# Public Communique – 29 February 2024

The McArthur River Mine Community Reference Group met in Borroloola on Thursday 29 February 2024. The meeting was attended by the Chair and six community members, including four from Borroloola, along with representatives from MRM.

Chair Richard Galton noted a number of community members were unable to attend due to other commitments and he is looking forward to full attendance at the next meeting in May.

The meeting was given an update on operations from the MRM General Manager Mark Furlotte, who noted challenges for both the community and the mine site with recent flooding of the Carpentaria Highway.

The Independent Monitor, Mr Luke Stalley, gave an overview of his most recent report to the NT Mining Minister on regulatory compliance by both the mine and the Department of Industry Tourism and Trade.

Mr Stalley noted a high level of compliance by the mine and an ongoing trend in this direction. He said consultation with members of the local community showed that the most important environmental issues for community members are the health of the river and that fish are safe to eat. His report noted this is the case.

CRG members asked a number of questions of both MRM and the Independent Monitor and suggested items for inclusion at future CRG meetings.

CRG members resolved to invite the Department of Industry Tourism and Trade as well as the Department of Environment Parks and Water Security to their next meeting in May to provide information on new legislation for mining which comes into force in July.

The CRG will meet again in the last week in May and plans to hold a community barbecue in conjunction with this meeting so members of the local community can meet with CRG members.