)

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

Chris Raymond (Exploration Manager, Tritton Operations)

Izzy Moodie (Community Relations Officer, Tritton Operations)

Natallie O'Connell (Senior Community Advisor, Tritton Operations)

Derek Francis (General Manager, Bogan Shire Council)

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

Tony Wood (Nyngan Police Sergeant)

Dirk McNicoll (Environmental Superintendent, Tritton Operations)

Damon Newling (Group Environment & Community Manager, Aeris Resources)

Apologies

Venita Dutton (Nyngan LALC)

Raylene Weldon (Nyngan LALC)

Welcome

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

Jason Hughes introduced himself to attendees as being the new General Manager for the Tritton Operations

Minutes of Previous meeting

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

Business Arising
NIL

Company Report

Business Update

A long life copper operation with a pipeline of extension projects

Jason provided the following overview:

- - Murrawombie underground is finishing in the new year. Exploration using electromagnetic fields will be done as the last piece before open pit mining commences in Feb 2025
- Avoca Tank is a high grade mine showing positive results
- Budgerygar is the main ore source at the Southern Operations
 - Murrawombie Pit is fully permitted for development with mining to commence in Feb 2025
 - Constellation is the potential future baseload provider to the mill. Mining studies are underway along with drilling to improve resource quality
 - Budgery and Kurrajong are both potential future open pit mines and will be a target for further exploration.

Murrawombie Open Pit will be a cut back of the old existing pit. Waste from the cut back will be used to cap old leach pads providing considerable rehabilitation costs. Mining is to commence in Q3 FY25 utilising a contractor due to its short 18 month lifespan. First ore is planned for the mill in Q3 FY25.

Budgerygar Paste line is progressing well with the overland pipeline installed, borehole pipe & underground reticulation throughout Budgerygar completed. Works are continuing on the installation of mechanical pumps, piping and electrical and should conclude in Jan 2025.

Tritton People

Jason Hughes has commenced as the new General Manager.

Currently, the Company is still struggling to attract candidates and retain staff to the region due in some part to the lack of after-hours childcare facilities in Nyngan. Candidates have been forced to withdraw from the recruitment process due to childcare limitations in the area. Tritton aims to facilitate an environment that supports a diverse workforce. With childcare limitations within the region, it does impact the ability to attract and retain a diverse workforce.

The profile of employees looking for housing has changed over the past 12 months with an increase in singles or couples with no dependents opposed to families relocating to the region. Availability of local and surrounding accommodation has reduced, impacting operational decisions on employment.

Deb Wood (BSC) advised that the council managed early learning centre had recently been able to increase its licenced numbers from 43 up to 59 which will address some of the waiting list. The Centre provides long day care from 7am to 6pm. It was highlighted that some of the issue with potential Tritton employees around childcare may be the times available which wouldn't suit shift or mine workers. It was discussed that getting childcare from 5am to 8pm was possible but not easy to organise or sustain 7 days/wk.

Derek Francis (BSC) advised that council was nearing completion of a new residential subdivision opposite the showground with 33 blocks to be ready by June 2025. Council would like to explore a joint agreement with the Mine for some of these blocks which could address some of the housing issues.

Environmental Incidents, Complaints & Initiatives

Nil Complaints for the quarter.

Environmental team completed water sampling training in October.

Operations:

- Environmental monitoring continues and results are published on the Aeris website
- No exceedances for environmental monitoring for this quarter
- The EPL Annual Returns for Tritton and Girilambone were submitted in September
- The National Greenhouse Emissions Register (NGER) for Tritton & Girilambone was submitted in October
- Tritton IEA audit site visit was completed in October, and
- Review and update of Management Plan is in progress.

Projects & Rehabilitation

- Hydromulching Trial completed onsite in October / November
- Resource Regulator Revegetation TAP Assessment completed in October
- Supporting early works / contractor mobilisation for Murrawombie Open Pit Cutback and HLF closure

Graeme questioned what height the leach pads would go to during the Murrawombie cut-back. Dirk 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 will be seeking a 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
 - Annual max Processing Rate increased from 1.4Mtpa to 1.8Mtpa
 - Importation of up to 1.8Mtpa of mineral ore and NAF waste rock
 - Increase in export of tailings material to all mines (500,00tpa)
 - Receipt of waste material from all mines to Tritton Landfill.
- Assessment of key Environmental Issues – within existing compliance criteria when employing management controls for air, noise, water, final landform visual amenity and cumulative traffic and transport etc.
- Submission of application for MOD 9 in December 2024 with expected 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. DPHI has requested a Response to Submissions which is expected to be submitted in December, DPHI will then conduct an assessment, leading to a recommendation and determination.

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

- Currently in Feasibility Study (FS) Phase, to confirm the project is technically and economically viable
- Resource Definition Drilling is nearing completion which is required to inform updated Mineral Resource estimate (MRE)
- Several FS design assessments underway (Haul Road, Power Supply & Distribution, Ore treatment / Processing Options)

Look-ahead (2025)

- Update mine and mine infrastructure design and estimates in the first half of 2025
- Complete metallurgical test work in early 2025 (key to test variability across ore body for both Oxide and Sulphide ores)
- EIS determined by DPHI and Mine Licence approved by mid-2025, with secondary approvals concurrently
- The project is still marginal and a Financial Investment Decision (FID) will be made in second half of 2025 once the FS has been completed.

Exploration Update

Drilling has continued at Constellation.

Results continue to be received, to better understand the standup zone and geological continuity across the main zone. Drilling will continue throughout the forthcoming quarter.

Natallie and Izzy will maintain the important community engagement activities.

General Business

Graeme advised that Tritton had failed to deliver a Bushfire Management Plan, particularly relating to mine lease land despite past requests and a major fire incident last summer.

[ACTION]

Tony drew attention to how employment and community relations have an impact in small communities. .

Jason sought advice on what information CCC members want in future meetings. The following topics were put forward:

- General Statistics & demographics of the workforce
- Commodity prices reflecting profitability
- Plans to keep community informed

Meeting closed at 10.55am

Actions

NO.	ACTIONS	ACTION BY	DUE DATE
1	Tritton to provide Bushfire Management Plan relating to mine lease land	JH	Next CCC Meeting

Next Meeting

Wednesday 19 February 2025 TBC