



AUSTRALIAN MINING CITIES ALLIANCE

2023-24 Annual Report



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Introduction

Australian Mining Cities Alliance Pty Ltd (AMCA) is a collaboration between five iconic mining cities;

- City of Kalgoorlie-Boulder
- City of Broken Hill
- Mt Isa City Council
- Isaac Regional Council
- City of Karratha

AMCA has reviewed its membership strategy and policy and will invite eleven other Councils to join the Alliance during the next twelve months.

Communities of mining cities across Australia face various shared challenges and opportunities.


AMCA exists to consider and address issues and to progress the economic development and social and economic sustainability of mining cities across Australia.

Vision

To improve the economic, social and environmental standards and sustainability for mining cities and regions.

Mission

The attainment of this Vision will be driven by;

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1. Devising, implementing and promoting policy that enables mining cities and regions to create sustainable futures through transitional diversification in the resources sector and other industries.
 2. Strong and credible advocacy based on sound research.
 3. Building and maintaining healthy working relationships with other decision-makers.
 4. Ensuring it presents as a united collaboration holding a clear and consistent position.
 5. Maintaining an active public/media profile.
 6. Intervening boldly where required.

Chair's Message



The Board has overseen changes to its membership following elections in Queensland and Western Australia.

Our former Chair, Phil Barwick, Deputy Chair, Cr Anne Baker, Mayor John Bowler, and Cr Peter Long were either unsuccessful with their election or did not seek election from their respect. I thank them for their valuable contribution to the development of the work undertaken by AMCA while they represented the organisation.

We welcomed me, Mayor Glenn Wilson, Cr Peta MacRae, Cr Kelly Vea Vea, Cr Jim Hickey, Deputy Mayor Broken Hill City Council, and Cr Glenn, Mayor City of Karratha, onto the AMCA Board. Following elections at the 3rd May meeting, I was fortunate to be elected Chair while Cr Hickey was elected Deputy Chair

The Board has maintained working relationships with key Government and Opposition decision-makers and essential bodies such as the Minerals Council of Australia and the Australian Local Government Association.

AMCA has made submissions to the Commonwealth Government on critical Minerals list, held meetings with the Net Zero Economy Agency

In doing its work, AMCA has also employed social and mainstream media to spread messages with regular, thought-provoking news releases. The media has responded well by giving AMCA its voice.



The Hon Susan McDonald, Shadow Minister for Resources, Shadow Minister for Northern Australia,



Minerals Council of Australia

The AMCA has also continued to foster constructive working relationships with the Minerals Council of Australia and has developed a collaborative understanding of each other.

Improving our social media presence was a primary focus of 2023/24. A new website, <https://amca.org.au/> was developed and launched. AMCA developed a marketing strategy, and increasing our membership base will be a priority.

We were fortunate to be hosted by Mount Isa City Council and the City of Kalgoorlie-Boulder during 23/24. I thank those councils for organising impressive tours that enabled Board members to examine the impact of mining on the fabric of their respective communities.

I also sincerely thank my Deputy Chair, Jim Hickey, and our fellow Directors for their support and valuable contributions to AMCA's development and work over the last year.

I look forward to the continued collective influence that ACMA can bring in 2023-24.

I want to thank our executive officer, Gavin Cator, and our treasurer, Simone Cruickshank, for their efforts over the last 12 months. I look forward to their continued positive contribution in the next six months.



NSR Tour of the Superpit

ACMA now focuses on the sustainability of mining communities facing the implications of global climate change policies and other major influences, such as the growth of critical mineral mining.

We also continue to foster our relationships with the Commonwealth Government and key stakeholders.

Australian Mining Cities Alliance Chair

Mayor Glenn Wilson

(City of Kalgoorlie-Boulder)

Governance and Management

The following are the Board of AMCA Directors.



(left to right) Chair, Mayor Glenn Wilson, City of Kalgoorlie-Boulder, Cr Peta MacRae, Mayor Mount Isa City Council, Cr Kelly Vea Vea, Mayor Isaac Regional Council, Cr Jim Hickey, Deputy Mayor Broken Hill City Council, Cr Daniel Scott Mayor City of Karratha

The following are members of the **Operational Committee**.



(left to right) Andrew Brien (CEO City of Kalgoorlie-Boulder), Virginia Miltrup (CEO City of Karratha), Jay Nankivell (GM Broken Hill City Council), Tim Rose (Company Secretary & CEO Mount Isa City Council), Ken Goldthorp (CEO Isaac Regional Council)



2023/24 Officers (left to right) and Executive Officer Gavin Cator and Treasurer, Simone Cruickshank

The Board also adopted the following strategic documents.

- Rolling Advocacy Plan
- Marketing Strategy

The Board appointed an independent auditor at its 2023 Annual General Meeting.

Advocacy

In relation to the explicit campaign assertions, the following table summarises the known current status.

Issue	Position	Known Current Status
Transitioning Mining Communities' sustainability - National Net Zero Authority and Net Zero Economy Agency	<p>AMCA seeks appropriate government and industry commitments to engage with mining communities and their Councils to promote collaborative and meaningful planning and investment in their sustainable outlook.</p> <p>The development and operation of the National Net Zero Authority will be the focus of AMCA advocacy.</p> <p>AMCA seeks to understand the practical outlook for engagement with the Authority and offers to assist it in connecting with mining communities.</p> <p>AMCA believes that Local Government, and particularly those Councils potentially impacted the greatest, should have a seat at the table</p>	<p>The government announced the National Net Zero Economy Agency on 1 May 2023.</p> <p>AMCA had a meeting with the Agency via Teams on the 17th of August.</p> <p>Attempts were being made for a delegation to meet with the agency during the</p>

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<p>Transitioning Mining Communities' sustainability - funding</p>	<p>To meaningfully commit to the proper transformation of communities affected by global decarbonisation edicts, AMCA contends that the Commonwealth Government must commit sufficient funding to the budget and forward estimates to ensure the sustainability of affected communities and their workers, residents, and support industries. An explicit component of the \$1.9b Powering the Regions Fund should be available to the local governments of affected mining communities for transformation planning.</p>	<p>The Government allocated \$1.3 billion over five years from 2022–23, up from the \$1.9 billion provided in the 2022–23 October Budget, to support the decarbonisation of existing industries, develop new clean energy industries, and support sovereign manufacturing capacity essential to the energy transition.</p>
<p>Housing market failures</p>	<p>AMCA believes that housing supply and pricing characteristics in mining communities are beyond the control of standard market conventions (supply-demand), and this sometimes requires government intervention.</p>	<p>Not explicitly acknowledged by the government.</p>
<p>Affordable housing supply</p>	<p>AMCA requests that the Commonwealth Government critically review constraints within its National Housing Financing Investment Commission (NHFIC) grants to expand opportunities to assist local governments in mining communities in providing affordable housing.</p> <p>This aligns with the government's October 2022 Budget commitment to broaden the remit of the National Housing Infrastructure Facility to directly support new social and affordable housing in addition to financing critical housing infrastructure, with no financial impact, as announced at the Jobs and Skills Summit.</p>	<p>2024/25 Budget</p>

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2013 Cancer of the Bush FIFO Inquiry	<p>AMCA calls on the Commonwealth and State Governments to implement the dormant recommendations of the various studies, particularly recommendations 1, 2, and 18</p>	<p>Not explicitly acknowledged by the government.</p>
Critical Minerals Strategy	<p>AMCA advocates that all governments collaborate to ensure Australia is well-placed to meet the global demand for minerals required for alternative energy generation.</p> <p>AMCA advocates that Australia's future will be impacted vastly more by global value chain implications on coal and iron ore than by other listed critical minerals.</p>	<p>Not explicitly acknowledged by the government.</p>

Deliverables

The following table sets out the deliverables (as formally adopted by the Board at its meeting on 19 September 2023) and provides a concise description of the status as of 30th June 2024;

Deliverables Target	Status as of 30 June 2024
<p>Implement the AMCA Rolling Advocacy Plan. This work is to include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Six monthly reviews of the Advocacy Plan priorities. b) Facilitating meetings with relevant politicians to discuss high-priority AMCA advocacy issues. c) Writing letters to relevant politicians outlining AMCA's position on high-priority advocacy issues. d) Other incidental work associated with advancing the AMCA Rolling Advocacy Plan. 	<p>The Board reviewed and adopted the advocacy priorities at its 19th September meeting.</p> <p>Delegations were arranged to meet with Hon Kristy McBain MP, Minister for Regional Development, Local Government and the Territories, and Hon Madeleine King MP, Minister for Resources and Northern Australia, Senator Susan McDonald Senior Advisors to the Prime Minister and meetings with the CEO and Directors of the Mineral Council of Australia during the ALGA National Congress to be held on the 2nd to 4th July 2024</p>
<p>Prepare and issue three news releases.</p>	<p>Two press releases were prepared for 'The New Leadership of AMCA and the Glencore Mine closure.</p>
<p>Facilitate and coordinate an AMCA Canberra advocacy trip for the purposes of advocacy.</p>	<p>A delegation to Canberra was arranged to coincide with the ALGA National Congress to be held on the 2nd to 4th July 2024</p>
<p>Maintaining working relationships with relevant organisations (e.g. Minerals Council of Australia and Australian Local Government Association).</p>	<p>Regular meetings were held with the Minerals Council of Australia. No meetings were held with the Australian Local Government Association</p>
<p>Prepare two submissions to Government on issues that are relevant to the AMCA Rolling Advocacy Plan</p>	<p>Submission prepared regarding Critical Minerals</p>

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Facilitate two Board Meetings.	Board meetings were held on <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 19 September 2023 • 12th December 2023 • 3rd May 2024
Facilitate three Operational Committee meetings.	Operational Committee meetings were held on <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 7th August 2023 • 10th April • 12th June 2024
Maintenance of website and social media sites and update content as required (not including site development).	A new website has been developed and launched. Posts in Facebook and LinkedIn as required.