



Section 5

Engagement

PREAMBLE

This section provides an overview of the engagement undertaken by the Applicant and its consultant team during the preparation of the EIS to identify the environmental, social and economic issues of interest to the surrounding community and relevant government agencies to be addressed in the EIS. The section concludes with an outline of the Applicant's intentions for future community engagement should the Project be approved.



5.1 Engagement Carried Out

5.1.1 Introduction

Consultation with the community commenced in July 2022, with a Community Information Session that was held in Emmaville to introduce First Tin Plc as the new owner of the Applicant and to hear the community's perspectives on the proposed development for consideration in Project planning. In particular, the Applicant sought initial feedback on:

- Whether a mining camp should be located within Emmaville or on-site.
- Potential site layout options.
- Whether on-site processing of 'waste rock' for use as a local construction aggregate is supported by the local community as a beneficial use.
- Aspects within the local community and environment that are important to the community and should be considered during preparation of the *Environmental Impact Statement* (EIS).

Presentation of key EIS findings to the community was undertaken in July 2025. During the period between July 2022 and July 2025, encompassing the Project's design and planning phase, the Applicant has maintained an ongoing dialogue with stakeholders to update them on progress and continued to seek their input into the outcomes and options arising from the numerous specialist studies undertaken. The time taken for such detailed consideration and evaluation of alternatives has resulted in a Project designed to optimally address the community's views.

Section 2.5 describes the process adopted by the Applicant to consider alternatives for the Project. The following subsections describe the engagement that has occurred with stakeholders and some of the issues raised in response. Engagement for the Social Impact Assessment was undertaken by Key Insights Pty Ltd (Key Insights) which is presented as **Appendix 18** and summarised in Section 6.14.

5.1.2 Stakeholder Engagement Plan

Following the July 2022 Community Information Session, the Applicant commissioned Key Insights to prepare a Stakeholder Engagement Plan. This Plan, and associated engagement strategy, has been implemented throughout the Project's design and planning phase and during the preparation of this EIS.

The overarching goals of the Plan are to provide the following.

- Accessible information through the preparation of accurate and easy-to-access information across a range of media, including monitoring results.
- Two-way communication via the targeted distribution of information and receipt of feedback to ensure an informed community and discussion.
- Valued relationships through opportunities for stakeholders to meet the Applicant's team, discuss issues, and work in partnership or be supported.



- Effective monitoring and responses to community concerns and issues.
- Since mid-2022, the Applicant has had a full-time Community Relations Officer in Emmaville. This officer is based with the Project and exploration teams at the Applicant's Emmaville site office and storage shed that was established in 2022. To support the Emmaville based team, the Applicant's General Manager – Operations is also present within the Emmaville community on a weekly basis, speaking to business owners, landholders and near neighbours. This has been ongoing since 2022 and will continue for the Project-life.

Additionally senior management positions including the Chief Executive Officer, Chief Operating Officer and board members have attended site, met with landholders, local council, State and Federal government representatives and attended community events.

The Glen Innes Severn Council Local Government Area (Glen Innes LGA) is a relatively small community with a resident population of approximately 9,000 people and many of the Applicant's management team and site personnel are known within the local community. The engagement strategy has evolved both formally and informally over time, permitting in-person consultation with community members, landholders and key stakeholders.

The Applicant has identified the following broad groups with particular interest in the Project.

- Landholders in the vicinity of the Mine Site, including those located in the vicinity of or who use Grampians and Schrodgers Roads (near neighbours).
- Residents of Emmaville and surrounds.
- Businesses within Emmaville and surrounds.
- Transgrid / Lumea, on behalf of the NSW Telecommunications Authority.
- Residents of Glen Innes LGA, including the regional centre of Glen Innes and the village of Deepwater, where the proposed Concentrate Transport Route joins the State-controlled New England Highway.
- Businesses within Glen Innes LGA, including the regional centre of Glen Innes and those likely to provide services to the Project.
- Community groups, including clubs, service organisations and special interest groups.
- Local Aboriginal community groups in the Moombahlene Local Aboriginal Land Council and Glen Innes Local Aboriginal Land Council.
- Glen Innes Severn Council.
- Government and non-government service and infrastructure providers.
- Government regulators.
- Elected representatives (and advisors).

Table 5.1.1 presents the Applicant's Engagement Strategy for the Project.



**Table 5.1.1
Engagement Strategy**

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Key Stakeholder	Consultation Methods	Frequency
Landholders adjoining or proximal to Mine Site, including those who use Grampians and Schroders Roads (near neighbours)	- Community Information Sessions/displays/drop-in - Focus Group - Face-to-face/telephone discussions - Newsletters. - Email updates	- Throughout exploration, Project planning and EIS preparation - Once environmental impact assessment results available
Residents of Emmaville and surrounds	- Face-to-face/telephone discussions - Community Information Sessions/displays/drop-in - Newsletters. - Email updates	- Throughout exploration, Project planning and EIS preparation - Once environmental impact assessment results available
Businesses within Emmaville, and surrounds	- Face-to-face/telephone discussions - Community Information Sessions/displays/drop-in - Newsletters. - Email updates	- Throughout exploration, Project planning and EIS preparation - Once environmental impact assessment results available
Transgrid	- Remote meetings - Memoranda - Email updates	- Throughout Project planning and EIS preparation - Once environmental impact assessment results available
Residents of Glen Innes LGA	- Media articles - Community Information Session/displays/drop-in	- Throughout exploration, Project planning and EIS preparation - Once environmental impact assessment results available
Businesses within Glen Innes LGA	- Media articles - Community Information Session/displays/drop-in	- Throughout exploration, Project planning and EIS preparation - Once environmental impact assessment results available
Community groups, including clubs, service organisations and special interest groups	- Community Information Session/displays/drop-in - Presentation to meetings	- Throughout exploration, Project planning and EIS preparation - Once environmental impact assessment results available
Local Aboriginal Community	- Formal consultation through cultural heritage assessment - Face-to-face/telephone discussions - Indigenous Community Meeting - Site visits/inspections	- As per consultation guidelines (<i>Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Consultation Requirements for Proponents 2010</i>) - Throughout Project planning and EIS preparation - Once environmental impact assessment results available - Following execution of deed of agreement with Crown Land



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Key Stakeholder	Consultation Methods	Frequency
Glen Innes Severn Council	- Formal and informal meetings/teleconferences - Negotiations regarding Mine Camp Lease Agreement - Telephone/email requests for information - Councillor presentation	- Throughout Project planning and EIS preparation - Once preliminary and environmental impact assessment results available
Government and non-government service and infrastructure providers	- Formal and informal meetings/teleconferences - Email	- Throughout Project planning and EIS preparation - Once preliminary environmental impact assessment results available
Government agencies	- SEARs process - Formal and informal meetings/teleconferences	- Scoping and SEARs application phase - Throughout EIS preparation - Once preliminary impact assessments available
Elected representatives (and advisors)	- Formal and informal meetings/teleconferences - Site inspections	Once Project description (incl employment and economic contributions) available

5.1.3 Local Community

5.1.3.1 Landholder (Near Neighbour) Engagement

Individual and group discussions with neighbouring landholders and other near neighbours have been undertaken since 2022, with the most recent individual meetings occurring during the week commencing 30 June 2025. These meetings, using information tailored to the individual landholder's property, were held to discuss the outcomes of the various assessments undertaken for the EIS. These meetings provided an opportunity for the near neighbour to ask questions of the Applicant on matters relating to noise, air quality, traffic, visibility, blasting and vibration so they could be kept fully informed on the Project's implications for them.

In all cases, these discussions were informative, cordial and courteous with most near neighbours appearing receptive to the Project and some offering access to their property for use as monitoring locations (air and noise). Whilst some near neighbours held reservations about the Project, all recognised the benefits it would bring to Emmaville and the local area.

The Applicant continues to maintain and encourage regular contact with near neighbours. In person meetings and phone calls are made regularly with Community Newsletters also distributed as the Project has progressed to ensure that near neighbours remain well informed. A central point of contact, via the Community Relations Officer, has also been established to ensure that any questions or concerns raised are addressed in an appropriate, consistent, and timely manner.



5.1.3.2 Community Engagement – Emmaville

The Applicant has undertaken extensive engagement with the Emmaville community throughout the Project's planning and assessment phases. This consultation has occurred principally via the Applicant's Emmaville based Community Relations Officer through face-to-face discussions and newsletters. These newsletters have been distributed either to interested parties via download from the Applicant's website or directly to those individuals, businesses and groups who have requested inclusion on the Applicant's "Stakeholder Register". This register was developed by the Applicant to ensure that individuals, organisations, and groups with an interest in the Project are engaged in a consistent, transparent, and meaningful way. The register currently holds 259 separate entries and is the Applicant's principal tool to implement its proactive and inclusive communication strategy.

Both the newsletters and the website aim to keep the public informed of the Applicant's community engagement and sponsorship program, its exploration activities, activities and surveys being undertaken for the EIS as well as the overall Project status in relation to the State Significant Development Application process.

In addition to these engagement efforts, the Applicant has also hosted town hall style Community Information Sessions, as follows.

- July 2022
- November 2023
- July 2025

July 2022

The July 2022 event was held to introduce First Tin plc as the new owner of the Project and its Australian based team to the community. This event was used as an opportunity for the community to raise any matter they thought relevant to Project design, including potential amenity impacts such as noise and dust, but also traffic and transport.

November 2023

The November 2023 Community Information Session was held in the Emmaville Community Hall to provide Emmaville and surrounding residents with an update on the Project. This update included the options under the Applicant's active consideration in relation to Mine Site design, the configuration of operations, transport routes, electricity supply and the Mine Camp location. The Applicant sought further community feedback to inform its further consideration of alternatives.

The session was attended by approximately 40 residents of Emmaville and surrounding areas who were given the opportunity to provide further feedback on matters for consideration in the EIS.

July 2025

In July 2025 a Community Information Session was delivered to present and discuss the assessment outcomes of the EIS. The session was held in Emmaville Community Hall with over 60 residents of Emmaville and surrounding areas in attendance. Whilst most attendees were from Emmaville and surrounds, some members of the Glen Innes Aboriginal Land Council also participated.



The focus of the session was a detailed and informative presentation on the approaches and outcomes of the various technical assessments undertaken to support the EIS. This presentation included providing the community with information on the measures adopted by the Applicant in response to the matters raised by the community during previous consultation.

In addition to the presentation, static information comprising posters containing results the proposed Mine Site, processing circuit and maps showing the outcomes of technical assessment were also provided for participants to view. Throughout the session, the Applicant's personnel and consultants were available to discuss any Project-related matter raised by attendees.

5.1.3.3 Community Engagement – Glen Innes

Following the July 2025 Emmaville Community Information Session, a similar session to present and discuss the assessment outcomes of the EIS was held at Glen Innes Airport, the location of the proposed Mine Camp. Near neighbours of the proposed Mine Camp were invited to this session that was attended by 12 people from Emmaville and Glen Innes.

5.1.3.4 Aboriginal Community Engagement

Section 6.13.3.3 presents the consultation undertaken with the Aboriginal community in accordance with the document *Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Consultation Requirements for Proponents* (DECCW, 2010b). As part of that process eight Registered Aboriginal Parties were identified as follows.

- Glen Innes Local Aboriginal Land Council
- Moombahlene Local Aboriginal Land Council
- Gordon Stone
- Michael Sheppard
- Ricky Pascoe
- Edgerton Kwiambal Aboriginal Corporation
- Severn River, Ngarabal and Kwiambal Aboriginal Corporation
- Panja Brigalow Gambuwal Ngarabal Aboriginal Corporation

Each were consulted in relation to the heritage assessment and, based on the recommendation of the RAPs, various members attended the field surveys of the Mine Site and Grampians Road upgrade areas.

In addition, in November 2023, the Applicant held an engagement meeting with Indigenous stakeholders at Glen Innes RSL Club. This event was organised with the assistance of Glen Innes Local Aboriginal Land Council and included members of the Moombahlene Local Aboriginal Land Council and Inverell Local Aboriginal Land Council. In all, 30 local Indigenous people participated, and the meeting was also live streamed for individuals and groups who could not attend.



A key outcome of this meeting was the Applicant agreeing to conducting two walkovers of the proposed Mine Site for Indigenous stakeholders that were held separate to the field surveys being undertaken in accordance with DECCW (2010b). The Applicant also provided a commitment to working with all indigenous parties recognised for the area on employment and educational pathways.

The Applicant and its representatives also met with members of the Moombahlene Local Aboriginal Land Council in July 2025. This meeting was to discuss matters relating to the Section 265 (Mining Act) Compensation Agreement that was executed between the Applicant and Crown Land NSW, should tenure of the subject lands be transferred to Moombahlene Local Aboriginal Land Council. These discussions included the proposed structure of any future agreement, including the transfer of royalties payable, youth employment opportunities and the nature of any future compensation arrangements.

Further information on Indigenous stakeholder engagement is provided in the Aboriginal Cultural and Historic Heritage Assessment (Landskape, 2025) and the Social Impact Assessment (Key Insights, 2025) that are provided as **Appendices 17 and 18** (respectively).

5.1.3.5 Business Community Engagement

The Applicant has been present and actively engaged in the economy of the Emmaville and the broader Glen Innes LGA since 2022. Extensive consultation with the local business community has occurred both formally through Project update meetings and informally through the Applicant's employees and management team sourcing local products and services.

The Applicant is now well known in the area and is purchasing local provisions, hiring equipment and arranging accommodation in local hotels.

Further information on business community engagement is provided in the Social Impact Assessment (Key Insights, 2025) that is provided as **Appendix 18**.

5.1.4 Government Agencies

The Applicant initially consulted with the Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure (DPHI) via a Scoping Meeting held in December 2023 to introduce the Project, its environmental setting, strategic and statutory context and proposed community engagement. Following completion of the Project's Feasibility Study, a Scoping Report was prepared and submitted to DPHI with a request for SEARs on 5 August 2024.

Following lodgement of the request for SEARs, the DPHI circulated the Scoping Report to a range of State Government agencies and Glen Innes Severn Council seeking their respective requirements for issues to be addressed in the Project's *Environmental Impact Statement* (EIS). The DPHI's requirements and those provided by the State Government agencies were collectively assembled and forwarded to the Applicant as the Project SEARs on 9 September 2024.

Following detailed consideration of alternative locations and discussions with Glen Innes Severn Council, the Applicant confirmed the location of the proposed Mine Camp at Glen Innes Airport. On 20 December 2024, a letter was issued to DPHI advising of the Applicant's intention to update the Project's Application Area via the inclusion of Lot 1 DP 1187809 and a request for additional SEARs (if deemed necessary). The DPHI issued updated SEARs on 13 March 2025.



In addition to DPHI, the following NSW Government agencies provided assessment requirements for the Project.

- Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water – Biodiversity, Conservation and Science
- Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water – Heritage
- Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water – Water
- Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure – Crown Lands
- Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development - Agriculture
- Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development – NSW Resources
- Environment Protection Authority
- Transport for NSW

The Applicant has also consulted with the Commonwealth Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water regarding Matters of National Environmental Significance and a Project referral that was made under the Commonwealth *Environmental Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999*. It is noted that the Project's impacts on Matters of National Environmental Significance will be assessed by DPHI in accordance with the Bilateral Agreement between NSW and the Commonwealth and no assessment requirements have been issued by the Commonwealth Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water.

Glen Innes Severn Council provided a response to DPHI's SEARs request on 23 August 2024 noting that it had no additional requirements.

The SEARs are reproduced in **Appendix 1** and a list of detailed assessment requirements and where each issue is addressed in the EIS is provided in **Appendix 2**. In some cases, the requirements are also addressed in the technical studies that accompany the EIS.

5.1.4.1 Department of Planning and Environment

The Applicant met with the DPHI via videoconference in December 2023. During that meeting, the Applicant provided the Department with a Project overview, including the proposed activities, consultation completed and anticipated environmental impacts.

Key matters requiring resolution in the EIS and during the assessment phase of the Project were identified as follows.

- Mechanism for the assessment of impact to Matters of National Environmental Significance.
- Identification of appropriate biodiversity offset mechanisms, including payment into the biodiversity offset fund and / or establishment of a Stewardship Site.
- Discussion and agreement on an appropriate Estimated Development Cost (EDC) for the Project.



- Landholder approvals and concerns, especially appropriate consultation and information provision.
- Proposed community engagement processes and timing for EIS exhibition.
- Access issues and general logistical challenges during EIS preparation.

5.1.4.2 Glen Innes Severn Council

The Applicant and its advisors have regularly consulted with officers of Glen Innes Severn Council on multiple occasions from July 2022, including with the Mayor, General Manager and the Director of Infrastructure Services. Matters addressed during this consultation included the following.

- General project updates.
- Establishment of a future Community Consultative Committee including suitable Council representatives.
- Negotiations to use Council-owned land at Glen Innes Airport for the proposed Mine Camp, including a binding Heads of Agreement to enter into a Lease Agreement for the subject land. Negotiations were ongoing at the time of finalisation of this document.
- The Applicant has also discussed with Council opportunities for the proposed upgrades to Grampians Road and its intersections with Gulf Road and Schrodgers Road as well as ongoing maintenance of the local road network.

A meeting was held with elected Councillors on 3 July 2025 to present a Project overview and the assessment outcomes of the EIS. Matters addressed during this consultation included the following.

- An overview of the Project and specialist assessment outcomes.
- Maximising potential Project-related benefits for the Glen Innes LGA while ensuring that the Project did not overwhelm local services or adversely impact existing businesses' ability to retain and / or engage staff or obtain services.

5.1.4.3 Biodiversity, Conservation and Science

The Applicant and GeoLINK consulted with the Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water - Biodiversity, Conservation and Science (BCS) (now Conservation Programs, Heritage and Regulation CPHR)), in relation to the rationale for Plant Community Type (PCT) identification and the BDAR prepared for the Project. In summary, the Applicant and its consultants, at the BCS request, met with BCS for an inspection of the Mine Site to discuss the BDAR findings and confirm the approach. The Applicant also discussed land management issues under a Biodiversity Stewardship Agreement, including fencing and management of weeds, pests, and watering points.



5.1.4.4 Mining, Exploration and Geoscience

The Applicant has met with representatives from the Mining Exploration and Geosciences (MEG) as part of preparatory meetings and Project discussion prior to MEG convening the Mining Development Panel (MDP) assessment team. The MDP is made up of senior technical officers from within MEG's business units that are involved in mine development assessment and included representatives from:

- Industry Advisory and Mining Concierge – Industry Development (Panel Chair);
- Resource Economics;
- Resource Assessment – Geological Survey of NSW; and
- Mining & Exploration Assessment – Geological Survey of NSW.

The Resources Regulator were also engaged as part of the MDP.

The original MDP meeting took place on 26 October 2023, and a subsequent meeting was held on 30 May 2024. Matters discussed were around tenure and resource estimates, as well as Project timing.

5.1.5 Other Key Stakeholders

5.1.5.1 Transgrid / Lumea

As noted in Section 1.5.4, telecommunications equipment and associated infrastructure that is collectively known as Transgrid Site Grampian Ridge 250528 is located on Lot 1 DP 1008294 that is proximal to the proposed Northern open cut pit. Lot 1 DP 1008294 is owned by the NSW Electricity Transmission Ministerial Holding Corporation and sub-leased to Transgrid and its wholly owned subsidiary, Lumea. The adjacent section of Lot 2 DP 1008294 was originally sub-leased by the NSW Telecommunications Authority from the then owner of the Applicant (Aus Tin Mining Limited) on 20 December 2018.

In November 2023, the Applicant sought initial consultation with the NSW Telecommunications Authority (NSW TA) and Lumea in relation to Transgrid Site Grampian Ridge 250528 to understand:

- any concerns that NSW TA, Transgrid and Lumea may have in relation to the Project;
- the expectations and requirements that NSW TA, Transgrid and Lumea would require of the Applicant when assessing the potential impacts of the Project;
- any preferred or standard setback distance requirements; and
- if required, potential options for relocation of the equipment.

The Applicant and RWC subsequently held a meeting with Transgrid / Lumea in December 2023 to discuss these matters, particularly the tolerances of equipment housed at the complex, and was provided an initial response in April 2024. This response documented Transgrid / Lumea's requirements for the assessment of air quality and vibration at Transgrid Site Grampian Ridge 250528. However, upon review of the requirements, the Applicant sought further clarification on the applicable criteria that was provided in July 2024.



Following this clarification, the Applicant and its blasting consultant (Terrock) identified the supplied criteria were general in nature, applicable to human health and were not considered suitable for the assessment of infrastructure. Therefore, the Applicant commissioned Terrock to prepare a memorandum documenting the potential Project-related risks from blasting to Transgrid Site Grampian Ridge 250528 and the recommended criteria for assessing and managing those risks. This memorandum was provided to Transgrid / Lumea in December 2024, and a response was received April 2025. This response identified that higher criteria than those initially proposed by Transgrid / Lumea in July 2024 were being applied but that “*within the submitted report sufficient justifications have been mentioned*”.

In the intervening period, and in the absence of any response from Transgrid / Lumea, the Applicant continued EIS preparation and provided a copy of Terrock’s Blasting Impact Assessment which was provided to Transgrid / Lumea in May 2025. This assessment included specific measures to ensure the continued safe operation of Transgrid Site Grampian Ridge 250528 that included:

- establishing an initial 40m wide No Blast Zone around the complex,
- adherence to a conservative 50mm/s peak particle velocity limit,
- collection of blast monitoring data at the complex and review of results, and
- limiting charge masses for the closest blasts.

Following supply of the Blasting Impact Assessment, Transgrid / Lumea requested further information on the assessment of vibration for radio equipment installed at Transgrid Site Grampian Ridge 250528. The Applicant immediately sought further information on the specific vibration tolerances of this equipment but to date has not received any such information or clarification.

5.2 Community Views

5.2.1 Introduction

Section 6.14.2 presents an overview of the Project’s social locality. In summary, the Mine Site is located in a rural locality. Land use surrounding the Mine Site is typically associated with landholdings that are associated with low intensity to very low intensity grazing.

The key residential and commercial centre in the vicinity of the Mine Site is Emmaville, with the largest town and principal economic centre being Glen Innes (see **Figure 1.1.1**).

Section 5.1 presents an overview of the engagement undertaken with the various community groups identified. The following subsections present a brief overview of the views held by each of those communities.

5.2.2 Landholders (Near Neighbour)

Table 5.2.1 presents a summary to date of the Applicant’s discussions with landholders (near neighbours), matters raised and the Applicant’s actions in response. For privacy reasons, the details of these individual consultation events and the matters discussed are not provided. Further information on near neighbour engagement is provided in the Social Impact Assessment (Key Insights, 2025) that is provided as **Appendix 18**.



Table 5.2.1
Summary of Landholder (Near Neighbour) Matters Raised and Applicant Action

Date	Nature of Consultation	Matters Raised	Applicant Action
27 July 2022	Community Information Session One-on-one discussions	- Deposited dust and potential implications for agricultural production. - Vibration and blasting. - Noise – machinery. - Runoff water quality. - Flooding. - Schroders Road traffic – movement of stock between paddocks. - Schroders Road / Grampians Road traffic – movement of stock to saleyards.	- Assess air quality, noise, blasting and vibration according to NSW EPA requirements. - Use natural attributes of Mine Site (i.e. topography) to shield near neighbours from noise and dust generating activities. - Reduce Project-related noise during evening and nighttime periods by limiting front-end crushing to daytime period. - Collect all mine-affected runoff and re-use for Project-related activities. - Locate principal mining components outside of floodplain. - Limit use of Schroders Road to light vehicle, emergency access only. - Prioritise Schroders Road traffic entering Grampians Road.
13 November 2023 and 2024 follow-up	Focus Group	- Lifestyle / amenity changes (i.e. noise, dust, vibration). - Visibility. - Water security for Project. - Timing of ecology surveys – current dry conditions may affect survey outcomes. - Community benefits.	- Assess air quality, noise, blasting and vibration according to NSW EPA requirements. - To the extent practical, use natural attributes (i.e. topography) to shield near neighbour's views of Mine Site. - Collect all mine-affected runoff and re-use for Project-related activities. - Long-term ecological survey effort with targeted, seasonal surveys in accordance with NSW requirements. - Rejoin pest control efforts (wild dogs, pigs). - Purchased fire-truck for Mine Site and local community use.
July 2025	One-on-one discussions	Assessment outcomes at each near neighbour's property presented (i.e. noise, air quality, visibility, traffic) and discussed.	- Continue dialogue. - Install monitoring equipment (noise, air quality) at some locations (where agreed). - Continue wild dog control on Applicant-owned land.

5.2.3 Emmaville Community

Table 5.2.2 presents a summary to date of the Applicant's discussions with the Emmaville community, the matters raised and the Applicant's actions in response. To avoid duplication, where required, only additional matters raised during events following initial consultation are added to **Table 5.2.2**.



Further information on near neighbour engagement is provided in the Social Impact Assessment (Key Insights, 2025) that is provided as **Appendix 18**.

Table 5.2.2
Summary of Emmaville Community Matters Raised and Applicant Actions

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Date	Nature of Consultation	Matters Raised	Applicant Action
27 July 2022	Community Information Session	- The need to utilise local skills and suppliers where practical. - Employment opportunities for local residents. - The absence of town water and sewer connections in Emmaville should the Mine Camp be located there. - Suitable rehabilitation takes place once operations cease. - Use of Emmaville Road for heavy vehicles as wooden bridge may require closure and upgrades. - Pedestrian and school traffic in Emmaville. - Local road conditions. - Lifestyle / amenity changes (i.e. noise, dust, vibration). - Power supply options for the Mine Site.	- The Applicant has committed to a “locals first” employment and procurement policy where suitable and cost-effective opportunities exist. - The Applicant has committed to engaging and collaborating with local vocational education providers, including TAFE NSW, to create training pathways that are accessible and aligned with industry needs. - The proposed Mine Camp would be located at Glen Innes Airport as suitable service connections exist at that location. - The Project’s final land-use would be compatible with the current land-use and rehabilitation would be undertaken in accordance with contemporary regulatory requirements and community expectations. - The Applicant would use Wellington Vale Road for concentrate transport, dangerous goods transport and movement of oversize / overmass vehicles. - Where practical, the Applicant would configure shifts to avoid existing peak hour periods and school times. - The Applicant would not schedule concentrate transport during school bus times and avoid, where practical, deliveries during these times. - The Applicant would upgrade Grampians Road and its intersections with Gulf Road and Schroders Road. - Assess and comply with the air quality, noise, blasting and vibration requirement of the NSW EPA requirements. - To the extent practical, use natural attributes (i.e. topography) to shield Emmaville from the Mine Site and potential noise, air and visibility impacts. - Construct and operate an on-site power generation facility to meet the Mine Site’s electricity demand.



Table 5.2.2 (Cont'd)
Summary of Emmaville Community Matters Raised and Applicant Actions

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Date	Nature of Consultation	Matters Raised	Applicant Action
13 November 2023	Community Information Session	- Local service system capacity. - Location of mine camp and supporting accommodation options. - Lowering the carbon footprint. - Biodiversity and impacts upon groundwater. - Emmaville in urgent need of revitalisation.	- The proposed Mine Camp location avoids placing additional stress on Emmaville services and accommodation. - The Applicant would employ suitably qualified personnel to provide first response to Mine Site incidents and emergencies. - The proposed on-site power generation facility would avoid Scope 2 emissions of up to 15,924tpa of CO₂-e. - The Applicant would establish a Biodiversity Stewardship Agreement to set aside in perpetuity an offset area of like-for-like flora and fauna habitat to account for Project-related impacts to biodiversity values. - The Applicant has secured groundwater entitlement under a Water Access Licence that exceeds the Project's predicted groundwater take. - The Applicant has, and is, committed to providing sponsorship for local community projects that encourage tourist visitation, including the Emmaville Mining Museum and public art (Roobot).
July 2025	Community Information Session	Assessment outcomes discussed.	No additional matters raised.

5.2.4 Wider Community – Glen Innes

Section 5.1.3.3 described consultation undertaken in Glen Innes. In summary, a drop-in session in July 2025 was advertised by letterbox drop to neighbouring residents of the Glen Innes Airport. During the Community Information Session held at this location, 12 Glen Innes and Emmaville residents attended. During the one-on-one discussions held at this time, it was apparent that the community focus was on potential employment and business opportunities presented by the Project.

5.3 Engagement to be Carried Out

5.3.1 Future Government Engagement

The Applicant would continue to liaise closely with relevant government agencies during assessment of the application for and following receipt of development consent. Consultation would likely be focused on the following matters.

- Negotiation of Lease Agreement for the proposed Mine Camp and a broader Planning Agreement with Glen Innes Severn Council.



- Resolution of queries or uncertainties in relation to the information required to determine the application for development consent.
- Licencing and obtaining approvals other than the development consent.
- Establishment of the Biodiversity Stewardship Agreement Site.

Following receipt of development consent, government agency consultation would likely be focused on the following matters.

- Preparation of Management Plans.
- Obtaining all required approvals and licences to commence operations.
- Ongoing environmental management of the Project.

In addition, the Applicant would continue to liaise with elected representatives at Commonwealth, State and Local government levels.

5.3.2 Future Community Engagement

The Applicant proposes to maintain a proactive approach to ongoing community engagement through the implementation of the following prior to and following determination of the application for development consent.

- Direct contact with its surrounding neighbours at a frequency agreed upon with each neighbour, including an invitation for periodic site visits to view the existing operations and Mine Site. Establishing agreements for the installation and operation of monitoring equipment on the neighbouring landholdings whose owners have indicated a willingness to provide suitable locations.
- Development of a Cultural Heritage Management Plan in consultation with the RAPs to manage current and future items of cultural heritage, as well as community engagement and enhancement.
- Regular community meetings in Emmaville.
- Posting of relevant documents on the Applicant's website.

The engagement measures outlined above would be incorporated into a *Community Engagement Plan* for the Project.