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Executive summary

On 4 February 2026, the Shire of Katanning hosted a Social Impact Management and Opportunities Briefing for Ausgold's Katanning Gold Project, with representatives of Katanning community and Ausgold. Social performance specialists from WSP Australia Limited attended as briefing facilitators. This Outcomes Report aims to form a record of ongoing community consultation about the Katanning Gold Project.

The briefing formed the first in a planned series of consultation activities for 2026 associated with the Katanning Gold Project. It provided a structured forum for participants to receive information about the project, share local knowledge, raise concerns, and provide feedback on Ausgold's approach to managing potential social and economic impacts.

The briefing focused on six priority impact areas identified through previous consultation, including workforce accommodation and housing, economy and business, transport and traffic, community services and utilities, Southern Noongar cultural heritage management, and operational environmental impacts such as noise and dust.

Overall, participants generally supported the proposed mitigation approaches and emphasised the importance of coordinated planning, clear communication, and ongoing engagement to optimise community benefits and reduce, avoid or manage potential negative impacts.

Feedback from the session will inform the ongoing development of social impact management measures and future consultation activities.



Figure ES.1 Image: Briefing session

1 Briefing background

1.1 Purpose of the briefing

On 4 February 2026, the Shire of Katanning hosted an invitation-only briefing about Ausgold's Katanning Gold Project as the first in a planned series of stakeholder consultation activities in 2026. The 3-hour session was facilitated by two social performance specialists from professional consultancy firm, WSP Australia Limited (WSP), and was held in Katanning at the Premier Mill Hotel.

The purpose of the briefing was to provide a structured forum for invited representatives to share local knowledge and perspectives, particularly in relation to potential impacts and opportunities relating to the Katanning Gold Project.

The briefing also enabled participants to provide feedback on Ausgold's approach as the company progresses technical and feasibility studies, impact management planning, and regulatory and development approvals. As part of social impact management, community consultation is essential to enabling informed decision-making by Ausgold and, where relevant, the Shire.

1.1.1 Briefing information

The Shire issued an electronic copy of a pre-briefing information pack to invitees explaining the objectives of the briefing, agenda and responses to frequently asked questions relating to social impact management.

Table 1.1 Briefing information

Item	Summary
Time and Date	9:00am to 12:00pm, Wednesday, 4 February 2026.
Venue	Power Station Room, Premier Mill Hotel (Corner of Clive Street and Austral Terrace, Katanning)

Item	Summary
Facilitators	WSP - Alison Carter and Luke Duff
Hosts	Shire of Katanning – President, Kristy D'Aprile
Presenters	Ausgold - Chief Operating Officer, Mark Mitchell Ausgold - General Manager – Planning, Environment and Approvals, Troy Collie

1.1.2 Agenda

The agenda for the briefing was as follows.

Table 1.2 Briefing agenda

Agenda item	Description
Introductions and what to expect	Acknowledgements Safety measures and facilities Participants
Welcome from the Shire President	Overview of briefing objectives
Project briefing from Ausgold	Overview of progress on KGP milestones, and Ausgold's approach to social/economic impact management, including regulatory and voluntary actions.
Overview of impact management	Introduction to social/economic impacts and management, scoping for the KGP, mitigations and plans, and community consultation timeframe.
Questions	Open questions from participants.

Agenda item	Description
Katanning Gold Project impact management	Facilitated discussion about concerns and likely social/economic impacts, mitigation measures, and planned actions.
Questions	Open questions from participants.
Consultation timeline 2026	Overview of engagement activities on social/economic impacts planned for 2026.
Close and next steps	Summarise outcomes and outline follow-up actions.

1.2 Participants/representatives

Representatives invited to the session were determined by the Shire of Katanning, in consultation with Ausgold. Invitations were issued to stakeholders identified as being potentially affected or interested in the Katanning Gold Project.

Table 1.3 Organisation and groups

Organisation/Group
Shire of Katanning
Katanning Senior High School
Katanning Hub CRC
Badgebup Aboriginal Corporation
Great Southern Development Commission (GSDC)
Katanning Country Club
Katanning Hospital
Katanning Regional Business Association
KGP Community Reference Group

Organisation/Group
Katanning Rotary Club
Katanning Environmental Inc.
St John Ambulance
WA Member of Parliament
WAMMCO
Wagyl Kaip Southern Noongar Aboriginal Corporation

Participants represented the stakeholder categories shown below.

Table 1.4 Stakeholder category and number or representatives

Stakeholder category	Number of representatives
Aboriginal Organisation/ILUA holder	2
KGP Community Reference Group*	1
Community/Non-Government Organisation	3
Development Organisation	2
Education	3
Healthcare	2
Local Business	2
Local Government Councillor	5
Local Government Function	3
Member of Parliament	1
TOTAL	30
4 of the KGP CRG representatives are accounted for in other stakeholder groups	

1.3 Consultation in brief

The briefing was part of ongoing formal and informal consultation activities by Ausgold in relation to the Katanning Gold Project. A summary of consultation milestones and events was provided at the briefing, noting Ausgold stakeholder interactions are numerous.

Table 1.5 Consultation in brief

Stage	Summary
Scoping and preliminary assessment	2014 onwards Start of cultural heritage consultation with Traditional Owners. March 2023 Community information forums to discuss potential impacts and benefits of KGP. Attended by 140 community members. May 2023 Community perceptions survey to receive feedback on project concerns and benefits. 130 respondents. June 2023 Early social impact consultation through one-on-one interviews and focus groups involving 60 community participants.
Stakeholder consultation	December 2024 Ausgold Shopfront opened on Clive Street in Katanning, to support opportunities for the community to engage and discuss project concerns. December 2024 Formation of Three Shires Forum, to discuss issues and opportunities relating to KGP.

Stage	Summary
	August 2025 Community information forum to Katanning Regional Business Association Community information forum to Dumbleyung Community Resource Centre November 2025 – January 2026 Online community survey to gauge community understanding and interest in KGP. February 2025 Establishment of KGP Community Reference Group with representatives from Katanning and surrounds.
Impact and opportunities assessment	February 2026 Social Impact Management and Opportunities Briefing to community representatives, to explain identified social impacts and associated mitigation measures.

1.4 More information

The following links provide further information about Ausgold and the Katanning Gold Project. Information regarding ongoing consultation will be shared through these channels.

- View the **Ausgold website**: [Ausgold website](#)
- View the **Katanning Gold Project** information page: [Katanning Gold Project](#)
- View the **Ausgold – Katanning Gold Project website** – Community page: [Community page](#)
- Sign up to receive the **Ausgold Newsletter**: [Ausgold Newsletter](#)

2 Impact management priority areas

Ahead of the briefing, using consultation data collected through previous engagement activity, six priority areas were identified.

These areas included:

- 1 Workforce accommodation and housing affordability
- 2 Economy and business
- 3 Transport, roads and traffic management
- 4 Community services (healthcare, emergency) and utilities (water, electricity)
- 5 Noongar cultural heritage management
- 6 Operational environmental impacts, including noise and dust.

These priority areas were introduced to briefing participants and helped structure the discussion. Additional inputs, including priority areas not identified in the list above, were sought by Ausgold and briefing facilitators.

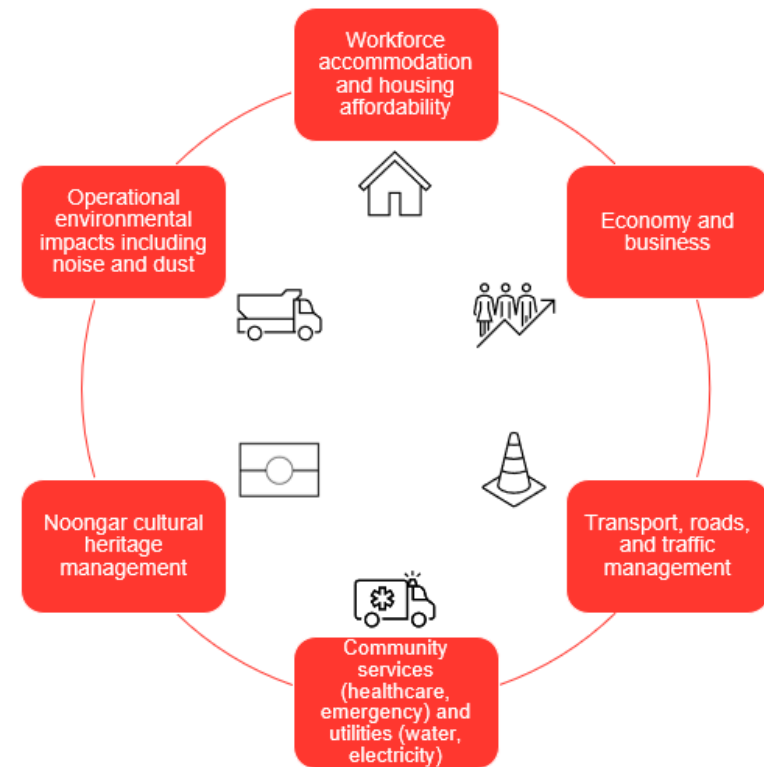


Figure 2.1 Impact management priority areas | Katanning Gold Project

3 Impact management discussion

The six identified impact management priority areas (shown at Figure) were introduced and an outline of the planned mitigation(s) was presented to briefing participants by Ausgold.

Participants were invited to ask questions directly to the presenter, or submit comments and questions through the Mentimeter software which was available in the session.

3.1 Workforce accommodation and housing affordability

3.1.1 *Planned mitigations*

- KGP workforce to be housed at 250-person accommodation village on at the Henry Street Precinct.
- Accommodation village will be situated along the KGP access route; workers will not commute through town. Twice per day shifts will be transported by bus to KGP.
- Accommodation village to also have capacity for Shire contractors from out of town during scheduled works.
- Workforce Conduct Policy planned for development to set expectations for workforce conduct in Katanning.



Figure 3.1 Image: Proposed KGP accommodation village.

3.1.2 *Discussion*

Accommodation of workers

Briefing participants focused on the adequacy of the proposed 250-bed workforce accommodation village to be developed by Ausgold and the broader housing pressures in Katanning, acknowledging that workforce accommodation and housing affordability is a complex, multi-party issue rather than one solely attributable to the Project.

There was discussion around how a 250-bed camp could support a workforce of approximately 350 people, with participants seeking clarity on rostering and the extent to which the camp would accommodate both Ausgold and contractor personnel.

Participants generally supported a camp-based, drive-in drive-out model as a key mitigation to reduce pressure on the local housing market. Some questions were raised as to whether any portion of the non-local workforce would seek to rent or purchase housing in town. Ausgold confirmed that they are not seeking to purchase or rent any accommodation property at this stage.

Housing availability

Housing availability and affordability in Katanning was raised as an existing challenge, with some participants noting that local businesses and other major employers have historically not invested in accommodation for their workers, despite long-standing awareness of future resource development.

It was highlighted that expectations placed on Ausgold should be considered in the context of other large employers who do not provide worker housing.

Housing demand

Participants expressed concern that increased demand could further reduce access to lower-cost housing, potentially displacing vulnerable residents and shifting associated social issues to surrounding communities.

In this context, questions were raised about whether Ausgold could play a role beyond commissioning the workforce camp, including advocacy for Shire land development, support for housing supply initiatives, or targeted investment in housing for senior or executive staff.

Suggestions were also made around potential incentives for employees to build or buy locally, balanced against the Project's stated intent to avoid drawing on the existing housing stock.

Conclusion

Overall, contributions reinforced that while the proposed accommodation village is an important mitigation, longer-term housing outcomes will require coordinated action between industry, local government, and other employers, rather than reliance on a single proponent.

3.2 Economy and business

3.2.1 *Planned mitigations*

- Ausgold will carefully consider local employment opportunities to minimise pressure on Katanning's existing skilled workforce by appointing roles with experienced DIDO mine workers.
- Ausgold has provided briefings to business groups and associations to confer estimated workforce projections and employment opportunities.
- A Procurement Management Plan will be developed, detailing local content and supply chain resourcing.



Figure 3.2 Image: Old Premier Mill

3.2.2 Discussion

Economic outcomes

Briefing participants emphasised the importance of maximising local economic benefits from the Katanning Gold Project through strong local procurement and workforce spending behaviours. There was broad support for encouraging a ‘buy local’ policy from Ausgold and a culture among workforce and contractors, as a practical way to strengthen indirect economic benefits for Katanning and surrounding communities.

Business impacts and workforce availability

Small business capacity and workforce availability emerged as key constraints within Katanning. Participants noted that many local businesses already face challenges in attracting and retaining staff, with pressures associated with apprenticeships and traineeships, including administrative burden and limited support for business owners.

While these issues were recognised as broader structural challenges, rather than solely Project related, participants considered there was a role for local government and other stakeholders to help develop support strategies.

Business benefits

The Project was widely viewed as a significant opportunity for local businesses to expand and diversify, although participants acknowledged that the extent to which businesses can capitalise on these opportunities will depend on individual business owners’ appetite for growth and future planning.

To support this, participants highlighted the need for further, targeted engagement with local businesses to better understand constraints, identify opportunities and help position them to participate in supply chains associated with the Project.

Conclusion

Overall, contributions reinforced that realising positive economic outcomes will require coordinated effort across Ausgold, local government, and the business community, combining procurement commitments, workforce planning and proactive engagement rather than reliance on market forces alone.

3.3 Transport, roads and traffic management

3.3.1 Planned mitigations

- KGP access route to bypass the Katanning township (excluding Marmion Street).
- Access route utilises Henry Street directly off Great Southern Highway, and the existing heavy haulage route to connect with Warren Road.
- Road use concentrated during low-traffic periods, informed by Traffic Impact Assessment (July 2025).
- Ausgold will undertake ‘wear-and-tear’ maintenance measures to manage condition of roads along the access route where possible.
- Discussions with affected landholders to retain access to cropped lands during periods of local road closure.

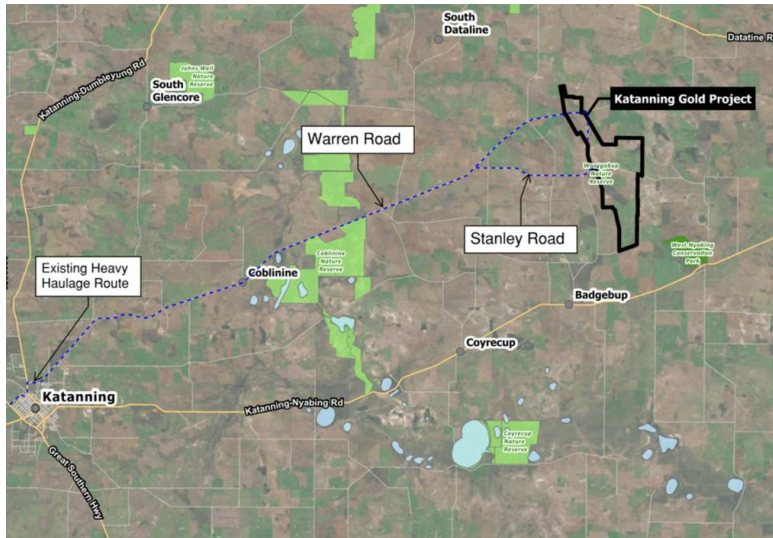


Figure 3.3 Image: Transport route to KGP from Katanning Township.

3.3.2 Discussion

Road safety

Briefing participants focused on potential safety and infrastructure implications associated with increased Project traffic, particularly along Warren Road and connecting local roads.

There was concern that additional light and heavy vehicle movements could exacerbate existing constraints on Warren Road, which was described as narrow in parts and presenting heightened safety risks, especially during peak agricultural periods such as harvest.

Warren Road

Participants queried whether Warren Road should be considered regionally significant for funding purposes and whether this classification could support future upgrade and widening works.

From a safety perspective, participants sought clarity on whether Ausgold intends to contribute to road upgrades or safety improvements on Warren Road and other local roads used to access the mine site.

Ausgold confirmed they would work with the Shire to carry out required maintenance programs through the Shire.

Route consultation and agreement

The need for clear governance and accountability was also raised, with questions regarding Ausgold's intention to enter into formal access or usage agreements with the Shire for Warren Road, Smith Road and Stanley Road.

Participants emphasised that early and transparent arrangements would be important to manage wear and tear, clarify maintenance responsibilities and address community expectations around road condition and safety.

Conclusion

Overall, contributions reinforced that while traffic volumes associated with the Project may be relatively limited, existing road conditions mean that even incremental increases warrant careful planning, collaboration with the Shire and a strong focus on risk management and road user safety.

3.4 Community services (healthcare, emergency) and utilities (water, electricity)

3.4.1 *Planned mitigations*

- KGP will resource an emergency response team (ERT) on site which will include trained firefighters and medics.
- Local emergency preparedness and response capacity improved with KGP resources deployed when needed.
- Ausgold is a participant in Badgebup Volunteer Bushfire Brigade group.
- All electricity and water required for KGP operations will be produced on-site, separate from the town network.
- The Henry Street workforce village will be connected to the Katanning water scheme and electrical grid under existing zoning provisions and capacity approval from Western Power and Water Corporation. Development application submitted to Shire in February 2026.



Figure 3.4 Image: Katanning Central Bushfire Brigade

3.4.2 *Discussion*

Emergency services

Briefing participants focused on the Project's interaction with local emergency services, healthcare capacity, and essential utilities. An emphasis was placed on accounting for the risk that the Project could place additional strain on already constrained systems.

Bushfire response

Participants discussed potential for Ausgold to support bushfire response where required, noting this as an important contribution given the regional fire risk profile.

The availability of Project resources during emergencies via a KGP Emergency Response Team (ERT) was viewed as a key opportunity to strengthen local response capacity, provided roles and expectations are understood.

Hospital capacity

Healthcare capacity was raised as an existing regional challenge, particularly in relation to diagnostic services. Participants noted the absence of a CT scanner at the local hospital and emphasised that advocacy for improved health infrastructure remains a broader Shire and State responsibility rather than a Project specific obligation.

In this context, participants sought reassurance that the Project would remain largely self-sufficient in managing workforce health needs to avoid increasing demand on local services. Ausgold confirmed that this was their intention, with suitably trained staff available to manage workforce health needs primarily on site.

Waste management

Questions were also raised regarding Ausgold's approach to waste management, reflecting interest in how operational waste streams would be managed and whether this could have implications for local infrastructure or services.

Airfield use

Finally, participants queried the anticipated use of the local airstrip outside of emergency situations. This reflected a desire to understand whether Project activities could generate additional operational pressures or amenity impacts, or whether airstrip use would remain minimal and limited primarily to exceptional circumstances. Ausgold confirmed that this would be very limited as the site will be predominantly drive-in-drive-out (DIDO).

Conclusion

Overall, contributions reinforced the importance of clear delineation between Project responsibilities and broader service provision, with strong support for a self-sufficient operating model complemented by targeted, practical support to local emergency response where appropriate.

3.5 Noongar cultural heritage management

3.5.1 *Planned mitigations*

- Ausgold is currently developing a Cultural Heritage Management Plan for the KGP with Wagyl Kaip Southern Noongar Aboriginal Corporation (WKSNA) – the prescribed body under the South West Native Title Settlement.
- Parties will form a Cultural Liaison Committee for the KGP to consult on cultural heritage matters and opportunities for Southern Noongar people.
- Broader consultation will continue with Katanning Southern Noongar community, resident elders and knowledge holders, including through representation on the Community Reference Group, Katanning Noongar Leadership Group, and contracts and partnerships through registered Aboriginal-owned businesses and organisations.



Figure 3.5 Image: Aboriginal Ranger Program, Badgebup Aboriginal Corporation.

3.5.2 Discussion

Cultural heritage

Some briefing participants expressed support for Ausgold's approach to Noongar cultural heritage management and acknowledged the positive progress made to date.

The briefing highlighted that the Project's engagement with Noongar people and organisations is being undertaken respectfully and in a way that reflects local leadership, trust, and cultural authority.

Approach to heritage

Some participants acknowledged Ausgold's commitment to collaboration, recognising the importance of strong leadership and genuine partnership in achieving meaningful cultural heritage outcomes.

The work being undertaken was viewed as setting a positive foundation for ongoing consultation, shared decision making and the identification of cultural, social and economic opportunities for Southern Noongar people throughout the life of the Project.

Conclusion

Overall, contributions reinforced confidence in the proposed management framework and the value of continuing this approach as the Project progresses, so that cultural heritage is a consideration for planning, operations and community relationships.

3.6 Operational environmental impacts including noise and dust

3.6.1 *Planned mitigations*

- Environmental impact mitigations for the KGP are regulated and enforced by the approval conditions issued through the Environmental Protection Authority (EPA).
- The EPA has highlighted that noise and dust impacts are primary considerations for the KGP regulatory assessment.
- Ausgold will develop a Noise Management Plan and Dust Management Plan to detail management of these impacts.



Figure 3.6 Image: KGP site.

3.6.2 Discussion

Environmental impacts during operation

Briefing participants focused on potential operational environmental impacts associated with mining activities, with particular attention to noise, blasting, water management, and land use compatibility with existing activities.

Rifle Range

Participants discussed the future of the Wurgabup Rifle Range (WRC), noting that current membership levels are low and that relocation to an alternative site on the edge of Katanning was not viewed as a significant constraint, provided impacts are managed and continuity of use can be maintained. The shared view of Rifle Club office bearers and Ausgold is that the WRC can continue unimpeded by proposed Ausgold activities and vice versa.

Water use

There was interest in understanding water-related aspects of the operation, including whether large dams would be constructed, how mine dewatering would be managed, and what measures would be in place for aquifer recharge and water quality protection.

These questions reflected broader concern about potential downstream environmental impacts and the importance of robust water management planning.

Blasting

Blasting was raised as a key operational issue, with participants seeking clarity on whether blasting would occur at consistent times each day to minimise disturbance and improve predictability for nearby land users and community members. Ausgold confirmed there would be a single blast per day, generally in the afternoon that would require a 15-20 minute period under traffic management.

Environmental approvals

Finally, participants queried whether any remaining potential “showstoppers” had been identified for the Project, reflecting interest in the overall risk profile and confidence in the Project’s ability to manage environmental impacts within regulatory requirements.

Conclusion

Overall, contributions reinforced the importance of clear communication, predictable operational practices and strong environmental management planning to address community expectations around noise, dust and water impacts as the Project progresses.



3.7 Other discussion areas

At conclusion of the six identified priority areas agenda items, participants were invited to discuss other interest areas, raised by the Shire. These included:

3.7.1 *Access to gravel*

Ausgold indicated it would work collaboratively with the Shire of Katanning to explore access to gravel resources where appropriate.

3.7.2 *Stormwater management*

Ausgold advised it intended to capture non-potable stormwater and, where feasible, to share this resource at the workforce village site and the Shire of Katanning.

3.7.3 *Mining pits and closure planning*

Participants discussed the potential future use of rock landform areas for landfill purposes at Project closure, subject to further investigation and planning.

3.7.4 *Accommodation camp vacancies*

The possible use of surplus accommodation camp capacity by the Shire of Katanning was raised as an opportunity for further discussion.

3.7.5 *Community cropping opportunities*

Participants expressed interest in exploring potential community cropping opportunities on Project land where feasible.

4 Conclusion

4.1 Participant feedback

4.1.1 Briefing effectiveness survey

At the conclusion of the briefing, a 2-question online survey was shared with participants to measure the effectiveness of the session. The survey received 18 responses (of 29 attendees).

On a scale of one to five, participants rated the effectiveness of the briefing in increasing their understanding of Ausgold impact management for the Katanning Gold Project as 4.1 out of 5.

For effectiveness in enabling participants to provide feedback on future impact management for the Katanning Gold Project was rated 4.0 out of 5.

4.1.2 Follow up survey

After the briefing, a selection of presentation content relating to the impact management priority areas was issued by email to participants. Participants were also invited to provide further input on the discussion including whether they sought further information or had additional suggestions about areas and issues for consideration by Ausgold. The survey received one (1) response.

Next steps

A range of briefings and workshops will be planned for 2026/27 and delivered as part of Ausgold's ongoing community engagement activities.

Table 4.1 Next steps

Session	Purpose	Status
Social Impact Management Briefing	— Understanding social impact. — Review of potential social impacts and benefits. — Setting the scene	Complete
Social Impact Management Workshop(s)	— Dive deeper into prioritised social impact(s)	To be confirmed
Impact Mitigation and Benefits Enhancement Workshop(s)	— Build on the previous impact and benefit workshop. — Identify impact mitigations. — Identify enhancements to benefits — Additional works as required, to be confirmed	To be confirmed
Community Benefits Program Briefing and Workshop(s)	— Provide an overview of Community Benefits Programs. — Review programs from comparable organisations. — Discuss opportunities for Ausgold's program.	To be confirmed

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