

Final Talking Topic Sessions

Through March and April, Iron Road held the last of its Talking Topic sessions focussed on areas of interest to the community related to the Central Eyre Iron Project. Following on from previous Talking Topic sessions focussed on Water and Air Quality, the recent forums covered Mine Rehabilitation and Closure and Community Economic Outcomes.

Key points raised in these discussions were consistent with feedback from previous community sessions and are summarised below:

Mine Rehabilitation & Closure

- Concern about management of dust and salt and potential impacts on crops
- Interest in revegetation options for integrated waste landform
- Desire to ensure environmental bond is adequate
- Keen to see trees and vegetation used as visual screen for peripheral landowners
- Discussed potential to use landform as an area for renewable energy generation

Community Economic Outcomes

- Desire for IRD to encourage employees to reside locally
- Desire for IRD to employ locally and engage local business, where possible
- Keen on potential to improve local mobile and internet services on the back of CEIP
- Desire to maximise local training and education opportunities

Lock Community Update

A small group of interested locals joined us at the Lock Football Club recently to hear an update on the CEIP project. Iron Road General Manager, Larry Ingle and Stakeholder Engagement Advisor, Tilly Oborn addressed the gathering covering off on key aspects of the project as well as the recent resource upgrade, the integrated waste landform, water management and an in depth discussion on the ongoing approvals process.

Commendation Received in Premier's Awards

The Iron Road team received a Commendation in the 2015 Premier's Community Excellence Awards in Mining and Energy. Iron Road's submission in the Environmental Excellence category detailed the innovative approach the company proposes to implement to manage waste rock and tailings storage on the mine site.

Following feedback from the community, the project team has put substantial effort into investigating ways of minimising the operation’s footprint and improving visual amenity. The proposed integrated landform allows the larger waste rock and the dewatered tailings stream (“by products” of the process that do not contain economic levels of iron) to be combined and stacked in a radial fashion. Combining the two materials eliminates the need for traditional separate waste rock dumps and a tailing storage facility which significantly decreases the area required for storage. Because the material is stacked to full height from the onset, the landform can be progressively rehabilitated, reducing the potential impacts of dust and erosion and improving the visual outlook.



South Australian Premier Jay Weatherill presents award recipients



Combined Waste Rock & Tailings

Integrated waste landform (artist’s impression only)