



Good Neighbour Guide Reference Group

Meeting summary

Date: Tuesday 18 November 2025

Time: 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm

Location: Fosterville Gold Mine (FGM)

Attendees:

Neighbouring residents: 14

FGM representatives: 4

1. Introductions

2. Fosterville Gold Mine Operational Updates

Gunyah Creek

Guest Presenter: Ben Hughes, Senior Principal Engineer
Water Technology
Water, Coastal & Environmental Consultants

- Fosterville Gold Mine engaged Water Technology to complete the Surface Water Impact Assessment for the Sustained Operations Project Environment Effects Statement (EES).
- The Surface Water Impact Assessment used the following data to model potential future impacts:
 - Rainfall
 - Topography
 - Waterways
 - Water quality data
- Imagery was presented to address questions around the potential for increased flooding downstream of FGM as a result of the construction of surface infrastructure assessed in the EES.

Comments and questions

- FGM had designed for a 1:100 year freeboard on surface structures.
- Comment was made that the EES did not correctly show the location of the Gunyah Creek mouth
- The water from rainfall, which is captured within facilities, where does this go?

Actions

- *FGM to provide response to the Gunyah Creek mouth location within the EES documentation.*
- *FGM to provide response to where the water goes once it is captured in a surface facility*

Near Mine Exploration

- FGM has entered into an agreement with S2 Resources to acquire Exploration Licence EL007795.
- This exploration agreement was formally held by FGM as EL003539 between 1994 and 2019.
- The transaction requires approval from Resource Victoria.
- Anticipated date for completion is late 2025.

3. Bakaru wayaparrangu Agreement

On 13 May 2024, Agnico Eagle and Dja Dja Wurrung Clans Aboriginal Corporation (DJAARA) signed a collaboration agreement to maximise exchanges and opportunities to support the sustainable development of the Dja Dja Wurrung people through operations at FGM.

The collaboration agreement includes measures to increase Dja Dja Wurrung Peoples involvement in FGM's activities, including training and employment, business opportunities and environmental protection, and financial contributions are also made.

- An overview of the agreement was provided to attendees and discussions around DJAARA's involvement in closure planning at FGM.

Action

- *FGM to provide more information regarding closure and rehabilitation plans at the next GNG meeting.*

4. Approvals

Sustained Operations Project Environment Effects Statement

- Federal Minister's approval was received on 3 November 2025.

TSF5 and Additional Southern Vent Shaft Work Plan Variation

- Work Plan Variation (WPV) submitted to Resources Victoria 5 August 2025.
- Cultural Heritage Management Plan (CHMP) approved on 28 October 2025.
- WPV approval received on 29 October 2025.
- These projects have commenced.

Northern Ventilation Shaft

- The next Work Plan Variation (WPV) to be submitted to Resources Victoria will be the Robbins Hill Ventilation Shaft, which consists of a return air rise shaft to support operations in Robbins Hill underground mining area.
- Project was included in the SOP EES with the fans located underground.
- Proposed location has been modified from the initial location.
- Expected to submit the WPV in Q1 2026.

5. Good Neighbour Guide Action Update

Property Valuation Monitoring Program

- Preston Rowe Paterson (PRP) engaged to complete property valuation report in January 2026.
- Second Valuer to be engaged.

Neighbourhood Enhancement & Beautification Program

- First meeting held 30 October 2025.

Meeting Minutes

- Uploaded to the FGM Community Website.

6. Property Occupation & Maintenance Program

- The map of the properties owned by FGM and how they are used was sent to GNG Reference Group meeting attendees and uploaded to the FGM Community Website.
- Structural inspections have been completed on all uninhabited properties.
- Demolition of these structures to be considered.
- University students will be commencing at FGM as part of Vacation Student Program from 21 November 2025.
- Some of these students will be housed in FGM owned properties for the duration of the program.
- FGM received three expressions of interest for the lease of the Olive Grove on Axedale Goornong Road.
- The successful lessee has been notified.

7. Blasting

Production and development firings can occur seven days a week.

- Production firings are typically carried out during the nominated firing windows:
 - 6.30 am to 7.00 am
 - 6.30 pm to 7.00 pm
- Development firings normally occur at the end of shift; however, they may also be fired independently and can occur anytime during a 24-hour period.

FGM have had the flexibility to complete independent development firings, however these have not been very regular in the past few years.

FGM will likely need to complete independent firings more regularly into the future.

Discussion

- FGM requested feedback from the group of whether production firings can be completed on certain Public Holidays

8. Community Perception Survey

Agnico Eagle engaged Voconiq to complete an Anchor survey. Voconiq are a social research and engagement company, facilitating programs developed from research conducted within the CSIRO.

The survey closed Monday 8 November, with 163 responses received, and 38 of these from neighbouring communities.

FGM have not been provided the results at this stage. Results are expected mid-late December 2025 and will be published.

Action

- *FGM to present the results of the Community Survey at the next meeting.*

9. Close out

Feedback was requested on dates for the next Good Neighbour Guide Reference Group meeting and topics of interest, including the option for a tour.

2026 Dates for the Good Neighbour Guide Reference Group Meeting

- Tuesday 17 February
- Tuesday 19 May
- Tuesday 18 August
- Tuesday 17 November