

## KGL Resources Social Impact Assessment

True North travelled hundreds of kilometres and met with residents from nearby Indigenous communities, businesses, pastoralists and industry representatives to investigate the social impacts of a proposed mine in Central Australia for KGL Resources' environmental approvals process.

### Project

KGL Resources is an Australian mineral exploration company focused on developing its copper, zinc and lead mine at its Jervois Base Metal Project in the Northern Territory, which had been granted Major Project Status by the Northern Territory Government.

The Northern Territory Environment Protection Authority (NT EPA) determined that the project required formal assessment at the level of an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS), which included the requirement for a Social Impact Assessment (SIA).

The proposal for the Jervois Base Metal Project, 380 kilometres north-east of Alice Springs, included an open-cut base metals mine and associated mine infrastructure, processing plant, tailings storage facility, water supply borefield and pipeline, water dams and an accommodation village. It involved transporting mined ore via the Plenty and Stuart Highways to Alice Springs for rail transport to Adelaide and Darwin.

True North was engaged to prepare the Social Impact Assessment to assess the possible positive and negative social and cultural impacts the project could have on people and surrounding communities, based on consultation with those potentially affected by the project.



### Challenges

We considered the project could have social impacts across a vast distance due to the location of the mine, transporting the mined product and using Alice Springs as the main supply and service centre. This meant consulting with people in Darwin, Alice Springs, nearby pastoralists, specific Indigenous communities across the region and businesses and landholders in the area. The vast distances and the need to coordinate availability for face-to-face consultation presented a challenge but one we were able to navigate successfully through careful planning, ongoing communication and a flexible approach.

### Outcome

Our team designed and implemented a comprehensive consultation process that informed the SIA and built a strong understanding of the potential impacts the project could have on the surrounding area and communities.

The EIS and SIA were submitted to the Northern Territory Environment Protection Authority (NT EPA), which has assessed the project and recommended the Northern Territory Government approve the Jervois Base Metal Project.

With more than 10 years experience working on projects in Central Australia, True North has gained extensive local knowledge and contacts in the region, which proved invaluable during this project.

We visited communities, had face-to-face meetings with individuals and groups and listened to people's concerns and aspirations. Through this in-depth consultation process we developed a robust assessment of the likely social impacts of the project. Feedback from the community helped identify how to minimise the potential negative impacts and maximise the positive impacts of the project.

