



Australian Rare Earths (AR3) acknowledges the land within exploration licence area EL007719 and surrounds has a range of environmental, cultural and economic values. The rights and concerns of community are paramount to informing the exploration program and will be respected as such. AR3 is committed to ensuring the community and stakeholders are informed of the proposed exploration activities and given an opportunity to express how they may be affected.

AR3 communication and engagement principles are based on its aspirations for the exploration program, and the belief that effective communication and engagement is paramount in achieving success.

Earth Resources Regulation's (ERR) Community Engagement Guidelines for Mining and Mineral Exploration sets out the following principles that underpin the community engagement process, that AR3 will take into consideration and incorporate into its aims and principles:

- **Commitment** is demonstrated when the need to understand, engage and identify the community is undertaken early in the process.
- **Integrity** occurs when engagement is conducted in a manner that fosters mutual respect and trust.
- **Respect** is created when the rights, cultural beliefs, values and interests of the community in the land and waters within or surrounding the mining project area are recognised.
- **Transparency** is demonstrated when community concerns are responded to in a timely, open and effective manner.
- **Inclusiveness** is achieved when a diverse representation of community and broad participation is encouraged and supported by appropriate participation opportunities.
- **Trusting relationships** are built through exploring community values and interests and finding common ground.
- **Good communication** is achieved when open and meaningful dialogue is carried out and processes established to allow this to occur.
- **Build trust** by establishing processes to record and disseminate information on how community feedback contributed to decision making.

In addition, AR3's communication and engagement principles are to be:

- **Inclusive** – the engagement process identified, reaches out to, and includes participants who are a stakeholder group.
- **Transparent and Accountable** – ensure the engagement process is transparent, and make it clear who is responsible and accountable for its implementation.
- **Clear and Informed** – the engagement process provides information in a clear, balanced and objective manner, to promote understanding between, and within stakeholder groups.
- **Accessible and Timely** – the engagement process is accessible, and information is timely.



- **Meaningful** – the engagement process and outcomes are considered by AR3 and can influence decisions made about the exploration program. The engagement process will also provide feedback to stakeholder groups on how their input influenced the outcome.

## Aims

Based on the above principles, the aims of this community engagement plan are to:

- Clearly communicate with communities and stakeholders to ensure the exploration program is understood, including the potential impacts and benefits that may arise.
- Engage with communities and stakeholders to seek ways to enhance opportunities, maintain community values, problem solve challenges and, as a result, improve decision-making regarding the exploration program.
- Engage in an open, honest and transparent manner to enhance confidence in the Company, and the work it undertakes.
- Respond to stakeholder queries in a timely manner with accessible and clear information on the exploration program.
- Actively foster good working relationships with Federal, State and Local governments.

## Proposed Work

Exploration work will initially focus on gathering existing data and/or drill core samples for analysis and determination of the existence of the method of mineralisation proposed, along with further review of the literature describing the occurrences of this type of mineralisation and its economic exploitation. This phase will be followed by targeted drilling and collection of samples for additional analysis and testing to determine whether economic concentrations of the mineralisation can be identified.

Finally, drilling and sampling sufficient to establish an initial mineral resource estimate of this type of mineralisation will be completed.

The drilling work will initially be completed on road verges using landcruiser mounted drilling rigs, and will not require dug sumps or the removal of vegetation. Systems for managing the impacts of the proposed work will include;

- Drilling restricted between dusk and dawn
- No vegetation clearance
- No soil stockpiles, holes immediately rehabilitated
- No littering or waste left behind
- Cleaning drill rig regularly
- Traffic control in place
- No drilling near residential areas
- No works in areas of native title determination or Aboriginal cultural heritage sensitivity