

# Constellation Project

## Environmental Impact Statement

### Chapter 4 – Engagement

## 4 Engagement

### 4.1 Introduction

This chapter describes the key community and stakeholder engagement undertaken for the Project. The engagement requirements for the EIS, as identified in the Project SEARs, are provided in Table 4-1.

Table 4-1: Project SEARs

Assessment requirements	Report locations
During the preparation of the EIS, you must consult with relevant local, State and Commonwealth Government authorities, infrastructure and service providers, community groups, Registered Aboriginal Parties (RAPs) affected landowners and holders of existing mining and exploration authorities.	Section 4.2 and 4.4
The EIS must describe: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>the consultation process and the issues raised; and</li> <li>identify where the design of the infrastructure has been amended in response to these issues.</li> </ol> Where amendments have not been made to address an issue, a short explanation should be provided.	Section 4.3 Section 4.4.1 Discussed throughout this chapter
The EIS must detail the engagement undertaken and demonstrate how it was consistent with the Department's Undertaking Engagement Guide: Guidance for State Significant Projects (DPIE, 2022d).  The EIS must detail how issues raised and feedback provided have been considered and responded to for the development.	Section 4.3 and 4.4  Section 4.4 and Chapter 6 Environmental assessment, Section 6.13.

**Note:** A Social Impact Assessment (SIA) has been undertaken for the Project. The SIA for the Project is attached to this EIS as Appendix 10, Social impact assessment. The outcomes of the SIA are discussed in Chapter 6, Environmental assessment, Section 6.13.

As part of the SIA, and in addition to it, a range of engagements have been undertaken to support stakeholder understanding of the Project and participating in the process. Stakeholder engagement has been carried out in accordance with the Undertaking Engagement Guidelines for State Significant Projects (DPIE 2022d) and the State significant development guidelines – preparing an environmental impact statement (DPIE 2022a).

#### 4.1.1 Objectives

The NSW Government's Undertaking Engagement Guidelines for State Significant Projects (DPIE 2022d) seeks to support proponents by undertaking "engagement that is meaningful, proportionate and tailored to the needs of the community, councils and government agencies". These objectives have underpinned the engagement developed and executed for the Project.

Aeris is committed to engaging with the community during the planning, construction, operation and decommissioning phases of the Project. This approach is consistent with community and stakeholder engagement that continues to be undertaken for Tritton Copper Operations.

## 4.2 Stakeholder identification

To inform engagement methods, processes and actions for the Project, a scoping exercise was undertaken to identify stakeholders, and to nominate their potential interest(s) in the Project. This exercise was undertaken for two broad stakeholder groups, being government stakeholders and community stakeholders. These are discussed in the following Sections 4.2.1 and 4.2.2.

### 4.2.1 Government stakeholders

Government stakeholders for the Project include councils, government agencies, and other authorities considered to hold a current or future interest in the Project. Government stakeholders for the Project, as well as their areas of interest, are identified in Table 4-2.

Table 4-2: Government stakeholders identified for the Project

Agency or authority	Engagement interest
<b>Commonwealth Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water</b>	Assessment and advice on controlled actions (impacts on Matters of National Environmental Significance)
<b>Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure (DPHI)</b>  Planning NSW Independent Planning Commission Crown lands	Approval authority for the Project (formerly DPE) Potential assessment body for the Project Interfaces and potential impacts upon Crown land
<b>Department of Regional NSW (DoR)</b> Mining, Exploration and Geoscience (MEG)  Resources Regulator  Rehabilitation and Securities Panel (RASP) Mine Development Panel (MDP) Resource and Economic Assessment (REA)	Branch of DoR that assesses and determines mining Projects (and executes the NSW strategic policy for mining) MEG also administers the following bodies: Assessment and advice on proposed rehabilitation Regulator of the Mining Operations Plan; Rehabilitation Management Plan; and Rehabilitation Security Deposit Assessment and advice on the Rehabilitation Strategy Assessment and advice on proposed mine development Assessment and advice on proposed resource development and financial elements of the proposed Project
<b>NSW Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water (DCCEEW)</b>  Environment & Heritage  Environmental Protection Authority  NSW Biodiversity Conservation Trust  Water NSW	Assessment and advice on cultural heritage matters, including the Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Assessment Report Regulator and interest holder for the operation of the Project, including the Environmental Protection Licence Assessment and advice on biodiversity matters, including the Biodiversity Development Assessment Report and offset matters Water access and licensing approval and administration

Agency or authority	Engagement interest
<b>Bogan Shire Council</b>	Approval authority for the Project Owner of infrastructure proposed to be used to support the Project (e.g. council-controlled roads) Representative of Bogan Shire Council residents & local values
<b>Transport for NSW</b>	Interfaces and potential impacts upon the State-controlled Mitchell Highway
<b>UGL Regional Linx</b>	Owner of disused rail crossing infrastructure (on Project haul route)
<b>Emergency Services</b>  Nyngan Police Station Nyngan Fire Station (NSW Fire and Rescue) Nyngan Ambulance Station	Access to emergency services may be impacted by the Project (e.g. social, economic, other impacts)

#### 4.2.2 Community stakeholders

Community stakeholders for the Project include local landholders, community organisations or groups, local Indigenous interest holders, local service providers, business representatives, emergency services and other interested or impacted parties. Community stakeholders for the Project, as well as their identified areas of interest, are identified through Table 4-3.

Table 4-3: Community stakeholders identified for the Project

Stakeholder group	Engagement interest
<b>Local landholders</b>	
Owners of 'Okeh' property (Lot 4 DP751341; Lot 9 DP 751321; Lot 4 DP 751304; and Lot 1 DP879749)	Property is directly impacted by the Project (located on this property)
Owners of 'Windella' property (Lot 10 DP751321)	Property is directly impacted by the Project (located on this property)
Owners of 'Eulo' property (Lot 13 DP751345)	Property is potentially affected by the Project (e.g. noise, air, visual, traffic, other impacts)
Owners of 'Einalla' property (Lot 2 DP879749 and Lot 3 DP751304)	Property is potentially affected by the Project (e.g. noise, air, visual, traffic, other impacts)
Owners of 'Karingal' property (Lots 1 and 5 of DP751304)	Property is potentially affected by the Project (e.g. noise, air, visual, traffic, other impacts)
Owners of 'Yumba Thuddi' property (Lots 11 and 12 of DP751343)	Property is potentially affected by the Project (e.g. noise, air, visual, traffic, other impacts)
Owners of 1617 Okeh Road (Lot 2 of DP751345)	Property is potentially affected by the Project (e.g. noise, air, visual, traffic, other impacts)
Owners of 'Mulga' property (Lot 4 of DP751345)	Property is potentially affected by the Project (e.g. noise, air, visual, traffic, other impacts)
Owners of 'Bald Hill' property and 'Partial Avondale' (Lot 6 of DP751343)	Property is potentially affected by the Project (e.g. noise, air, visual, traffic, other impacts)
Owners of 'Glendale' property (Lot 10 of DP751343 and Lot 13 of DP751311)	Property is potentially affected by the Project (e.g. noise, air, visual, traffic, other impacts)
Owners of 'Neilly's' property (Lots 1,4 and 5 of DP751311)	Property is potentially affected by the Project (e.g. noise, air, visual, traffic, other impacts)
Owners of 'Courtlands' property (Lot 4 and Lot 7 of DP751353, and Lot 9 of DP751315)	Property is potentially affected by the Project (e.g. noise, air, visual, traffic, other impacts)
Owners of 'Glenormiston' property (Lots 6-11 of DP751311 and Lots 14 & 15 of DP751336)	Property is potentially affected by the Project (e.g. noise, air, visual, traffic, other impacts)
Owners of 'Wilgadale' property (Lots 9-12 of DP751353, Lot 24 of DP751315, and Lot 27 of DP44917)	Property is potentially affected by the Project (e.g. noise, air, visual, traffic, other impacts)
Other properties identified within the noise, air, visual amenity or traffic assessments	Properties are potentially affected by the Project (e.g. noise, air, visual, traffic, other impacts)
<b>Girilambone community</b>	The community of Girilambone is potentially impacted by the Project (e.g. social, economic, noise, air, visual, traffic, other impacts)
<b>Nyngan community</b>	The community of Nyngan is potentially impacted by the Project (e.g. social, economic, other impacts)

Stakeholder group	Engagement interest
<b>Community organisations/groups</b> Girilambone Community Association Orana Joint Organisation of Councils Regional Development Australia – Orana Country Women’s Association Isolated Children’s Parents Association P& F Association AVOCA Community Consultative Committee	A range of local community groups are potentially impacted by the Project (e.g. social, economic, other impacts)
<b>Local Indigenous interest holders</b> NTSCORP Limited (legal representative for the Ngemba, Ngiyampaa, Wangaaypuwan, Wayilwan) Bogan Aboriginal Corporation Nyngan Local Aboriginal Land Council Nyngan Local Aboriginal Education Consultative Group	Local Indigenous community members and interest holders are potentially impacted by the Project (through impacts on heritage artefacts or values, potential loss of access to heritage places, and social, economic and other impacts)
<b>Local service providers</b> Girilambone Public School Nyngan High School Nyngan Community Services Action Group (Interagency) Nyngan Health Service (Hospital) Bogan Shire Medical Centre (Nyngan) Nyngan Community Hub Barnados	Local service providers (and access to local services) are potentially impacted by the Project (e.g. social, economic, traffic, other impacts)
<b>Businesses and employment</b> Regional Development Australia (RDA) –Orana	Local and regional businesses (employers) are potentially impacted by the Project (e.g. social, economic, and other impacts)
<b>Housing</b> Local and regional community members Local Realtors	Access to, and affordability of, housing may be impacted by the Project (e.g. social, economic, other impacts)

**Note:** A map showing properties directly impacted by the Project is provided in Chapter 1, Introduction, Figure 1-3.

### 4.3 Engagement methodology

The spectrum of public participation provided by the ‘International Association for Public Participation – Code of Ethics for Public Participation Practitioners’ (IAP2 2018) defines how different levels of public engagement increasingly impact the influence of stakeholders on the decision-making process. The IAP2 identifies five discrete levels of engagement:

- 1) inform;

- 2) consult;
- 3) involve;
- 4) collaborate; and
- 5) empower.

Engagement methods adopted for the Project have primarily focused on the 'inform' to 'collaborate' components of the IAP2 spectrum. Engagement methods adopted were also designed to encourage stakeholder participation in the Project. When possible, engagement methods were adapted to work with the needs of individual stakeholders; specifically:

- a community survey;
- semi-structured interviews;
- information briefings;
- community meetings;
- phone calls;
- emails; and
- website and social media posts.

These engagement methods are further discussed in Sections 4.3.1 to 4.3.7.

#### 4.3.1 Community survey

A community survey was prepared for the Project as part of the scope of the SIA. The community survey was targeted towards the broader community and all identified stakeholders (refer to Table 4-2 and Table 4-3). The survey was also promoted through social media and online platforms, and a hard copy information sheet (with links to the survey) was delivered to all post office boxes at the Girilambone Post Office. The survey included questions relating to:

- social fabric;
- why people like living in their community;
- key aspects of the community (e.g. housing, employment);
- positive and negative impacts of the Project; and
- changes, impacts or benefits to social and economic aspects of the community.

Findings from the community survey are discussed in Section 4.4.1 and in Appendix 10, Social impact assessment.

#### 4.3.2 Semi-structured interviews

Semi-structured interviews were adopted as a primary means of stakeholder engagement for the Project. As shown in Table 4-3, stakeholders targeted for semi-structured interviews included:

- potentially impacted landholders;
- community organisations and groups;
- local Indigenous interest holders;
- local service providers;

- local businesses; and
- local emergency services.

Semi-structured interviews were conducted in person (when possible) and via phone. Approximately 37 semi-structured interviews were undertaken for the Project. Emails were also sent to all stakeholders and follow-up phone calls were made.

Stakeholders who participated in semi-structured interviews are identified in Table 4-4.

Table 4-4: Semi-structured interview participants

Stakeholder group	Engagement interest
<b>Local landholders</b>	<p>Owners of 'Okeh' property</p> <p>Owners of 'Windella' property</p> <p>Owners of 'Eulo' property</p> <p>Owners of 'Einalla' property</p> <p>Owners of 'Karingal' property</p> <p>Owners of 'Yumba Thuddi' property</p> <p>Owners of 1617 Okeh Road</p> <p>Owners of 'Mulga' property</p> <p>Owners of 'Bald Hill' and 'Partial Avondale' properties</p> <p>Owners of 'Glendale' property</p> <p>Owners of 'Neilly's' property</p> <p>Owners of 'Courtlands' property</p> <p>Owners of 'Glenormiston' property</p> <p>Owners of 'Wilgadale' property</p>
<b>Bogan Shire Council</b>	<p>Director Development and Environmental Services</p> <p>Director People and Community Services</p> <p>Director Engineering Services</p> <p>Director Finance and Corporate Services</p>
<b>Community organisations/groups</b>	<p>Girilambone Community Association</p> <p>Regional Development Australia–Orana</p> <p>AVOCA Community Consultative Committee</p>
<b>Local Indigenous interest holders</b>	<p>NTSCORP Limited (legal representative for the Ngemba, Ngiyampaa, Wangaaypuwan, Wayilwan)</p> <p>Nyngan Local Aboriginal Land Council</p> <p>Nyngan Local Aboriginal Education Consultative Group</p>



Stakeholder group	Engagement interest
<b>Local service providers</b>	Girilambone Public School Nyngan High School Nyngan Community Services Action Group (Interagency) Bogan Shire Medical Centre (Nyngan) Nyngan Community Hub Barnados
<b>Housing</b>	Aspect Property Richardson and Sinclair Landmark
<b>Emergency services</b>	Nyngan Police Station

Outcomes from the semi-structured interviews are discussed in Section 4.4 and Appendix 10, Social impact assessment.

### 4.3.3 Information briefings

Extensive information briefings were undertaken for the Project, structured to address the interests of individual stakeholders. The stakeholders and the matters discussed are identified in Table 4-5.

Table 4-5: Information briefings conducted for the Project

Stakeholder	Matters discussed	Timing
<b>Local landholders</b>	Provide information about the proposed Project and EIS process Discuss scope of potential impacts Obtain landholder input on potential impacts, benefits and mitigations	May 2022 November 2022 February 2023 April–May 2024
<b>Community organisations/ groups</b>	Provide information about the proposed Project and EIS process Enable community members to contribute their views on the scope of potential social impacts and benefits Collect information on social baseline values	May 2022 November 2022 February 2023 April–May 2024
<b>Local Indigenous interest holders</b>	Provide information about the proposed Project and EIS process Identify Aboriginal cultural heritage values Seek inputs on opportunities for economic and community development Identify potential impacts and benefits	November 2022 June 2023 (ACHAR review)

Stakeholder	Matters discussed	Timing
<b>Bogan Shire Council</b>	<p>Provide information about the proposed Project</p> <p>Discuss the SIA scope and seek inputs on local issues and the focus of assessment</p> <p>Provide an update on the EIS process and schedule</p> <p>Provide a briefing on draft SIA findings (I.e. impacts, opportunities and mitigations identified) for discussion with Councils and seek feedback</p>	<p>February 2022</p> <p>June 2024</p>
<b>Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure (DPHI)</b>  Planning NSW  Crown Lands	<p>Provide information about the proposed Project and update on the status of the EIS</p> <p>Discuss potential impacts of the Project</p> <p>Provide a briefing on draft SIA findings (i.e. impacts, opportunities and mitigations identified) and seek feedback</p> <p>Discuss Project interfaces with Crown Land</p> <p>Seek feedback on improvement opportunities and mitigations</p>	<p>February 2022 (DPE)</p> <p>June 2023 (DPE)</p> <p>May 2024 (DPHI)</p> <p>April 2024 (Crown lands)</p>
<b>Department of Regional NSW (DoR)</b>  Mining, Exploration and Geoscience (MEG)  Resources Regulator  Mine Development Panel (MDP)  Rehabilitation and Securities Panel (RASP)	<p>Provide information about the proposed Project and update on the status of the EIS</p> <p>Discuss potential impacts of the Project</p> <p>Undertake a Resource and Economic Assessment (REA) with MEG to ensure the efficient and optimised development of the resource</p> <p>Provide a briefing to the MDP (through MEG) and receive feedback to guide EIS finalisation</p> <p>Present a detailed rehabilitation strategy to the RASP and receive feedback to guide EIS finalisation</p> <p>Seek feedback on improvement opportunities and mitigations</p>	<p>February 2022</p> <p>June 2023</p> <p>November 2023</p> <p>March 2024 (MDP &amp; REA)</p> <p>April 2024 (RASP)</p>
<b>NSW Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water (DCCEEW)</b>  Environment & Heritage  Environmental Protection Authority  NSW Biodiversity Conservation Trust (BCT)  Water NSW	<p>Provide information about the proposed Project and update on the status of the EIS</p> <p>Discuss potential impacts of the Project (noise, air, visual amenity, etc.) and seek feedback on impact assessment (EPA)</p> <p>Discuss potential impacts of the Project (ecology) and seek feedback on impact assessment and offset outcomes (BCT)</p> <p>Discuss potential impacts of the Project (water access and licensing) and seek feedback (Water NSW)</p> <p>Seek feedback on improvement opportunities and mitigations</p>	<p>November 2022</p> <p>February 2023</p> <p>Proposed for May 2024 (pending confirmation of EPA availability)</p> <p>May 2024 (BCT)</p>

Stakeholder	Matters discussed	Timing
<b>Transport for NSW</b>	Provide information about the proposed Project and update the status of the EIS  Discuss potential transport impacts and infrastructure interfaces and designs  Seek feedback on improvement opportunities and mitigations  Obtain information regarding intersection design detail for submission	May 2023  April 2024
<b>Local service providers</b>	Provide information about the proposed Project  Collect information on social baseline values as they relate to social infrastructure (facilities and services)  Potential implications of the proposal for the provision of community, health and emergency services.	November 2022  February 2023
<b>Businesses and employment</b>	Provide information about the proposed Project  Identify businesses' (including farmers) views on potential impacts and opportunities.	February 2023
<b>Emergency services</b>	Provide information about the proposed Project Understand demand and capacity on emergency services	November 2022  February 2023
<b>UGL Linx</b>	Provide information about the proposed Project and update the status of the EIS  Identify interface with disused rail line and seek feedback by email.	May 2024

**Note:** An early information briefing was conducted with most elected representatives during 2022. Further discussions with elected representatives are anticipated to occur as opportunities are presented in 2024.

#### 4.3.4 Community meetings

A community meeting was undertaken for the Project on 22 June 2022 to introduce the Project and obtain initial feedback from stakeholders. The meeting was conducted in Girilambone, with nine attendees. The community meeting was advertised to the community by letters (dropped in mailboxes), via email if available, and on the Girilambone Community Association Facebook page.

Discussions with Girilambone community members have also continued (through different forums), providing an opportunity for the local community to discuss the Project. The General Manager of Tritton Copper Mine met with Girilambone residents on 7 April 2024. There were also discussions at the Tritton Community Consultation Committee meetings in February and May 2024. Minutes of these meetings are available online (via the Aeris website).

#### 4.3.5 Phone calls

When face-to-face meetings were not possible, phone calls were undertaken to ensure all community members were notified of the Project and relevant information. Stakeholders who were only available by phone often resided outside the Project region (e.g. Sydney).

Phone calls were conducted with stakeholders who were absent from semi-structured interviews and community meetings to ensure all identified stakeholders had an opportunity to have their say. Phone calls are

also made to landowners to manage property access (for assessments), follow up on queries, and/or provide updated information.

#### 4.3.6 Emails

Stakeholders are emailed with information on upcoming engagement activities and to provide follow-up information.

An email address is available for local residents, stakeholders and interested parties to submit enquiries and concerns related to the Project.

#### 4.3.7 Websites and social media

A webpage for Tritton Copper Operations (<https://www.aerisresources.com.au/assets/tritton-copper-operations>) provides Project updates to stakeholders, such as::

- providing stakeholders with information on the Project (including this EIS);
- providing stakeholders with information on future engagement opportunities; and
- providing stakeholders with ongoing updates on Project activities.

The Project webpage and Tritton Copper Operations social media (Facebook) will be updated regularly as the Project progresses or changes are made to Project operations. The Project webpage can be accessed through the Aeris website.

### 4.4 Stakeholder engagement findings

Given the detailed nature of feedback received across the range of Project stakeholders, a standalone summary of stakeholder feedback is provided in EIS Attachment 3, Summary of key feedback from stakeholders. Stakeholder feedback is also considered in more detail in Appendix 10, Social impact assessment, and Chapter 6, Environmental assessment, Section 6.13.

To support an understanding of stakeholder engagement findings, feedback from each stakeholder group has been classified by the relevant area of interest or concern, as presented in Table 4-6. Classification of feedback by interest area has identified that the most frequently raised concern from stakeholders is the issue of housing (access and affordability). The stakeholder group with the broadest range of concerns about the Project were local landholders, specifically regarding:

- areas of potential impact on properties;
- livestock management and movement;
- safety and traffic considerations;
- potential noise and air quality impacts;
- housing access and affordability;
- potential impacts on heritage;
- closure and rehabilitation planning;
- potential water impacts;
- effectiveness of communication; and
- haul truck movements).

Detailed consideration of stakeholder feedback is considered in more detail in Appendix 10, Social impact assessment and Chapter 6, Environmental assessment, Section 6.13.

In addition to identifying concerns about the proposed Project, stakeholder engagement has provided an important opportunity to understand existing social conditions. This feedback has assisted in identifying the following:

- Social fabric—the community is largely family oriented, safe and possesses a strong sense of identity.
- Why people like living in their community—sense of identity, small town, peace and social relationships.
- Key aspects of the community—it was generally indicated that businesses are doing well, there are adequate employment opportunities, the quality of life is good, and the environment is healthy and clean. However, it was determined that there is a need for more medical staff and adequate housing to meet demand, and roads connecting communities are not safe or in good condition.
- Positive and negative impacts of the Project—it was generally agreed that the Project will have a positive impact on employment and training opportunities, and most agreed the Project will have a positive impact on local businesses and the economy.

Table 4-6: Summary of key feedback from landholders

Stakeholder group	Property	Livestock	Safety	Noise and dust	Housing	Heritage	Mine closure and rehabilitation	Water	Project communication	Training and employment	Truck movements	Change of demographic
Landholder	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	
Community organisations/groups												
Local Indigenous interest holders					✓					✓		
Bogan Shire Council					✓		✓	✓	✓		✓	
Local service providers			✓		✓							✓
Businesses and employment					✓					✓		
Housing agents					✓							
Emergency services					✓							
EIS reference	1.5.3.1 and 6.13.7	6.13.7	6.13.7, 6.15.5, and 6.15.6	6.13.7, 6.8 and 6.9	6.13.7 and 6.14.9	6.13.7, 6.12.2.5.1 and 6.12.3.8	6.13.7 and 8.4	6.13.7, 6.4.6 and 6.5.6	6.13.7, 4.3, 4.4 and 4.5	6.13.7 and 6.14.9	6.13.7, 6.14.8, 6.15.4.3, 6.15.6 and 6.15.7	6.13.7, 6.14.6 and 6.14.9

#### 4.4.1 Infrastructure design amendments

As an outcome of stakeholder engagement, a number of design changes were made to the Project to avoid and /or mitigate potential impacts. Specifically, the following infrastructure design amendments have been adopted:

- Heritage surveys and consultation with RAPs have enabled the Project footprint to be revised, avoiding impacts to several Aboriginal cultural heritage sites.
- The Project haul route (originally designed to be 50 m wide) has been reduced to a maximum of 18 m wide to minimise existing road disturbance. This strategy has enabled significant avoidance of additional land disturbance.
- To minimise impacts to Girilambone township (resultant of proposed road haulage), a new section of haul road has been proposed just north of Girilambone township to avoid the need for haulage trucks to traverse through Girilambone. This strategy minimises noise, dust, traffic and visual amenity impacts.
- New road intersections are proposed to be developed to manage traffic interactions of the Project with the State-controlled Mitchell Highway. Intersection designs have been developed through consultation with Transport for NSW to minimise road safety risks.
- The existing Tritton processing plant will be utilised to process the ore extracted from the Project site to maximise efficiencies of utilising existing infrastructure.
- The proposed water pipeline between the Project mine site and the existing Murrawombie Mine will be in the proposed 18 m infrastructure corridor to minimise additional disturbance.
- A solar power generation plant is proposed to be developed to reduce potential impacts on the existing, local electricity network and the Project's scope 2 greenhouse gas emissions.

While some flexibility in Project design has been embraced, it is noted that not all Project infrastructure can be located to avoid (or mitigate) impacts. Indeed, the location of the proposed Project site is fixed due to the presence of the copper resource being targeted. It is also necessary for supporting infrastructure to exist in close proximity to this mining area.

#### 4.5 Ongoing stakeholder engagement

Stakeholder engagement is proposed to continue following approval of the Project. Ongoing stakeholder engagement is intended to provide opportunities for interested or affected parties to raise concerns, provide feedback or identify opportunities to foster Project success.

Aeris' commitments in respect of ongoing engagement include:

- offering to meet regularly with representatives of the Girilambone Community Association;
- facilitating opportunities for interaction between Constellation employees and local residents to contribute positively to community cohesion and development;
- conducting an annual resident Community Information Session, commencing prior to construction and continuing during at least the first three years of the Project's operation, to provide a Project update and address potential issues or concerns;
- providing stakeholders direct access to Project representatives (when required) to answer questions about the Project and its potential impacts; and
- through the existing Tritton Community Consultative Committee, building relationships that support communication, information sharing and feedback to assist decision-making regarding construction and operational impacts.

A Stakeholder Impact Management Plan (SIMP) will be developed for the Project to assist in the future management of social impacts and benefits. The SIMP will include a program of monitoring potential social impacts over the life of the Project, as well as facilitating the identification of any unanticipated social impacts.

Ongoing stakeholder consultation and engagement for the Project will continue in accordance with the Undertaking Engagement Guidelines for State Significant Projects (DPIE 2022d).