

APPENDIX G

**Community Engagement Report
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Core Lithium

BP33 pre-referral engagement report

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Executive summary

This report captures the methodology and outcomes of a targeted engagement period delivered by True North Strategic Communication on behalf of Core Lithium (Core). Engagement was conducted between Wednesday 25 February to Saturday 14 March 2026 to help inform Core’s referral to the Northern Territory Environment Protection Authority (NT EPA) for variations to its approvals for its BP33 site as part of the Finniss Lithium Project.

Core is planning for a potential restart of its Finniss Lithium Project, with a focus on underground mining at BP33 following a pause in operations in 2024. A focus of the restart is increasing the depth of the mine at BP33 and extending the mine’s life – both of which require a variation to existing approvals. Engagement was focused on providing an initial and early engagement opportunity for the most impacted communities and stakeholders ahead of Core’s referral to the NT EPA.

The **goal of engagement** was to provide key stakeholders and the community with information on the proposed restart of the Finniss project and to consult on the variations at BP33. The goal was achieved through a range of communication and engagement objectives which are further outlined in this report.

A range of **tools and tactics** were used to engage, including:

- fact sheet
- maps
- posters
- FAQ
- web page
- PowerPoint presentation
- newsletter content
- stakeholder briefings
- stakeholder emails
- phone and email feedback line
- community information stalls.

The approach was targeted, and resulted in:



Feedback received was mostly positive, with many stakeholders noting they were pleased to hear the project may restart. One of the most frequent discussion points was opportunities for local jobs and contracts with a large number of people asking how to get a job for themselves or a family member.

Community members in Berry Springs and Wagait raised **concerns about damage to Cox Peninsula Road**. Many people referred to their experience seeing the road become damaged when the project was operating initially. People wanted to know what Core would do differently this time, whether Core would contribute to maintenance costs and if repairs would be done more efficiently. Some

people also raised road safety concerns, particularly about road trains transversing between BP33 and Grants.

Other themes of discussion or feedback captured in this report includes:

- **restart and mine design:** many people asked if the mine was restarting and had general questions about the changes
- **general questions about Core and the project:** people who knew about the mine pausing due to market conditions asked how the lithium price was going and Core's export market
- **approvals:** people asked about the approvals process and also shared positive sentiment about the opportunity to engage as part of the process
- **environment:** questions about the environment were raised, particularly water use, water management and mine closure
- **community:** some people made comments about the restart being good for the economy and therefore the community.

Background

Core Lithium (Core) is the 100 per cent owner of the Finniss Lithium Project (Finniss), a hard-rock lithium project on the Cox Peninsula in the Northern Territory. The project is located approximately 23km south of Darwin (as the crow flies) and 33km west of Berry Springs. By road, it's 88km to the Darwin Port.

Finniss is made up of several high-grade lithium deposits, including Grants and BP33. The project is the only lithium development to have commenced operations in the NT and includes mining, on-site processing of lithium ore and road transport of lithium concentrate to Darwin Port for export.

Mining at Finniss was paused in January 2024 in response to global lithium market conditions with processing operations placed in care and maintenance in mid-2024. Core used this period to reassess its mine design, sequencing and operating strategy to ensure the future long-term viability of the project. Core has since completed a restart study, which confirms Finniss can operate as a lower-cost, more resilient project. A financing process for a possible restart was underway during this engagement, and a Financial Investment Decision was announced on 18 March.

Further exploration drilling has identified an increase in the reserve size at BP33 which is a key driver for the restart of the Finniss project. The increased reserve would require a deeper mine and result in a longer mine life, both of which require a variation to the existing environmental approval. Core is submitting a referral to the Northern Territory Protection Authority (NT EPA) to seek a variation to the existing approval. The variation will also include approval to continue processing BP33 ore at the Grants processing facility for the extended timeframe.

Core engaged True North Strategic Communication (True North) to implement a targeted phase of community and stakeholder engagement ahead of the referral.

Project overview

BP33 Project

BP33 is an underground mine that forms part of the Finniss Lithium Operation. BP33 is located approximately 2.5km south-west of Cox Peninsula Road and 3.5km from the Grants processing facility.

BP33 was approved to a depth of 320 meters below ground level with a life of up to 4 years in 2022. Construction of the mine subsequently started in 2023 with excavation of the box cut and installation of mine water dams. Work stopped in 2024 when operations at the Finniss Lithium Project were paused.

Core now proposes to increase the mine depth to 850 metres below ground level and extend the mine life to approximately 10 years.

Mining at BP33 will be undertaken entirely underground, accessed via a spiral decline. A key feature of the proposed BP33 underground mine is the introduction of a paste backfill system. Waste material from the processing facility at Grants will be mixed with cement to form a paste that is pumped back underground to fill mined-out voids. The paste backfill system redirects waste from tailing dams and increases the geotechnical stability of the underground mine.

Grants Project

Grants is an existing, approved component of the Finnis Lithium Project. The site includes an open pit mine, waste rock dump, ore stockpiles and established processing infrastructure. Mining at Grants was approved in 2019, with an extension granted in 2020 to allow processing of BP33 ore.

Planning work is underway to examine the option of recommencing mining at Grants to extract the remaining reserves of 0.8 to 1.0 Mt of ore. This will occur over a 12–18-month period.

It is proposed that once mining is complete, the open pit will be repurposed for water storage. Grants would then become a central water management and processing hub for the Finnis region. Repurposing the open pit mine will improve water security during the dry season and increase capacity to manage extreme wet season events.

The current referral seeks to extend use of infrastructure at Grants to process BP33 ore for 10-12 years, reducing the need for new disturbance.

Methodology

A targeted engagement was conducted between Wednesday 25 February – Saturday 14 March 2026.

Engagement was focused on providing an initial and early engagement opportunity for the most impacted communities and stakeholders ahead of Core’s referral to the NT EPA.

The desired outcomes were:

- **for the most affected stakeholders** to be aware of the restart and have been consulted about key matters relating to the BP33 variation
- **for other identified interested or impacted parties** previously engaged by Core to:
 - be aware the Finnis Lithium Project is restarting
 - have had an initial opportunity to engage
 - be aware that there will be ongoing opportunities to engage further
- for Core to have gained a good **initial understanding of community and stakeholder sentiment** to help inform the assessment process
- for Core to have begun **reestablishing its community and stakeholder relationships**

Objectives

The **goal** of this engagement was to provide key stakeholders and the community with information on the proposed restart of Finnis and to consult on the variations that form part of Core’s environmental approval variation.

The **communication objectives** of this stakeholder engagement plan were to:

- provide the community with information on the restart plans for Finnis and BP33
- notify stakeholders and community members of Core’s intention to submit a variation for BP33 to the Northern Territory Environment Protection Authority
- provide stakeholders and community members with information about the increase in the life and depth of BP33
- reestablish Core’s commitment to a long-term presence in the region
- reestablish stakeholder and community communication channels.

The **engagement objectives** of this stakeholder engagement plan were to:

- provide an early opportunity to listen to and understand the priorities and perspectives of key stakeholder groups prior to the project’s referral to the NT EPA
- inform the community about the planned restart of Finnis
- demonstrate Core’s commitment to engaging throughout the approval process including understanding stakeholders’ early views and concerns
- manage stakeholder and community expectations by engaging early and reestablishing ongoing relationships
- provide clarity and information about any issues of concern raised by stakeholders or community members
- encourage stakeholders and community members to provide feedback as part of the public feedback process.

Engagement level

Using the International Association for Public Participation (IAP2) principles that guide good community engagement, this engagement was conducted at the levels of **inform** and **consult**.

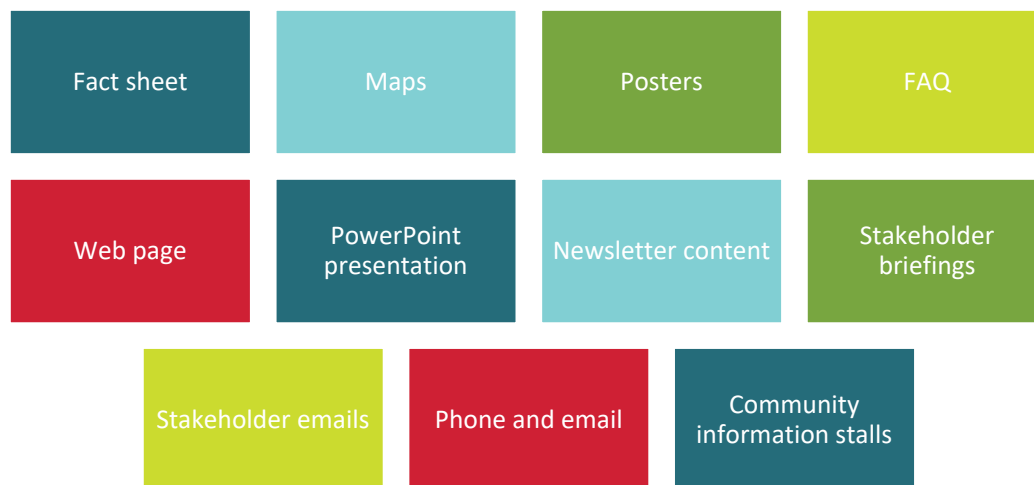
THE ENGAGEMENT INSTITUTE SPECTRUM OF PARTICIPATION

LEVEL OF ENGAGEMENT	PROMISE TO THE PUBLIC
Inform	We will keep you informed
Consult	We will keep you informed, listen to your concerns and provide feedback on how the public's input influenced the decision
Involve	We will work with you to ensure your concerns are reflected in the alternatives developed, and provide feedback on how the public's input influenced the decision
Collaborate	We will look to you for advice, ideas and solutions and incorporate these into the decisions as much as possible
Empower	We will implement what you decide

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Tools and tactics

The following tools and tactics were used to support the engagement approach.



Factsheet

A fact sheet with information about the proposed restart and referral to seek variation to the approval for BP33 was developed and provided to stakeholders and community members during the

engagement. The 4 page fact sheet was available digitally and in hard copy and included information on:

- the restart study and BP33 approvals variation
- a project overview, including the pause of operations
- an overview of Grants
- BP33 including:
 - road use and transport
 - employment and community
 - environment and heritage
 - closure and rehabilitation
 - approvals and engagement
- where to find more information and who to contact.

The fact sheet was available via:

- emails sent to stakeholders
- the Core website
- handed out at community information stalls
- handed out at stakeholder briefings.

A copy of the factsheet can be found at Appendix A.

Maps

Four maps were used to illustrate key project information. This included:

- the location of the Finniss project in relation to the Greater Darwin region
- an aerial view of the BP33 site layout
- a concept of BP33's underground spiral mine design
- the proposed site access including an intersection upgrade and new slip lane on Cox Peninsula Road.

The maps were used and available via:

- the fact sheet
- in the PowerPoint presentation
- large print outs displayed at the community information stalls.

The 4 maps can be found at Appendix B.

Poster

A poster was designed to promote community information stalls and raise general awareness about the potential restart. The posters were designed in A3 and contained:

- a brief overview of the proposed restart and referral
- a location map
- information about the community information stalls
- a QR code for more information
- contact details.

The poster was distributed to the following locations and stakeholders:

No.	Location	Type	Display
1	Berry Springs Tavern 795 Cox Peninsula Rd, Berry Springs NT 0838	Hard copy	Stuck to internal side of main entry/exit to the bar/bistro.
2	Caltex service station Berry Springs 795 Cox Peninsula Rd, Berry Springs NT 0838	Hard copy	Stuck to internal side of main entry/exit to service station building.
3	Berry Springs IGA Shop A2/10 Doris Rd, Berry Springs NT 0838	Hard copy	Pinned to community notice board in central outside area of shopping centre.
4	Darwin River Tavern 195 Darwin River Rd, Darwin River NT 0841	Hard copy	Pinned to community notice board at entry to bar/bistro.
5	Darwin River IGA 185 Darwin River Rd, Darwin River NT 0841	Hard copy	Pinned to community notice board on the outside of the building facing carparks.
6	Cullen Bay Ferry Terminal 69 Marina Blvd, Larrakeyah NT 0820	Hard copy	Poster provided but display not confirmed.
7	Wagait Beach Supermarket 89 Wagait Tower Road, Wagait Beach NT 0822	Hard copy	Pinned to community notice board on the outside of the building facing carparks.
8	Litchfield Council	Electronic	Sent via email with the option to print the poster and display in their customer service area/s
9	Wagait Shire Council	Electronic	Sent via email with the option to print the poster and display in their customer service area/s
10	Belyuen Community Government Council	Electronic	Sent via email with the option to print the poster and display in their customer service area/s

True North also intended to deliver and display posters at:

- **Tumbling Waters Holiday Park** - however the park was closed for maintenance at the time of delivery
- **Mandorah Ferry Terminal** – however the noticeboard was locked and no staff were on site.

A copy of the poster can be found at Appendix C.

Newsletter copy

Newsletter copy was developed and provided to stakeholders in the instance they would like to include information on the engagement in an upcoming newsletter. Newsletter copy was provided to:

- Litchfield Council
- Wagait Shire Council
- Belyuen Community Government Council
- Berry Springs Primary School.

A copy of the newsletter copy can be found at Appendix D.

FAQ

A detailed FAQ was developed to provide a deeper level of information about the project. The FAQ was available on the Core website and included information on:

- project overview and restart
- BP33 project
- Grants project
- environmental management
- community, culture and heritage
- employment and local opportunities
- transport and roads
- where to find more information.

A copy of the FAQ can be found at Appendix E.

Web page

Core's existing web page about the Finnis Lithium Project was updated ahead of the engagement. It included updating existing information based on the project's current status and adding information about the potential restart, referral and engagement. A copy of the fact sheet and FAQ were available on the web page.

Screenshots of the web page can be found at Appendix F.

PowerPoint presentation

A PowerPoint presentation was developed to use at stakeholder briefings. The presentation included information on:

- project overview and restart
- BP33 project
- Grants project
- environmental management
- community, culture and heritage
- employment and local opportunities
- transport and roads.

A copy of the PowerPoint presentation can be found at Appendix G.

Stakeholder emails and briefings

Stakeholder emails were sent to key stakeholders at the start of engagement on Wednesday 25 February. The email included key information, a copy of the fact sheet, information on the engagement and a request to provide a briefing. Further emails to an additional 33 stakeholders with key project information were sent on Tuesday 9 March.

A summary of the organisations that were contacted is provided below:

Stakeholder	Emailed	Offered briefing	Briefing held
Australian Government			
Member for Lingiari	✓		
Member for Solomon	✓		
Northern Territory Government			
Chief Minister	✓		
Deputy Chief Minister, Minister for Mining and Energy and Minister for Agriculture and Fisheries	✓		
Minister for Lands, Planning and Environment	✓		
Minister for Logistics and Infrastructure	✓		
Member for Daly	✓	✓*	
Opposition Leader	✓		
Department of Education	✓		
Department of Trade, Business and Asian Relations	✓		
Department of Agriculture and Fisheries	✓		
Department of Lands, Planning and Environment	✓		
Department of Logistics and Infrastructure	✓		
Department of Tourism and Hospitality	✓		
Department of Mines and Energy (Contacted by Core)	✓		
Office of the Territory Coordinator (Contacted by Core)	✓		
Power and Water	✓		
NT Fire and Emergency Services	✓		
Bushfires NT	✓		
Local government			
Litchfield Council	✓	✓	✓
Wagait Shire Council	✓	✓	✓
Belyuen Community Government Council	✓	✓	✓
City of Palmerston	✓		
Aboriginal groups			
Kenbi Rangers	✓	✓	
Northern Land Council	✓		
Larrakia Nation Aboriginal Corporation	✓		
Larrakia Development Corporation	✓		
Indigenous Women in Mining Resources Association	✓		
Aboriginal Investment NT	✓		
Industry associations and peak bodies			
Minerals Council of Australia, NT Division	✓		
Chamber of Commerce NT	✓		
Industry Capability Network NT	✓		
Tourism Top End	✓		

Stakeholder	Emailed	Offered briefing	Briefing held
NT Guided Fishing Industry Association	✓		
Community and environment groups			
Berry Springs Primary School	✓	✓	
Environment Centre NT	✓	✓	✓
St John Ambulance	✓		
Territory Wildlife Park	✓		
Amateur Fisherman's Association NT	✓		

All stakeholders who were offered a briefing were followed up by phone and email. True North contacted Berry Springs Primary school 6 times via phone and email to schedule a briefing. The final follow up coincided with when the area started to experience flash flooding which may have then impacted the school's capacity to engage. Kenbi Rangers were contacted 4 times throughout the engagement period and it wasn't possible to schedule a briefing prior to engagement concluding.

*The Member for Daly was offered a briefing late during the consultation after an electorate officer contacted True North. A meeting was not scheduled prior to this report being written which is likely due to extensive flooding within the Daly electorate.

Phone and email feedback line

True North's dedicated feedback lines were used during the engagement as a way for community members and stakeholders to ask questions and provide feedback:

- Phone – (08) 8981 6445
- Email – feedback@truenorthcomm.com.au.

Community information stalls

Two community information stalls were held during the engagement period. The stalls provided communities near the project with an opportunity to engage, ask questions and provide feedback.

The stall set up consisted of:

- a table set up in high foot traffic areas
- A1 corflutes displayed on easels showing:
 - project location
 - proposed intersection upgrade and slip lane
- A3 laminated maps showing:
 - project location
 - BP33 site layout
 - proposed intersection upgrade and slip lane
- fact sheets.

The stalls were manned by Core and True North representatives across 2 locations.

Freds Pass Rural Market

Freds Pass Rural Market was chosen as an alternative while the Berry Springs Market remained closed (due to open at the end of March). This market provided the broader rural area with an opportunity to engage. The stall was held in the morning to capture people during what was expected to be the busiest period.

- Date: Saturday 28 February 2026

- Time: 9:00am – 11:00am

Berry Springs Shopping Village

A stall was held mid morning to early afternoon at the Berry Springs Shopping Village with the intention of capturing locals doing their weekly shop ahead of a new week.

- Date: Sunday 1 March 2026
- Time: 11:00am – 1:00pm.

Wagait community meeting

Core was invited to attend an upcoming community meeting during a stakeholder briefing with Wagait Shire Council. The community meeting was not part of the initial engagement approach, however Core accepted the invitation.

The community meeting was held on Saturday 14 March 2026 at the Wagait Sports Ground. Around 42 community members attended the meeting along with 4 councillors and a small number of council staff (around 2-3 people).

A representative from Core presented using the PowerPoint presentation. The session was designed for questions to take place at the end, however community members took the opportunity to ask questions throughout. The session went for approximately 1 hour.

Outcomes

Results

The following outcomes were achieved throughout the engagement period:



Only a small number of briefings were held in line with the targeted engagement approach aimed at initial engagement with the most impacted stakeholders. All other stakeholders were invited to express their interest for a future briefing which would take place if and when the restart goes ahead.

The information stalls were quite well attended noting they occurred over a 2 hour period, including during poor weather conditions. Uptake of the option to provide feedback or ask questions via phone and email was low, with only 6 people choosing to make contact (the 7th person represented in the graphic above was a discussion when a poster was dropped off to a local business).

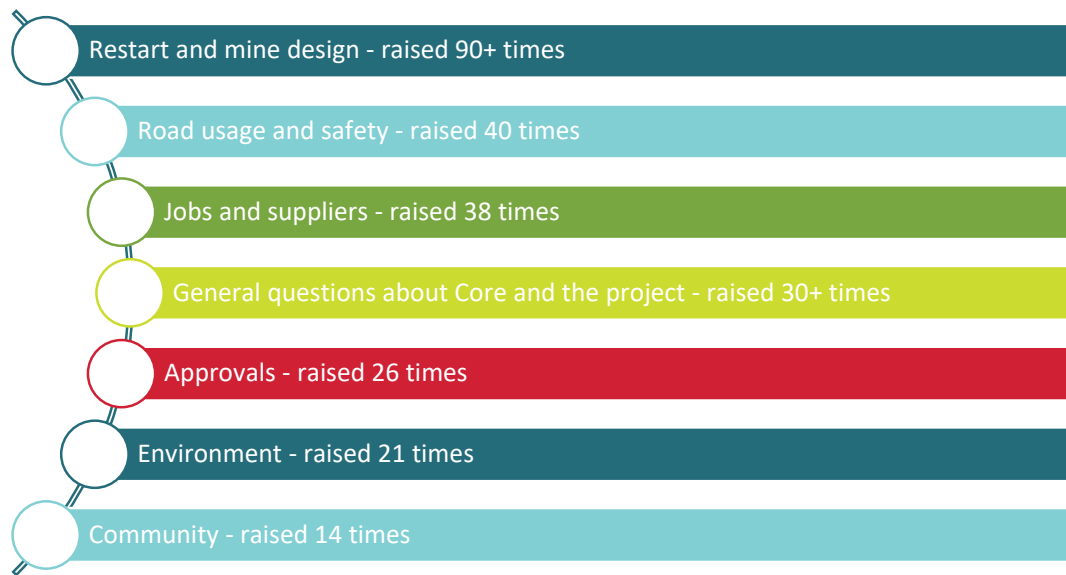
A small number of Berry Springs community members expressed concerns on social media about there not being enough opportunities to engage. This followed Wagait Shire Council posting on Facebook that Core would be attending an upcoming community meeting, causing Berry Springs community members to wonder why a community meeting wasn't held in their area. Social media activity also included commentary about road usage and condition. Whilst not a direct result of this engagement's activities, social media commentary from community members (where publicly available and accessible) has been captured in this report.

Feedback summary

Commentary and feedback during consultation was largely very positive with most stakeholders noting they're pleased to see the project is possibly going to restart. Almost every engagement included an interest and positive sentiment towards the **opportunity for local jobs**, with stakeholders responding well to the prospect of Core aiming to prioritise direct employment rather than contracting arrangements.

There was a moderate level of concern about the **condition of Cox Peninsula Road** which came from community members in Berry Springs and Wagait. Concerns were based on the communities' previous experience of road damage from the mine and the time it took for repairs and maintenance to be completed. Some people understood this is the responsibility of the NT Government Department of Logistics and Infrastructure, while others thought it was Core's responsibility. Concerns about road damage also subsequently led to concerns about road safety.

The following feedback themes were raised during the engagement period, listed from most common to least. The approximate number of times each theme came up represents the number of individual comments or questions (not the number of people who raised it). This provides a quantitative insight into what questions and comments came up the most, but does not represent what people provided the most feedback on. Feedback received is discussed further under each theme.



Restart and mine design

Questions and comments about the restart and mine design came up most frequently which is to be expected given this is the basis of the engagement. Whilst this theme was raised considerably more than others, it wasn't a key feedback point. These questions and comments were generally conversation starters, particularly at the 2 community information stalls.

Many people asked if the project was starting back up again, with a number specifically saying they're pleased. Comments to this effect included:

- "I thought this project was shut down, but it's good to see its opening again"
- "I'm looking forward to seeing what happens with this one"
- "Good luck with it, it's a good opportunity"
- "We're really happy that Core's restart will be a larger project for the Territory"
- "It's a shame that Core shut down and it's really good that you're restarting".

The depth of the BP33 mine was also raised, with a small number of people expressing positivity about the focus on underground mining, and others simply asking about the depth. This included:

- "Smart that you're going underground with this"
- "How far down does BP33 go?"
- "800m is a long way down"
- "Oh wow you're going underground now? 800m is a long way down"

No one expressed a negative view about the restart or new mine design within this feedback theme.

Road usage and safety

Road usage and/or road safety was a focal point during engagement. Stakeholders and community members asked questions about the number of trucks and damage to Cox Peninsula Road. When Core explained there would be around 35 road train movements between BP33 and Grants per day, most people acknowledged this was a lot but didn't necessarily raise concern, apart from people who attended the Wagait community meeting. The 6 round trips to the Darwin Port per day wasn't raised as an issue.

Concerns centred much more around degradation of the road, particularly during the wet season. People noted that when the mine was operating initially it took a long time for potholes to be fixed. This was the key topic of discussion at the Wagait community meeting, with attendees expressing a high level of concern. Around 2 meeting attendees felt strongly that Core should build a haul road within the project footprint between BP33 and Grants to redirect road trains off the main road. Attendees also didn't think taxpayers should be funding road repairs delivered by the NT Government as a result of damage caused by a mining company. Whilst the road condition was a strong theme at the community meeting and Berry Springs Shops community stall, it wasn't as strong of a concern during other engagements.

Comments and questions included:

- "How are you guys going to look after the road this time?"
- "Last time the big issue on the roads was people coming in from Palmerston. When they were running late they were racing down the roads and I heard a lot of people being forced off the road by these drivers"
- "Are you going to do anything about the windscreen damage this time?"
- "How will Core manage the road maintenance and are there any damages Core's trucks might cause?"
- "The roads in Berry Springs are in an appalling condition at the moment and you want to drive those great big trucks over them again? It's going to make things so much worse"
- "The road is more important to us than the mine"
- "Would it not be easier to put a haul road in so it doesn't disrupt the road?"
- "We had a lot of promises of good plans about trucks and roads, and once it's in play it's not maintained. I don't think there's a lot of confidence in this room."

Jobs and suppliers

Opportunities for local jobs and contracts was the most common theme where people provided feedback or showed sentiment towards the project. People want to see Core prioritise local jobs and were happy to hear that Core intends to employ more workers directly if the project is restarted rather than relying as heavily on contractors. A lot of people asked how to find out more about jobs, with some expressing interest in working at a local mine rather than having to do fly in fly out work.

Comments and questions included:

- "Are you looking to employ local people?"
- "How do you find out about jobs?"
- "What does your local employment percentage look like?"
- "I run an Indigenous business and we would be very interested in working with Core on this project"
- "That's good Core will focus on local staff, but there isn't a lot to go around at the moment, everyone has started heading to Brisbane to build the Olympics"
- "I'd like a job with Core and would like to send my resume"

- “It will be good if you restart, a lot of people lost their jobs a few years ago, it would be good for people to get them back”

One person relayed having a negative experience with Core’s previous employment processes but was pleased to hear Core would be prioritising direct employment opportunities over contracting arrangements if the project was restarted.

General questions about Core and the project

General comments and questions came up throughout the process about why the mine shut down previously, Core’s current share price, the current lithium price and who Core’s market is. Comments and questions included:

- “I thought the lithium price wasn’t fairing so well at the moment?”
- “Who is your market?”
- “Who do you supply to when you mine the lithium?”
- “What’s your rate of production per day?”.

Approvals

There were several questions about the approvals process, including some confusion about the process. Some people asked whether Core had finally gotten its EPA approvals, or whether approval had been granted from the Northern Land Council or Belyuen yet. Others were positive about the approval variation process, noting it seems like it will give the project a better chance of being approved.

A number of people were positive about the community stalls taking place, noting that they’d heard about a potential restart, so Core reestablishing a presence in the community and speaking to people is worthwhile.

A staff member from the Member for Daly phoned during the engagement period to relay concerns from Berry Springs community members about the engagement process. They asked why a community meeting hadn’t been set up in Berry Springs while one had been organised for Wagait. This person noted Berry Springs people are likely to be more impacted and that everyone should be getting the same amount of information and opportunity to engage. They also noted not knowing that the community stalls had been organised and suggested more advertising next time.

Comments and questions included:

- “Is your referral out at the moment?”
- “Have you finally got your EPA approvals?”
- “Have you got your approvals from the NLC and Belyuen?”
- “How did Core go with the approval for open pit mining?”
- “Is this being held up by funding or approvals?”
- “There’s been so many rumours swirling around, it’s good to be able to speak to someone and clear them up”

Environment

A number of questions or comments about the environment were raised, but the only recurring topic was water usage and management. Stakeholders asked where water would be coming from, and whether any groundwater usage would impact other water users in the area. People also wanted to know about discharge and whether water would pool in the underground mine and if so, how this would be managed.

Some people asked about mine closure and rehabilitation. When Core explained the Grants open pit would be repurposed for water storage people seemed supportive of this answer. People seemed satisfied about the idea of leaving behind a pit lake at the time of mine closure. One person noted they don't support mining in general.

Comments and questions included:

- “Do we want a mining project? Mining ruins our environment”
- “Is this going to damage our underground waterways?”
- “Does the underground mining have any effect on the aquifers?”
- “There’s a lot of water in Grants right now, how are you dealing with this?”
- “Are you collecting tailings at the site?”
- “What’s your waste rock dump capped with?”
- “Do you really believe that after 10 years of operation there will be no impact and you’ll be able to bring the area back to how it was?”

Community

A small number of people made comments about the restart being good for the community. Comments were general in nature and often referred to the Territory economy as a whole.

Comments included:

- Stakeholder said they are pleased to hear Core’s operation was starting back up as last time their business benefited from an increase in traffic travelling to and from the site
- Stakeholder said the restart is a good thing for the economy and the rural Darwin region
- “This project looks like a great thing. We own a business at these shops so it would be great to have more people passing through”
- “Mining can be a bit boom and bust but it’s good that this project is happening again”
- “The project is good for Darwin, we need projects like this to survive”.

Feedback by engagement method

Stakeholder briefings

Stakeholder	Summary of feedback
Wagait Shire Council	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wagait appreciated the briefing and didn't raise any significant issues or concerns. • Wagait did note a level of concern about Core's road usage and transportation process. • Wagait asked questions about Core's project operations, including duration, site operation, water management, power, waste management and prospective minerals that could be mined. • Wagait invited Core to attend the council's upcoming community meeting on 14 March.
Litchfield Shire Council	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Litchfield appreciated the briefing and didn't particularly express a negative or positive position on the project. • Litchfield's questions focused on mine closure and rehabilitation, waste management, road usage and job numbers. • It was flagged with Litchfield in the briefing that Core has recently sold a stockpile of ore from the Grants site which is due to be hauled via road trains to the port in March. Core noted

Stakeholder	Summary of feedback
	this is separate to the restart and referral, and Litchfield suggested clear communication about this to the community would be important.
Belyuen Community Government Council	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Belyuen was positive towards the employment opportunities Core's restarted project could bring. • Belyuen would like to work with Core to provide services to the project rather than Core employing Belyuen community members directly to improve distribution of income and benefits across the community. • Belyuen spoke about creating generational wealth for the community and would like Core to consider the option of co-developing industries within the community to provide longer lasting opportunities for community members.
Environment Centre NT (ECNT)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ECNT noted it would engage with the process to the level and extent their resourcing will allow, noting the centre has other projects they're more concerned about. • ECNT explained the referral would be reviewed and any submission from the Centre would focus on making recommendations about improving environmental outcomes where possible if they're able to source the expertise on this. • ECNT noted it is not majorly concerned.

Community information stalls

Stall	Detail	Feedback
Freds Pass Rural Market Saturday 28 February	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 21 attendees • 7 fact sheets taken 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Many attendees didn't take a fact sheet but said they would be interested in finding out more and were directed to Core's website. • People were generally positive about Core's project restart and saw particular benefit in jobs and economic growth for Darwin and the rural area from the extended mine life. • Many people noted they were pleased to see the project progressing again and were positive about the proposed mine life extension. • Several people commented that projects like this are important for the NT economy and described the restart as a positive development for the region. • People were interested and positive towards the focus on underground mining over open-pit mining. • People asked questions about the mine design. • Many people asked about job and contracting opportunities for themselves or a family member. • Several people said they previously worked for Core and would be interested in opportunities if the project restarts. • People asked about when jobs would be advertised and if mining experience would be required.

Stall	Detail	Feedback
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • People responded positively to Core’s intention to prioritise a local workforce and minimise reliance on fly in fly out workers. • One person mentioned labour shortages are affecting many NT businesses and suggested this may present recruitment challenges for Core. • No major environmental concerns were raised. Some stakeholders asked about water use and what will happen to the open pit at Grants. People responded positively to the pit’s future use as water storage. • The use of existing infrastructure and reduced surface disturbance associated with underground mining were also viewed favourably. • A small number of people asked about the mine’s proximity to Berry Springs and changes to the road haulage and route schedule.
<p>Berry Springs Shopping Village</p> <p>Sunday 1 March</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 16 attendees • 11 fact sheets taken 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • People were largely very supportive of the project because of its potential to bring jobs to the local community. • People were interested to know whether the project was definitely restarting and if so, when. • Employment was one of the strongest positive themes raised with most people supportive of local job creation as part of the restart. • Many people asked if Core will employ locals and how they could find out about available roles. • The site’s proximity to residential areas such as Tumbling Waters was seen as highly attractive, with several people noting that a short daily commute is preferable to FIFO. • One person who previously worked for Core raised concerns about previous recruitment processes but was pleased to hear a recruitment company would be engaged to support a fairer hiring process with a focus on direct employment moving forward. • Some people asked about Indigenous employment opportunities, with one person who owns an Indigenous owned environmental consultancy being interested in working on the project. • Road impacts were a particularly strong feedback theme, with people raising concerns about road conditions, windscreen damage, speeding and road maintenance. • People were pleased to hear Core would work with NTG regarding road maintenance, but many remained sceptical based on their previous experience with the project and road maintenance in general.

Stall	Detail	Feedback
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Some people expressed scepticism about the safety of mining and concerns about the impacts of Core's road use. • Environmental concerns were a significant feedback theme, particularly underground water use, groundwater levels at Grants and long term rehabilitation outcomes. • Most stakeholders were satisfied with explanations provided regarding water management and impacts of underground mining, however one person expressed strong scepticism about the environmental impacts. This person referenced experience with a fracking project where they believed impacts had been misrepresented and rehabilitation commitments not fulfilled.

General feedback

Stakeholder	Method	Feedback
Berry Springs business owner	In person discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A poster was dropped to a Berry Springs business to advertise the community stalls. • The business owner said they think underground mining is a better open than open pit due to the weather. • The business owner asked about water management, noting being aware of some issues previously. • The business owner asked why the mine shut down previously and had general discussions about Core's share price and the price of lithium. • The business owner said they were happy to hear the project might be back on the table as it would mean more business for them, noting they had a lot more people coming by when the mine was operating previously.
Community member	Email	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A community member sent an email saying they are looking to find local employment and whether there are opportunities at Core.
Community member	Phone call	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A community member called to ask if the restart was really happening. • This person worked for Core previously and would love to come back. They had worked on the processing plan and knew of others they'd worked with who would also like to come back.
Community member	Phone call	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community member called and said they are an engineer who would be interested in getting a job with Core. • This person said it would be good if the project restarts because a lot of people lost their jobs when the project closed a few years ago.

Stakeholder	Method	Feedback
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> They asked why a variation was required if Core already had approvals.
Electorate office from Local Member's office	Phone call	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The officer called after seeing a post on Facebook that Core is attending a Wagait community meeting. The officer asked why Core wasn't holding a meeting for Berry Springs community members who would be more impacted. They said they had no idea community stalls were taking place and asked how they were advertised. The officer expressed that people in Berry Springs should be given more information as they largely don't know what's going on. The officer is monitoring a number of Facebook posts where people were looking for more information. Impacts to the roads when Core was previously in operation was raised and noted that the roads are currently in a poor state. Community members are concerned about more damage to the roads if the project were to restart.
Electorate Officer for Member for Solomon	Email	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Responded to an email sent with project information expressing interest in a future briefing.
Community member	Phone call	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The community member has submitted an expression of interest for job opportunities via the Core website and hasn't heard anything back. The community member said they have heard a lot of talk about Core in the community and wanted to make sure her interest in a job had gone through.

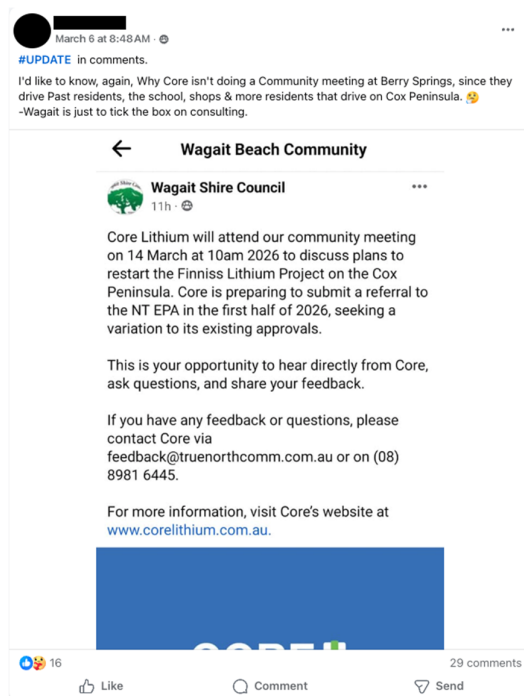
Wagait community meeting

Detail	Feedback
4 councillors 42 community members (approximately)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Community members noted strong levels of concern about damage caused to Cox Peninsula Road as a result of the restart. This was based on previous experience where community members noted the road conditions being poor and taking a long time to be repaired. Damage to the road was also linked to subsequent concerns about road safety. One community member asked why a haul road isn't being built internally within the project footprint between BP33 and Grants to avoid so many road train movements along the public road. This person insisted this should be prioritised, especially given Core is already planning to build a water pipeline between the sites. A second person strongly agreed with this. People mentioned hearing promises about the road the before the mine started operating the first time that weren't fulfilled

Detail	Feedback
	<p>and now there’s a sense of mistrust in the community and low level of confidence.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community members don’t think taxpayers should be paying the bill for road maintenance as a result of damage caused by a mining company. • Attendees expressed a desire for Council to be involved in attending meetings between Core and NTG to discuss road maintenance. • Ultimately community members said the road is more important to them than the mine. • Some community members asked about water usage and management including potential discharge to the harbour and how aquifers would be impacted. • After the meeting finished, 2 people came up to Core representatives to express their interest in a job or contracting opportunity. • Council indicated at this meeting that they intend to make a submission on the referral once it’s on public exhibition.

Social media commentary


Two posts were made in the Berry Springs and Darwin River Community Facebook group during consultation.



The first was a post from a concerned community member wondering why Core wasn’t doing a community meeting in Berry Springs. The post attracted 29 comments, all of which were negative and about roads and consultation. Comments included:

- “Hopefully they do something about the road, it’s atrocious [at the moment]”
- “I hope they put some cash into fixing the roads once the road trains start again”
- “My only issue is [Cox Peninsula Road], it’s not built well enough for road trains, they tear it [expletive] using it all the time... Core Lithium should be making upgrades... to accommodate their trucks or at the very least be contributing substantially to road upgrades in the area”
- “What the heck!!! They drive THROUGH BERRY SPRINGS not Wagait”
- “It’s just a box tick, not really consulting with those directly affected”

The second post was from a person enquiring about employment opportunities. The post had 15 comments which included a second person asking about where to find a job, 2 people referring to the engagement period (suggesting the person attend a market stall, and the other posting a photo of the poster) and other comments with misinformation about the project.

 **Berry Springs And Darwin River Community**
Anonymous member · March 2 at 1:52 PM · 🌐

Hi All,

I'm seeking any updates regarding the reopening timeline for the Core Lithium Finnis Project.

I'm particularly interested in any information around upcoming employment opportunities on site.

If anyone has recent insights or can point me in the right direction, I would greatly appreciate it.

Thank you!

👍 5 15 comments

Comments included:

- “They had a stall at Freds Pass markets on Sat, might be worth dropping in there to find out more”
 - “This [referring to the poster] is on the notice board at Darwin River shops”
- “Ya changing it so [Core] can mine for gold and the rest”
 - “They reopening?”

Appendix

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Finniss Lithium Project

Restart study and BP33 approvals variation

Core Lithium (Core) is preparing for a restart of its Finniss Lithium Project on the Cox Peninsula.

If restarted, the project would have a longer life by extending the BP33 underground mine deeper which requires a variation to existing environmental approvals. Core is planning to submit a referral seeking a variation to existing approvals to the Northern Territory Environment Protection Authority (NT EPA) in the first half of 2026.

Project overview

Core is the 100 per cent owner of the Finniss Lithium Project, a hard-rock lithium project on the Cox Peninsula in the Northern Territory.

The project is located approximately 23km south of Darwin (as the crow flies) and 33km west of Berry Springs. By road, it's 88km to the Darwin Port.

Finniss is made up of several high-grade lithium deposits, including Grants and BP33. The project is the only lithium development in the NT and includes mining, on-site processing of lithium ore and road transport of lithium concentrate to Darwin Port for export.



Pause and restart of operations

Mining at Finniss was paused in January 2024 in response to global lithium market conditions with processing operations placed in care and maintenance in mid-2024.

Core used this period to reassess its mine design, sequencing and operating strategy to ensure the future long-term viability of the project. Core has since completed a restart study, which confirms Finniss can operate as a lower-cost, more resilient project. A financing process for a possible restart is underway.

A key driver for restarting the Finniss Lithium Project is an increase in the reserve size and mine life of BP33. Core has increased the minable reserve through exploration drilling, with a proposed mine depth of 850 metres, giving a mine life extension to approximately 10 years.

Changes to the depth and mine life of BP33 require variations to existing environmental approvals. The variation will also include approval to continue processing BP33 ore at the Grants processing facility.

The approvals process provides a formal opportunity for community and stakeholder input.

BP33 project

BP33 is an underground mine that forms part of the Finnis Lithium Operation. BP33 is located approximately 2.5km south-west of Cox Peninsula Road and 3.5km from the Grants processing facility.

In 2022 Core received environmental approvals for BP33 as an underground mine with a depth of 320 metres.

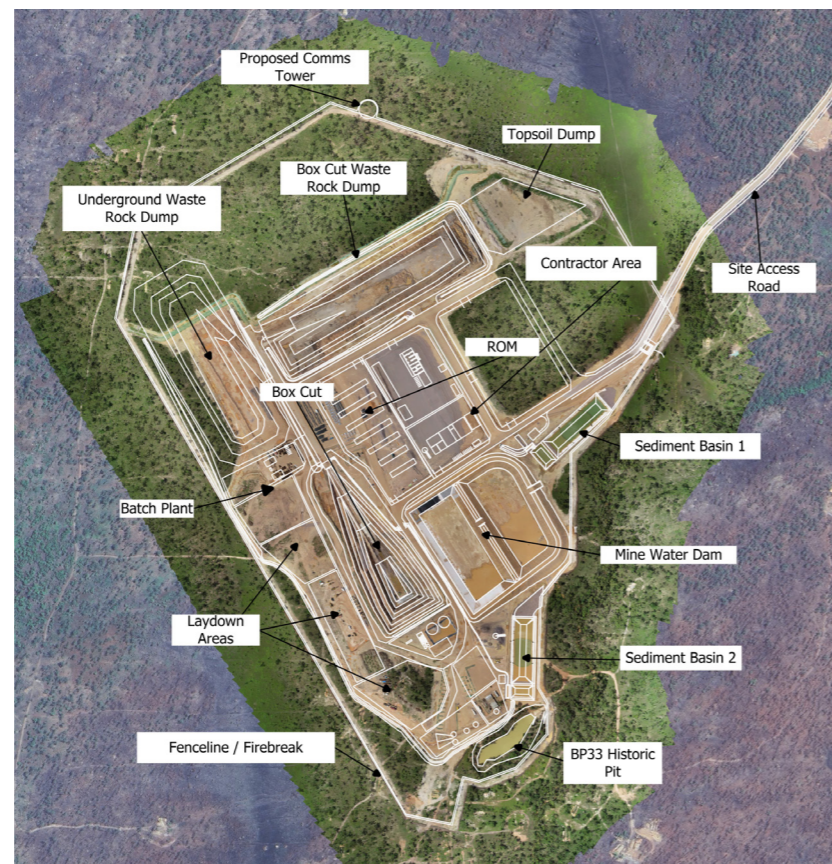
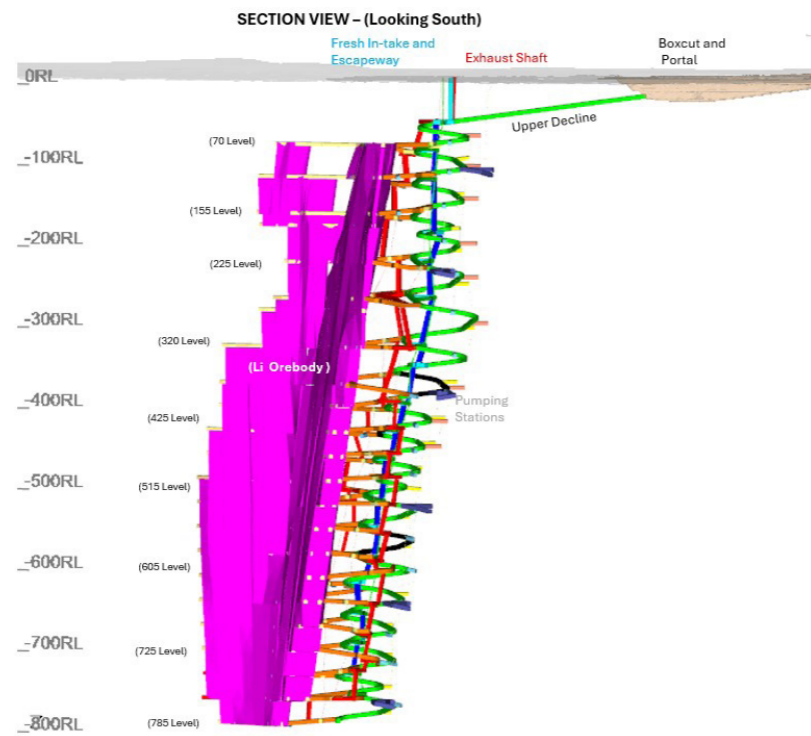
Construction of the mine started in 2023 with excavation of the box cut and installation of mine water dams. Work stopped in 2024 when operations at the Finnis Lithium Project were paused.

It is proposed that the project will now feature an 850-metre deep underground mine extending, the mine life from around 3–4 years to approximately 10 years.

Mining at BP33 will be undertaken entirely underground, accessed via a spiral decline.

A key feature of the proposed BP33 underground mine is the introduction of a paste backfill system. Waste material from the processing facility at Grants will be mixed with cement to form a paste that is pumped back underground to fill mined-out voids.

The paste backfill system redirects waste from tailing dams and increases the geotechnical stability of the underground mine.



Grants project

Grants is an existing, approved component of the Finnis Lithium Project.

It includes an open pit mine, waste rock dump, ore stockpiles and established processing infrastructure.

Mining at Grants was approved in 2019, with an extension granted in 2020 to allow processing of BP33 ore.

Planning work is underway to examine the option of recommencing mining at Grants to extract the remaining reserves of 0.8 to 1.0 Mt of ore. This will occur over a 12–18 month period.

It is proposed that once mining is complete, the open pit will be repurposed for water storage.

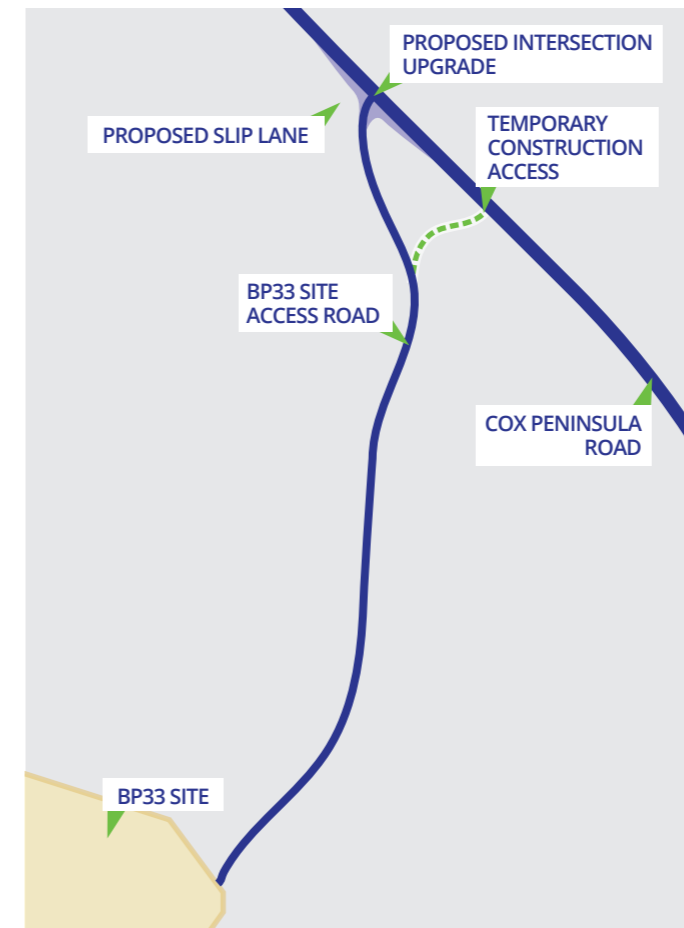
Grants would then become a central water management and processing hub for the Finnis region. Repurposing the open pit mine will improve water security during the dry season and increase capacity to manage extreme wet season events.

Existing processing infrastructure at Grants would continue to be used to process BP33 ore for 10 – 12 years, reducing the need for new disturbance.

Road use and transport

Road transport is an important part of the Finnis Lithium Operation restart.

The proposed operating plan is for ore from BP33 to be transported by haul trucks along a 3.5km section of Cox Peninsula Road to the Grants processing facility. Waste material from processing would be returned to BP33 using the same trucks for use in the paste backfill system.



The haulage fleet would consist of quad road trains, with an average of 30–35 loads completed per day between BP33 and Grants.

It is proposed that site access to BP33 would be relocated 450m west to improve visibility and traffic safety. Core is also proposing a new slip lane at the BP33 turn-off on Cox Peninsula Road to allow safe right-hand turns.

Lithium concentrate produced at Grants would be transported approximately 88km to Darwin Port via Cox Peninsula Road, Stuart Highway and Tiger Brennan Drive.

It is proposed that concentrate haulage will use quad road trains, completing an average of 6 return trips per day during daylight hours only. Transport would continue to avoid Berry Springs school pick-up and drop-off times, in line with previous operating practices.

KEY	
	EXISTING ROAD
	SLIP LANE
	TEMPORARY ACCESS ROAD
	BP33 SITE

Employment and community

Core is proud to be part of the Darwin community and hopes to be a long-term partner of the Northern Territory. Core is committed to identifying genuine opportunities to contribute enduring benefits to the local community as part of its restart.

The Finnis Lithium Project will continue to source employees from the local community where possible and no accommodation camp will be built as part of the restart, with workers able to travel to and from site for their shift.

Core wants to maximise local jobs and business contracts and will encourage its head contractors to use local businesses. Any specialist FIFO staff will stay in local accommodation and travel to and from the mine site.

Core remains committed to maximising opportunities for Aboriginal employment and contracting opportunities. Core will encourage its head contractors to provide as many opportunities to Aboriginal people and organisations as possible.

Approvals and consultation

Core is now engaging with stakeholders and the community as part of its plans for the project restart and approvals variation.

Communication and engagement with the community will be ongoing, starting with upcoming opportunities in February and March before the BP33 referral is submitted.

Should a restart proceed, Core will provide regular project updates throughout the life of the project.



Environment and heritage

There is a recorded Aboriginal archaeological site in the north-west corner of the mining lease. This site is protected under the NT Heritage Act but is outside the disturbance footprint and will not be impacted by mining operations.

There are no further cultural and heritage studies anticipated as part of the variation to existing approvals or as part of the restart.

Core has established a Mine Closure and Rehabilitation Plan which will be updated in line with the approvals variation.

Closure and rehabilitation

When mining at the site is finished, all mining infrastructure will be removed and the areas will be rehabilitated as per the Mine Closure Plan.

Core paid a security bond to the Northern Territory Government. This will be reviewed as part of the mining Environment License to incorporate any changes to disturbance (e.g. increased mining depth). The bond will not be returned until the rehabilitation criteria are met.

From Wednesday 25 February to Friday 13 March, the community can ask questions and provide feedback on Core's restart by:

- > Calling (08) 8981 6445
- > Emailing feedback@truenorthcomm.com.au
- > Or visiting a community information stand:

Freds Pass Rural Market

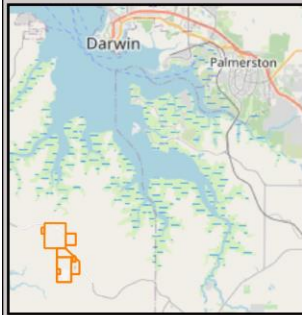
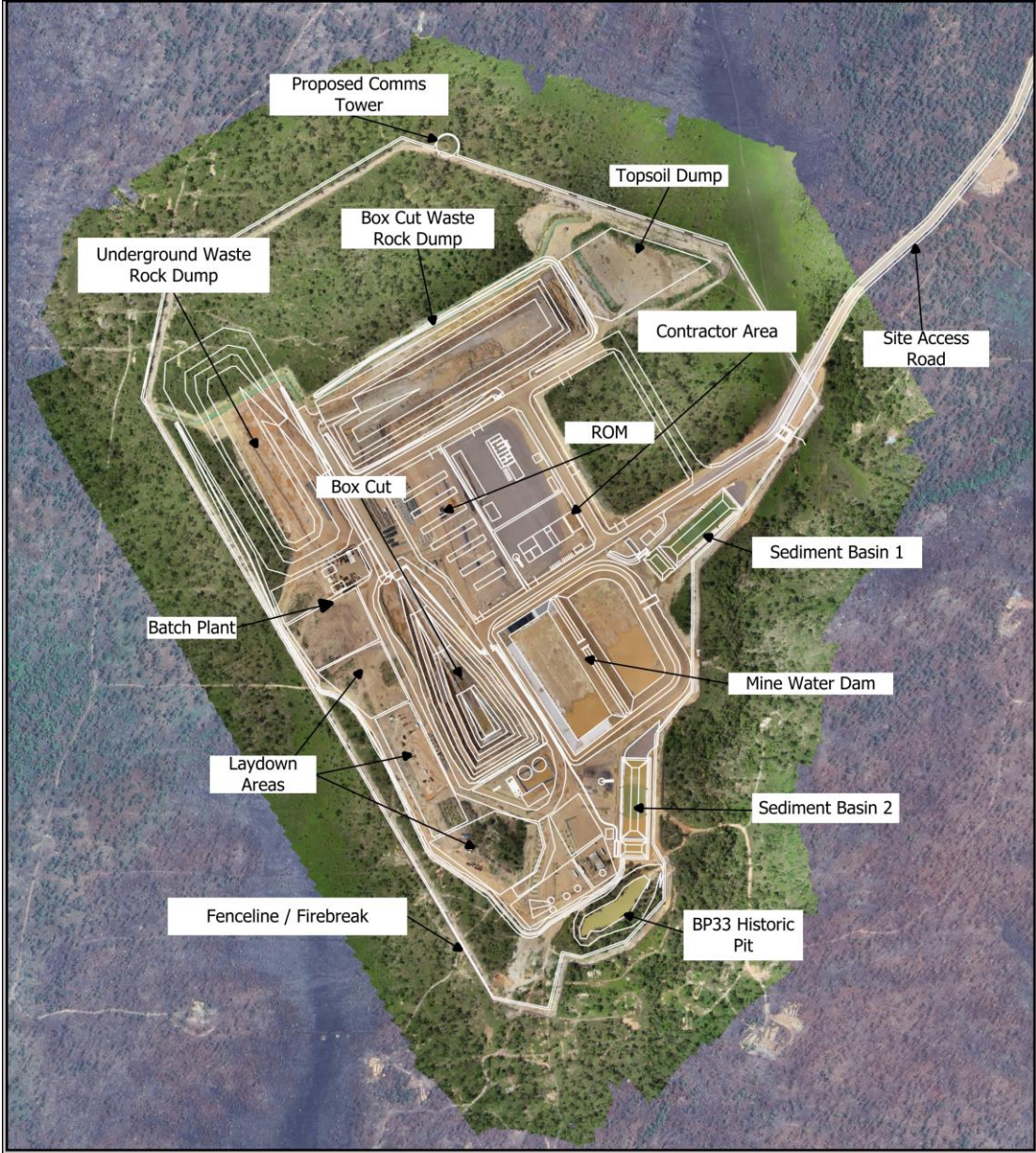
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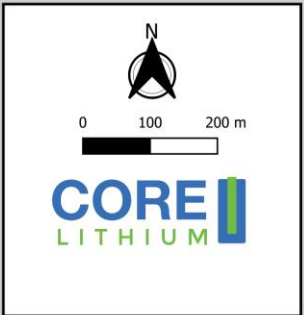
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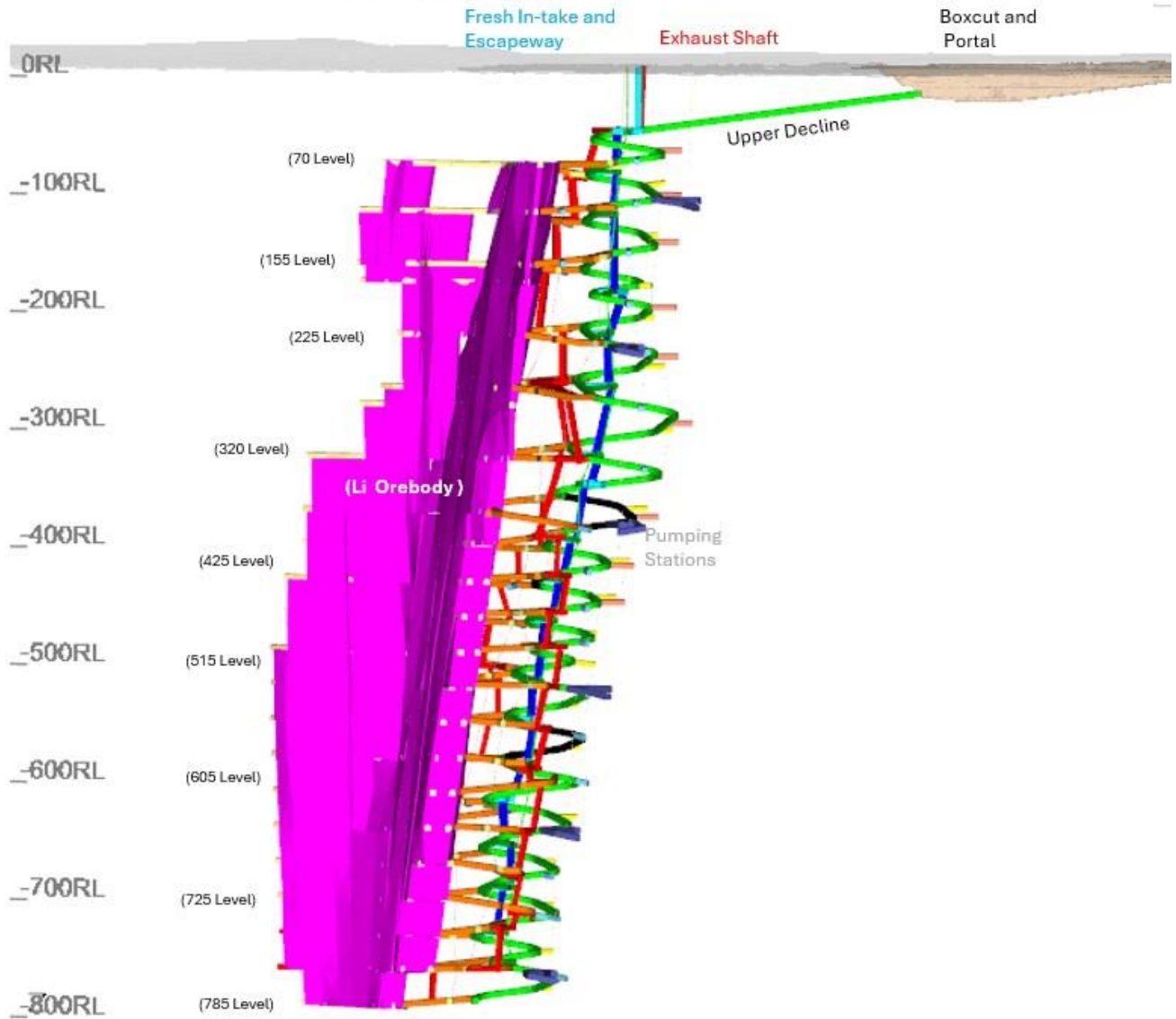


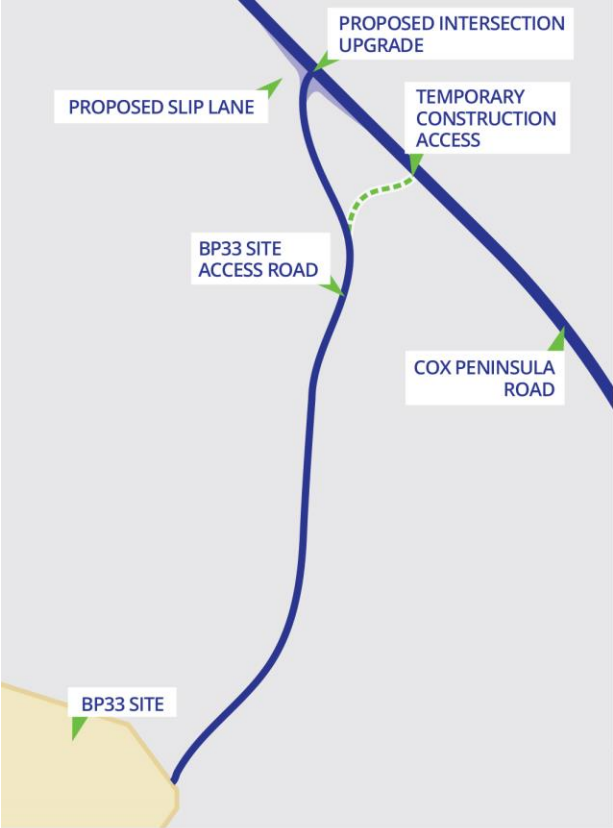
BP33 Site Infrastructure

BP33 Underground Mine - Cox Peninsula Road, Northern Territory




SECTION VIEW - (Looking South)





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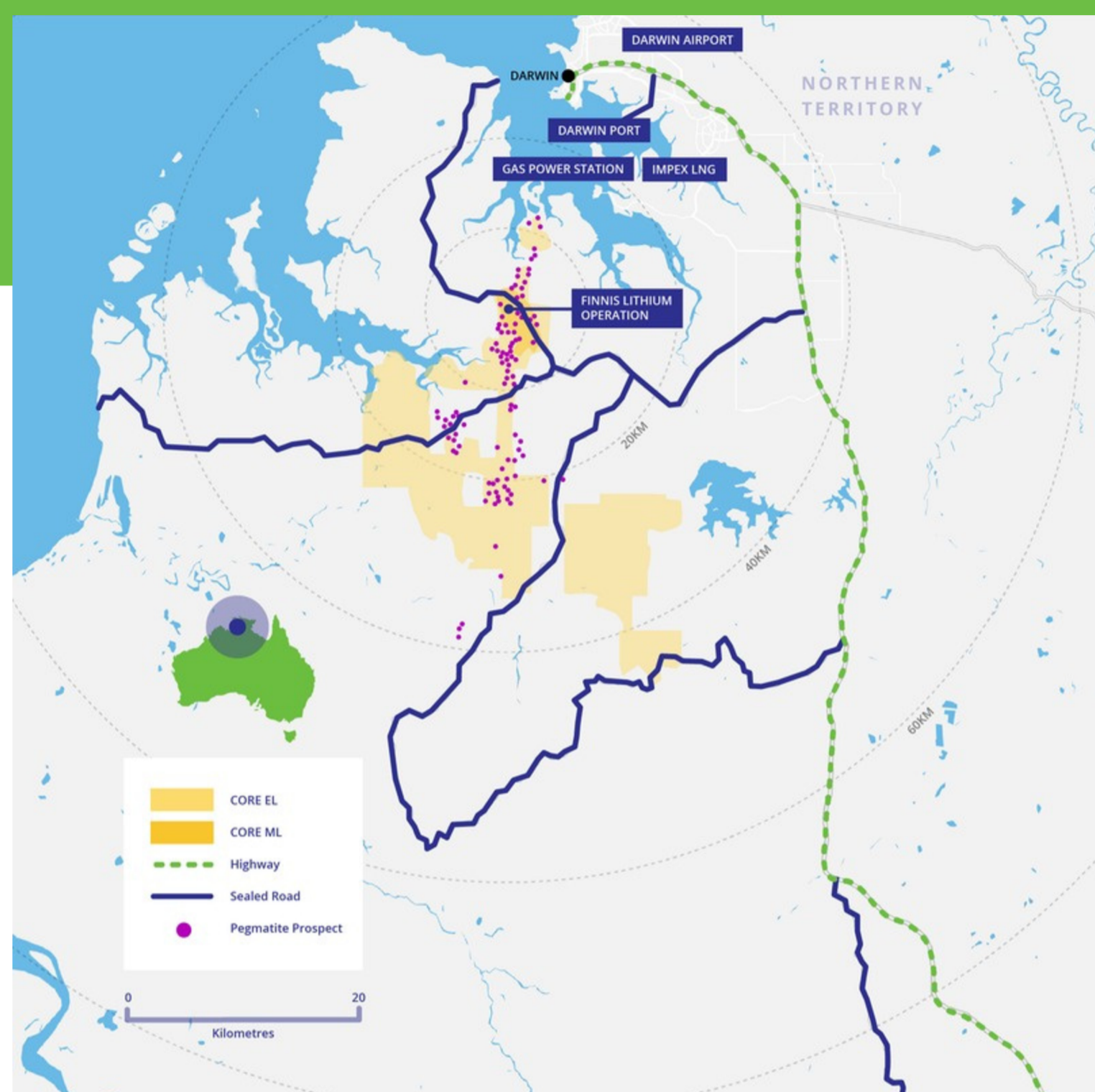
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CORE LITHIUM Finniss Lithium Project

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Core is planning to submit a referral seeking a variation to existing approvals to the Northern Territory Environment Protection Authority (NT EPA) in the first half of 2026.



More information

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- > Email feedback@truenorthcomm.com.au
- > Visit CoreLithium.com.au

Community information stalls

Find out more, ask questions and provide feedback at an upcoming information stall.

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9am to 11am

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Appendix D - Newsletter

Core Lithium – newsletter (for Council newsletters)

February 2026

Finniss Lithium Project restart

Core Lithium is preparing for a restart to its Finniss Lithium Project on the Cox Peninsula.

If restarted, the project would have a longer life by extending the BP33 underground mine deeper which requires a variation to existing environmental approvals. The proposed depth would be increased to 850-metres and would extend the mine life from around 3-4 years to approximately 10 years. Mining would take place entirely underground via a spiral decline.

Core is planning to submit a referral seeking a variation to existing approvals to the Northern Territory Environment Protection Authority (NT EPA) in the first half of 2026 and is re-engaging with stakeholders and the community as part of the referral process.

Consultation is open from Wednesday 25 February 2026 to Friday 13 March 2026.

Representatives from Core are hosting 2 community information stalls to answer questions, provide updates and listen to feedback:

- **Freds Pass Rural Market**
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If you have any feedback or questions, please contact us via feedback@truenorthcomm.com.au or on (08) 8981 6445.

For more detailed information about the restart and upcoming developments, please visit our website at www.corelithium.com.au.

Appendix E - FAQ

Finniss Lithium Project – community FAQ

Project overview and restart

Why was mining paused at Finniss?

Mining at Finniss was paused in early 2024 in response to global lithium market conditions. Core has since reassessed its mine design and operating strategy to ensure the project's long-term viability and is preparing for a restart of the project.

When will the Finniss Lithium Project start operating again?

The Core Lithium Board will decide if the project restarts. Core is engaging with the community and stakeholders before submitting a referral for variation to BP33's approvals in the first half of 2026.

What will be the different about the Finniss Lithium Project if it is restarted?

The proposed restart is similar to the previous operation. The main change would be a move from open pit mining at Grants to underground mining at BP33. The revised strategy would support a longer mine life of approximately 10–12 years, using existing infrastructure and a transition to underground mining.

What does the restart involve?

The restart would involve recommencing mining at Grants to extract remaining ore, transitioning to underground mining at BP33, and using existing processing infrastructure at Grants to process BP33 ore for 10–12 years.

How long will the project operate?

The revised strategy proposes and supports an extended mine life of approximately 10–12 years.

What approvals are required for the restart?

Core is submitting a referral to the NT EPA to vary existing environmental approvals for BP33, reflecting the proposed increased mine depth and extended mine life. This process also includes approval to continue processing BP33 ore at the Grants facility.

BP33 project

What has changed at BP33?

Core discovered additional minable reserves at BP33 which is a key driver for the proposed Finniss Lithium Project restart. Under the revised plan mining would now take place to a depth of approximately 850 metres with an extended mine life of approximately 10 years.

If restarted, a key feature of the proposed BP33 underground mine is the introduction of a paste backfill system. Waste material from the processing facility at Grants would be mixed to form a paste that is pumped back underground to fill mined-out voids.

The paste backfill system redirects waste from tailing dams to increase the geotechnical stability of the underground mine.

What is the mining process at BP33?

Mining at BP33 is proposed to be entirely underground, accessed via a spiral decline. Long hole open stoping would be used to extract the ore while mined voids would be backfilled using a paste backfill system.

Is underground mining dangerous?

The proposed changes to BP33 have been designed with safety in mind. The paste backfill system provides structural support and improves underground stability. Core's updated mine design and operating strategy are focused on safety and long-term viability.

How deep will BP33 be mined?

The proposed mine depth is approximately 850 metres.

How much land will BP33 use?

BP33 is located on unincorporated land and would use a minimal surface footprint. Current environmental approvals for the site allow for 100.9 hectares of surface disturbance and Core expects the restarted project would stay within this same footprint.

There are no planned changes to the existing surface disturbance at Grants, as existing processing infrastructure is proposed to be used, reducing the need for additional land disturbance.

Grants project

What happens to the Grants project as part of the restart?

If restarted, mining would recommence at Grants to extract the remaining ore over 12–18 months. It's proposed that once mining is complete, the open pit would be repurposed for water storage and become a central hub for water management and processing in the Finniss region.

Will new infrastructure be built at Grants?

Yes, as part of the restart Core is proposing to incorporate new infrastructure within the existing Grants processing facility footprint. New infrastructure would include:

- a reflux classification circuit
- a wet high intensity magnetic circuit
- an additional phase of dense media separation

New infrastructure would help recover more product and reduce waste. The Grants processing facility would process ore from BP33 for the next 10-12 years.

Environmental Management

How will Core manage environmental impacts?

Core has a Mine Closure and Rehabilitation Plan, which will be updated as part of the approvals variation.

How will waste and water be managed?

Core has a successful track record of managing water at the Finniss Lithium Project. As part of the restart water management would be enhanced at Grants, with the repurposed open pit providing storage for dry season water security and extreme wet season events. The paste backfill system proposed to be used as part of BP33 mining would return fine waste underground, reducing surface waste storage.

What happens when mining finishes?

All mining infrastructure would be removed and the areas rehabilitated according to Core's Mine Closure and Rehabilitation Plan.

Will Core monitor environmental impacts over time?

Yes. Core will comply with all environmental approvals and regularly update authorities.

Community, culture and heritage

Will BP33 operate on Indigenous land?

The Finnis Lithium Project operates on unincorporated land. As part of previous studies, a recorded Aboriginal archaeological site was found in the north-west corner of the mining lease. This site is protected under the NT Heritage Act, outside the disturbance footprint and will not be impacted by mining.

How will Core engage with local and Aboriginal communities?

Should a restart proceed, Core is committed to ongoing engagement with stakeholders and the community. The BP33 referral process provides formal opportunities for community input, and Core will prioritise Aboriginal employment and encourage head contractors to provide employment and contracting opportunities for Aboriginal people and organisations if the restart goes ahead.

How will the project benefit the local community?

Core aims to be a long-term partner in the Northern Territory and will identify genuine opportunities to contribute enduring community benefits, including local jobs and business contracts if the restart goes ahead.

How will Core manage cultural heritage sites?

The recorded Aboriginal site within the mining lease will remain protected and outside the mining disturbance footprint. No further cultural or heritage studies are anticipated as part of the proposed restart.

Employment and local opportunities

What job opportunities does Core offer?

Core would continue to source its workforce locally where possible, including for BP33. If the project restarts, Core will encourage head contractors to use local businesses and provide Aboriginal employment opportunities.

Will Core hire locally?

Yes. Core aims to maximise local jobs and business contracts.

Why isn't there on-site accommodation for workers?

There is no accommodation camp at Finnis. Workers would travel to and from the site, with specialist FIFO staff staying in local accommodation.

Will there be opportunities for Aboriginal employment and contracting?

Yes. If the project restarts, Core would be committed to maximising Aboriginal employment through direct employment and using Aboriginal contracting organisations. Core would also encourage head contractors to provide as many opportunities as possible.

Transport and roads

How will ore and concentrate be transported?

If restarted, ore from BP33 would travel 3.5 km to Grants for processing, then lithium concentrate would be transported approximately 88 km to Darwin Port via Cox Peninsula Road, Stuart Highway and Tiger Brennan Drive.

How many trucks will be on the road each day?

Core proposes BP33 ore haulage to involve 40 return trips per day between BP33 and Grants. Concentrate haulage to Darwin Port would involve an average of 6 return trips per day.

Will truck haulage affect local traffic or schools?

Core is proposing that concentrate haulage would occur during daylight hours only and continue to avoid Berry Springs school pick-up and drop-off times.

How will Core ensure road safety?

Core is proposing to implement its previous traffic management plan to ensure all road safety risks are considered. In addition, a new slip lane would be created at the BP33 turn-off and site access would be relocated 450 metres west to improve visibility and safety for drivers and the community.

Will roads need to be upgraded for the mine?

If the restart goes ahead, Core is proposing to make road safety improvements, including a new slip lane and relocated site access. No major upgrades would be required.

More information

Will there be regular updates about the project?

Yes. Should a restart proceed, Core is committed to ongoing engagement and providing regular project updates throughout the life of the Finniss Lithium Project.

For more information, visit corelithium.com.au/assets/finniss-lithium-operation.

Appendix F – Web page



Finniss Lithium Operation

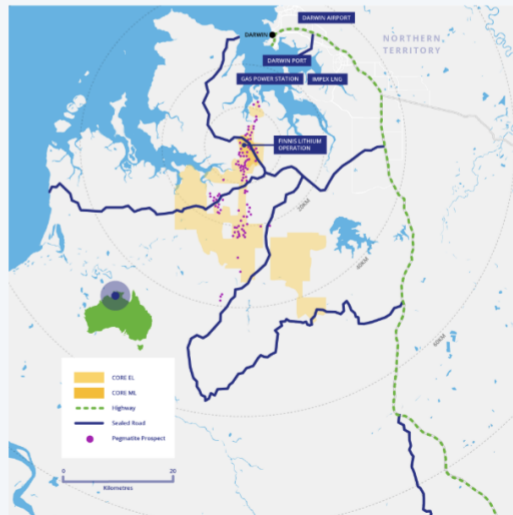
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Mine Type
Underground and Open-pit

Operation Location
88km south of Darwin Port by sealed road, Northern Territory

Project Tenement Size
More than 500km²



Overview

The Finniss Lithium Project includes mining, processing and export of high-grade lithium ore used in the manufacturing of batteries for electric vehicles and energy storage. The project includes the Grants and BP33 deposits.

Mining at Finniss was paused in January 2024 in response to global lithium market conditions. Core is now preparing for a restart which confirms Finniss can operate as a lower-cost, more resilient project.

If restarted, the revised strategy supports an extended mine life of approximately 10 to 12 years, using existing infrastructure and a transition to underground mining which underpins the long term viability of the project.

The proposed restart would be similar to Core's previous operation but changes focus from open pit mining at Grants to underground mining at BP33.

For more information:

- Read the [Finniss Lithium Project restart study factsheet](#).
- Read the [frequently asked questions](#).

Project history

Core acquired its first landholding in the Bynoe pegmatite field in 2016 and made the first discovery at Finnis shortly after the Grant's deposit. In mid-2017, Core published Finnis' maiden Mineral Resource Estimate.

In less than 6 years since the maiden Mineral Resource, Core advanced Finnis through a Final Investment Decision, and commenced mining at the Grants pit.

Works to develop BP33 commenced in 2023 but were paused in 2024. Both the BP33 and Grants sites have been in care and maintenance since mid-2024.

Grants project

The Grants Project forms part of the Finnis Lithium Project and commenced operations in late 2022.

It includes an open pit mine, waste rock dump, ore stockpiles, and established processing infrastructure.

Mining at Grants was approved in 2019, with an extension granted in 2020 to allow processing of BP33 ore.

Planning work is underway and proposes to recommence mining at Grants to extract the remaining reserves of 0.8 to 1.0 Mt of ore. This would occur over a 12–18 month period and once mining is complete, the open pit would be repurposed for water storage. Grants would then become a central water management and processing hub for the Finnis region.

Repurposing the open pit mine would improve water security during the dry season and increase capacity to manage extreme wet season events.

BP33 project

BP33 is an underground mine that forms a key part of the Finnis Lithium Project. It's located 2.5 km south-west of Cox Peninsula Road and 3.5 km from the Grants processing facility.

If Core's planned project restart goes ahead BP33 would have a longer life by extending the BP33 underground mine deeper which requires a variation to existing environmental approvals. The proposed depth would be increased to 850-metres and would extend the mine life from around 3-4 years to approximately 10 years. Mining would take place entirely underground via a spiral decline.

The proposed increase in reserve and mine life would improve the long-term economic viability of the project by increasing the efficiency and long-term use of BP33 infrastructure.

Current Approvals

The proposed changes to the depth and mine life of BP33 require variations to existing environmental approvals. As part of the plans to restart the Finnis Lithium Project, Core plans to submit a referral to the NT Environment Protection Authority in the first half of 2026.

You can provide feedback about the proposal from Wednesday 25 February 2026 to Friday 13 March 2026 by:

Attending a community information stand

- Date: Saturday, 28 February 2026
- Location: Freds Pass Rural Market
- Time: 9:00 am to 11:00 am

- Date: Sunday, 1 March 2026
- Location: Berry Springs Shops
- Time: 11:00 am to 1:00 pm

Or by contacting

Phone: (08) 8981 6445

Email: feedback@truenorthcomm.com.au

Appendix G - Presentation



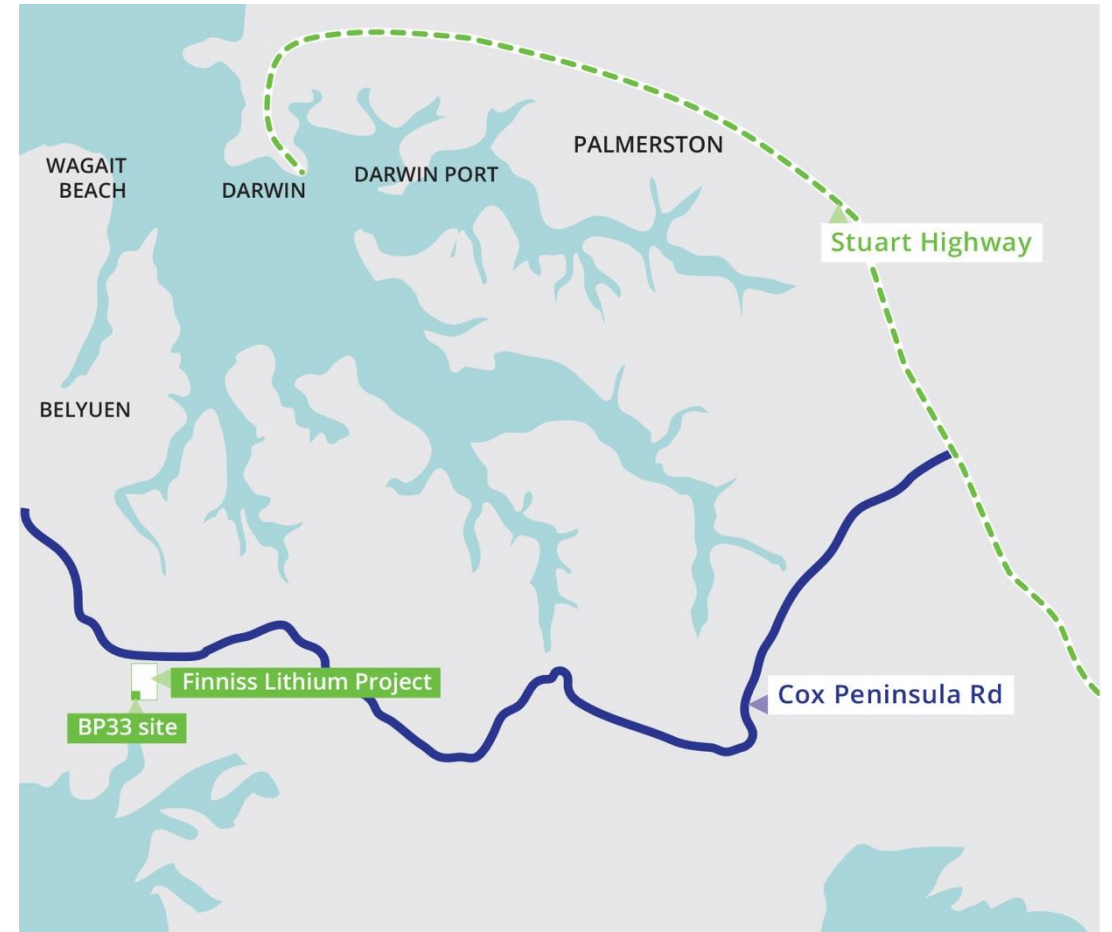
BRIEFING PRESENTATION

Project restart and BP33 approval variation

Finniss Lithium Project

Overview

- 100% owned by Core Lithium
- Lithium project on the Cox Peninsula, NT
- 25 km south of Darwin as the crow flies or 88km by sealed road to the Darwin Port
- High-grade deposits including Grants and BP33
- Mining, on-site processing and export via Darwin Port



Finniss Lithium Project

Pause and restart

- Paused in 2024 in response to global lithium market conditions
- Restart study confirms long term viability as lower cost and more resilient project (proposed)
- Proposed revised operating strategy focussed on underground mining at BP33

Grants project

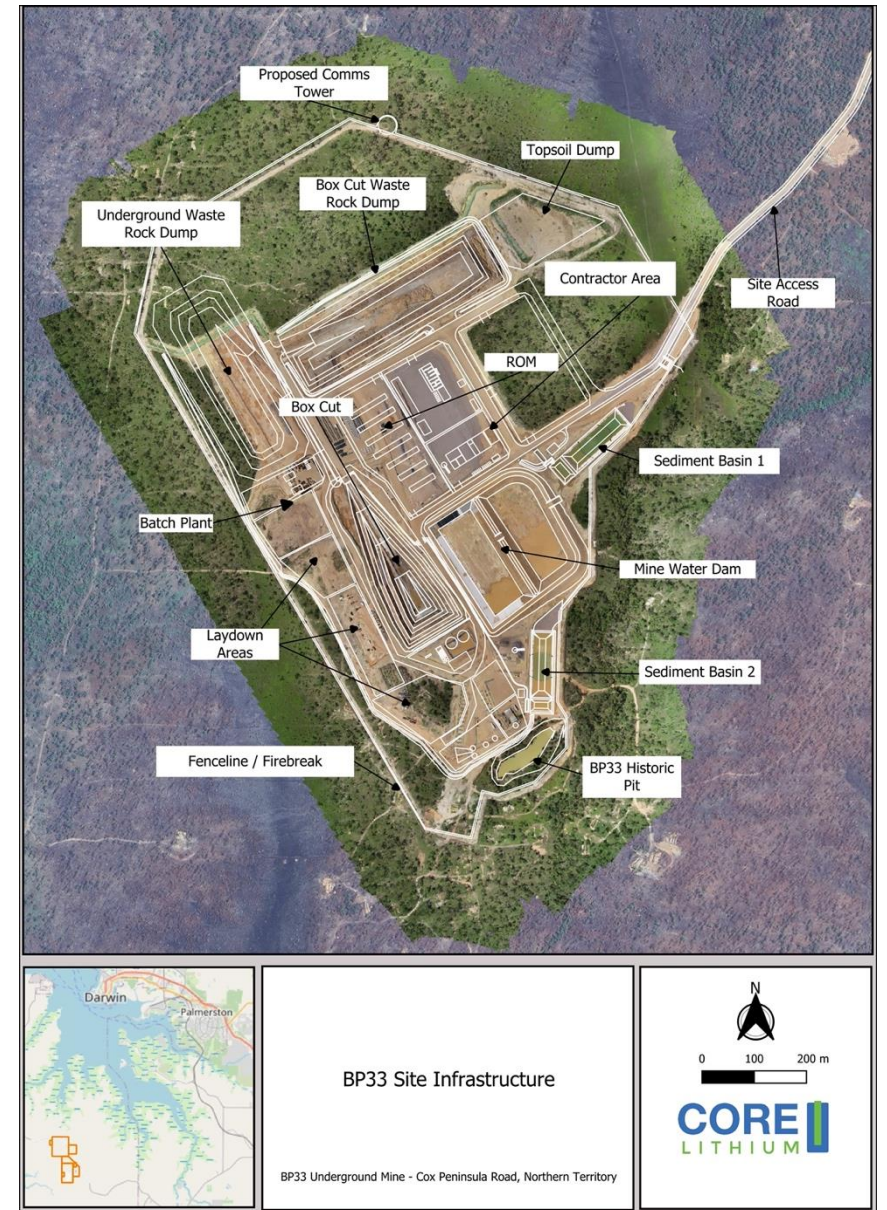
Overview

- Existing, approved component of Finniss
- Open pit, waste rock dump, stockpiles, processing plant
- Approved in 2019 (extension in 2020)
- Proposed 12–18 month campaign to extract remaining ore
- Open pit would be repurposed for water storage
- Possible central water management and processing hub

BP33 project

Overview

- Underground mine
- 3.5 km from Grants processing facility
- Located on unincorporated land
- Not connected to mains power, water or sewage
- Closest community: Belyuen



BP33 project

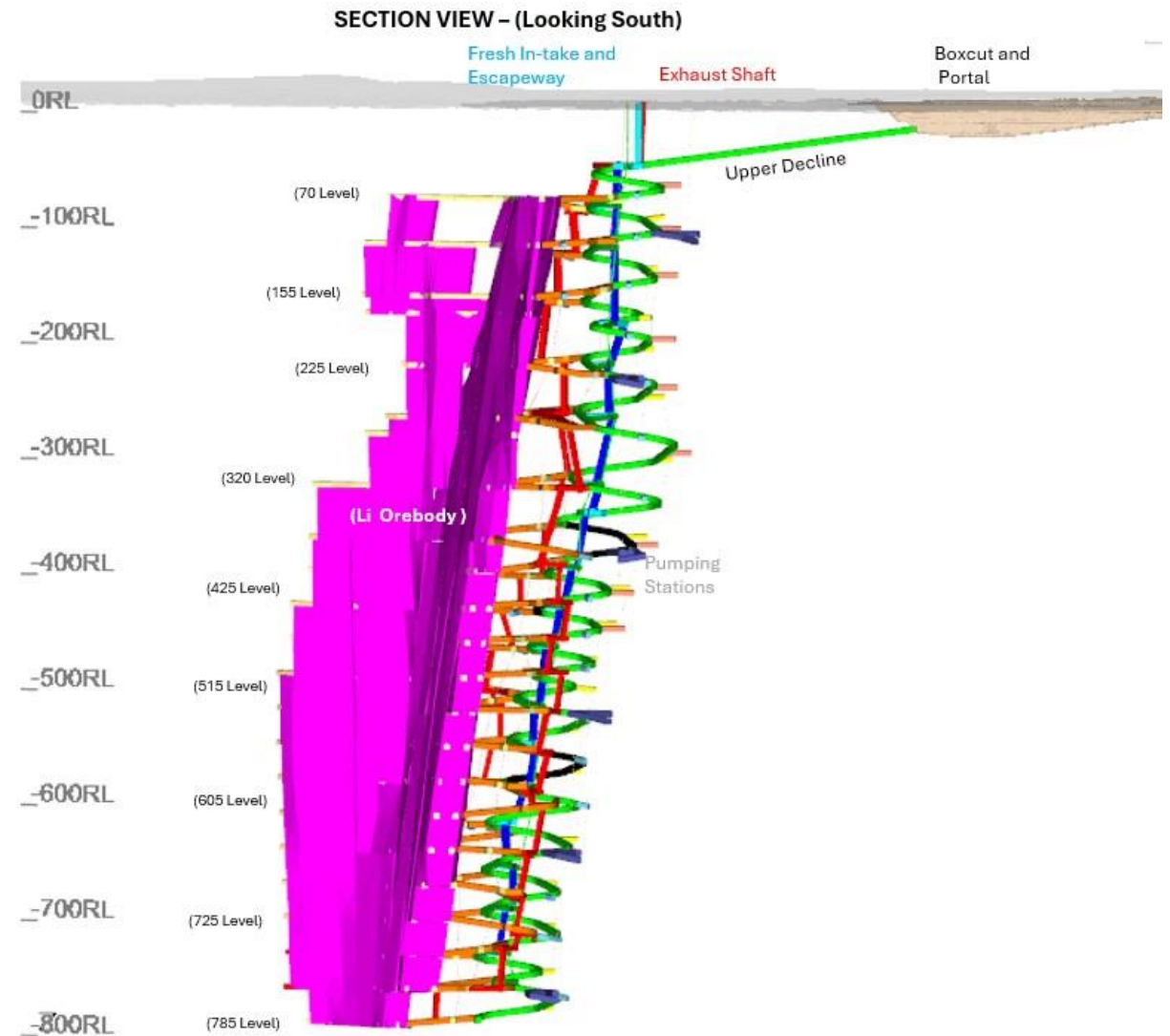
Proposed changes to approvals

- Originally approved to 320 m depth (2022)
- Construction commenced in 2023
- Proposed depth now 850 m
- Mine life proposed to be extended to 10 years
- Referral to NT EPA first half of 2026

BP33 Project

Proposed mining process

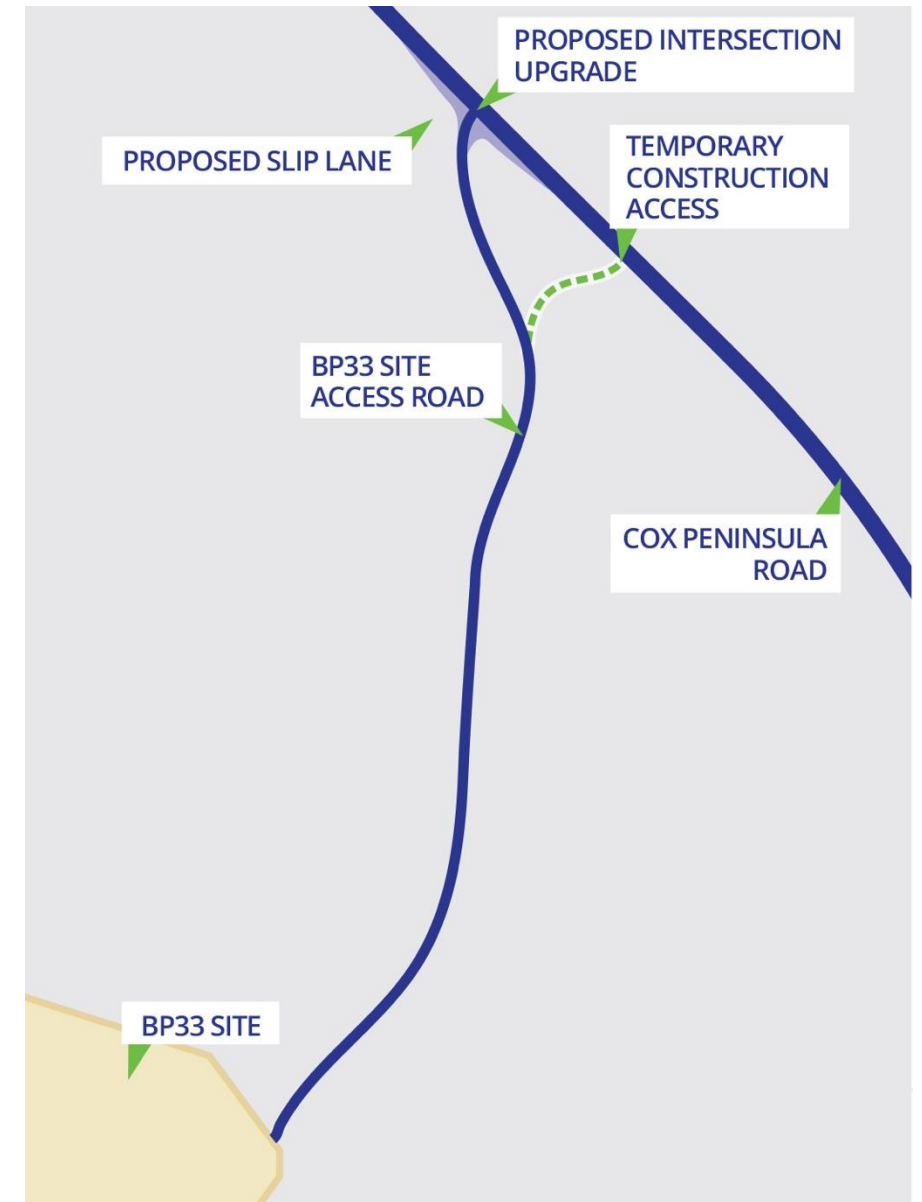
- Entirely underground operation
- Access via spiral decline
- Paste backfill system introduced
- Improved underground stability
- Reduced surface waste storage



Roads

Proposed usage and transport

- Averaging 35 quad road train loads per day (BP33 to Grants)
- Waste returned underground via paste backfill
- New slip lane at BP33 turn-off
- Site access relocated 450 m west
- Concentrate to Darwin Port (daylight only)
- Avoids Berry Springs school times



Community

Employment and community benefits

- Local workforce would be prioritised
- No on-site accommodation camp
- Support for local businesses
- Commitment to Aboriginal employment and contracting
- Long-term partner in the Northern Territory
- Focus on enduring community benefits

Environment

Cultural heritage and closure planning

- Recorded Aboriginal archaeological site protected
- Outside disturbance footprint
- No anticipated additional heritage studies
- Mine Closure and Rehabilitation Plan in place
- Infrastructure removed and land rehabilitated at closure
- Security bond held by NT Government

Consultation and engagement

- Ongoing engagement with stakeholders
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- **Community information stands**

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Questions?