

# Central Eyre Iron Project



## Closer Look Community Information Events September 2011

Iron Road Limited's Central Eyre Iron Project is expected to involve a conventional open cut mining operation with supporting infrastructure including a desalination plant, export facilities, transportation and a new power line connection via Port Augusta. The project potentially represents South Australia's largest iron ore resource.

With the completion of a Pre-feasibility Study for the project and commencement of a Definitive Feasibility Study, Iron Road initiated a community and stakeholder engagement program with a series of community information sessions and briefings for stakeholders and the communities of Warramboo, Wudinna, Lock and Kyancutta.

Approximately 200 people participated in the community and stakeholder engagement events conducted between 5 and 7 September 2011 in Wudinna and Warramboo. Each event focused on the provision of information and gaining insight into community and stakeholder perceptions of the potential benefits and challenges arising from the project and what community members valued about their current communities and townships.

### Feedback Results

Event	Date	Attendances
Wudinna District Council Briefing	5 Sept 2011	10 council participants
Landowner Meetings	6 and 7 Sept 2011	Various landowners
Local Stakeholders Briefing	6 Sept 2011	12 local social services stakeholder participants
Wudinna Community Information Session	6 Sept 2011	approximately 135 attendees (91 registered participants)
Warramboo Community Information Session	7 Sept 2011	approximately 110 attendees (87 registered participants)

### Social Benefits

- Increased population (2)
- Increased services including health services (3)
- Improved facilities and recreation opportunities
- Return of local families to the community
- Increased school curriculum
- Student retention at Wudinna Area School
- Opportunity to do it better than elsewhere
- Iron Road support for community projects

### Economic Benefits

- Employment opportunities (4)
- Business opportunities (2)
- Diversification (4)
- Drought proofing
- Increased training and apprentices opportunities
- Increased local economy (2)
- Opportunity for key infrastructure collaborations

## Social Changes

### Lack of information (5)

- About size and scale of the mine (2)
- Specific mine boundaries and dimensions
- Lead times for detailed social planning
- Lack of clarity resulting in circulation of misinformation

### Housing and accommodation (12)

- Housing affordability and accessibility (11)
- Location and management of the construction camp

### Existing social fabric (10)

- Maintaining demographic balance
- Displacement of farming families (2)
- Impact on sense of community
- Behaviour of mine workers within the community
- Increased multi-cultural population
- Decreased levels of trust
- Increased levels of social problems
- Increased crime rate
- Don't want to live next to a mine

### Impact on services (9)

- Increased pressure on local services (5)
- Increased demand on volunteer services (2)  
Impact on community facilities
- Displacement of farming families will reduce numbers for community, recreational and sporting activities

### Transport and roads (7)

- Impact on bus run (2)
- Road corridors/routes and maintenance (3)
- Increased road accidents
- Rail infrastructure

### Impact on wellbeing (15)

- Emotional impact on landowners
- Fair compensation
- Adjustment challenges for impacted landowners
- Increased levels of fear (2)
- Inability to cope well with change (2)
- Mental health impacts (2)
- Emotions attached to family farming/generational farming and heritage (4)
- Uncertainty
- Lack of choice

### Other

- Long term commitment from Iron Road
- Ability of local communities to provide attractive environments and townships so that families will want to move here
- Health impacts of dust

## Economic Changes

- Cost of living
- Cost of housing
- Loss of rates revenue
- Changing farming practices around mine site
- Ability to attract and retain staff (9)
- Increased pressure on local businesses ie supply, employment, infrastructure
- Impact on value and saleability of farms (2)
- Lack of alternative farmland (2)
- Integration with existing industry
- Collaboration on key infrastructure
- Reduction in agricultural purchases

## Environmental Changes

- Dust (2)
- Noise (2)
- Dust on crops
- Dust in rainwater tanks
- Lights (light spill from mining operation)
- Vibrations
- Shockwaves
- Water – limited resource
- Impact on protected species
- Impact on wildlife
- Impact on marine life and coastal environment

Participants at the community and stakeholder information sessions were also asked to identify the aspects of their communities or townships that they valued the most. This question was asked to assist with a baseline appreciation of the valued features of current township life.

## Valued Attributes

### Housing

- Our homes and property

### Social fabric (19)

- Lifestyle
- Level of volunteering (3)
- Family and friendships
- Sense of community / community spirit(3)
- Friendly, supportive, community minded (2)
- Small tight knit community
- Community pride (2)
- Knowing our history and having it respected
- Generational farming
- We pull together and help each other in times of need
- Caring people, generous natured, willing to help (2)
- Positive relations

### Safety and Security (12)

- Security and trust
- Safety for families
- Minimal problems with drugs, alcohol and crime

- Elderly want to finish their days here – security and family support
- Safety for children growing up in our communities
- Safety of town and family friendly
- People feel safe here (5)
- Low crime rate

### Infrastructure (5)

- Road access
- Wudinna Area School
- Housing affordability
- Sport and recreational facilities
- Clean

### Other

- High protein grain that is produced in the area
- Flexibility and cohesion of cross government agencies working together
- Location being of tourism interest
- Availability of health services and support
- Business people looking for opportunity
- Environment

## Ongoing Community and Stakeholder Engagement

Iron Road has expressed a strong commitment to continue to communicate, inform and consult with stakeholders and local communities on an ongoing basis throughout the life of the project. The next opportunity to meet Iron Road representatives will be the project's stand at the Wudinna Agricultural Show on 24 September 2011. You are invited to:



visit the Iron Road website at [www.ironroadlimited.com.au](http://www.ironroadlimited.com.au)



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