

## ABOUT CLEAN TEQ SUNRISE

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**The Clean TeQ Sunrise project in Central West NSW is one of the largest, highest grade nickel, cobalt and scandium deposits in the world.**

**Clean TeQ Sunrise will help meet growing demand for the raw materials required for next generation batteries and lightweight aluminium alloys.**

### Overview

The Development Consent for the Clean TeQ Sunrise project was granted in 2001. It has been modified a number of times to approve design changes that make mining and processing operations as efficient as possible.

The Development Consent requires Clean TeQ Sunrise to prepare a *Heritage management plan* (HMP). The HMP describes the short, medium and long-term measures that will be taken to manage Aboriginal and historic heritage sites on land owned by or associated with the Clean TeQ Sunrise project.

The HMP was prepared in consultation with the NSW Office of Environment and Heritage (OEH), Local Aboriginal Lands Councils (Condobolin and West Wyalong) and Registered Aboriginal Parties (RAPs) and has been approved by the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment (DPIE). The current HMP is available at [www.cleanteq.com](http://www.cleanteq.com)

The HMP will be reviewed regularly and updated to include measures to improve the heritage management performance of the project.

### Aboriginal heritage

Clean TeQ Sunrise has an Aboriginal heritage sites database which contains information from a number of archaeological surveys and assessments done in the last 20 years. RAPs were consulted and included in those surveys and assessments.

The HMP covers 23 known and previously unknown Aboriginal cultural heritage sites in the project construction areas. It also aims to protect cultural heritage values including the significance of the area to local Aboriginal people, plants and animals used for bush food and medicine and recognises the significance of the Lachlan River.

Clean TeQ Sunrise has been granted two Aboriginal Heritage Impact Permits (AHIPs) which contain conditions on the management of the identified Aboriginal cultural heritage sites. Before a project area is disturbed, it must be surveyed on foot by archaeologists and, experienced RAPs. RAPs are also involved in artefact salvage and monitoring certain types of work such as topsoil stripping.

During construction, and for the life of the mine, Aboriginal people will continue to be consulted and involved in the management of their heritage. Clean TeQ Sunrise recognises that Aboriginal people are key to identifying cultural heritage and cultural heritage values, and to conserving them.

Cultural heritage sites, such as hearths and artefact scatters, are avoided and protected with barriers whenever possible. When items need to be removed, their location is recorded, and our RAPs are involved in the salvage and storage process.

## **Historic heritage**

Clean TeQ Sunrise has an historic heritage sites database which contains information from a range of previous studies. The HMP covers four locally significant historical sites. Most of these will not be directly affected by work and, if work is done nearby, they will be temporarily fenced off.

## **Protecting cultural and historic heritage**

All Clean TeQ Sunrise employee and contractor inductions will include training in protection of Aboriginal cultural heritage and historic heritage sites. This includes a requirement that work is to stop immediately if any previously undiscovered Aboriginal cultural heritage and historic heritage sites are found.

## **Public availability of heritage management information**

Heritage management performance must be published regularly on the Clean TeQ website. Results will be reviewed against requirements of the AHIPs and HMP. Incidents will be investigated and action taken to reduce heritage impacts.

Heritage management performance will also be included in the Annual Review to DPIE.

## **Incident management**

The DPIE and other relevant agencies must be notified of incidents when Clean TeQ Sunrise becomes aware of them. In the event of an incident, Clean TeQ Sunrise will take the actions outlined in the contingency plan in the HMP.

Within seven days of the incident, a detailed report must be provided to the Secretary. The report will validate the incident information as well as provide a detailed description of the incident, the cause, action taken to date and reasonable and feasible options to resolve the incident.

## **Reporting heritage management concerns to Clean TeQ Sunrise**

If you are concerned about heritage management, please ring 1800 952 277 or email [community@cleanteq.com](mailto:community@cleanteq.com). We are committed to resolving concerns as soon as possible.