

### The Katanning Gold Project Community Survey

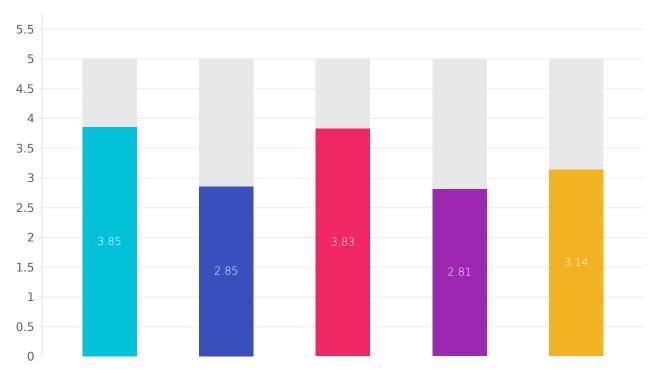
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Total Responses

128 Completed Responses

2 Partial Responses



#### **Average Ratings**



- How would you rate the information provided to you at the session?
  - How would you describe your knowledge of gold

mining?

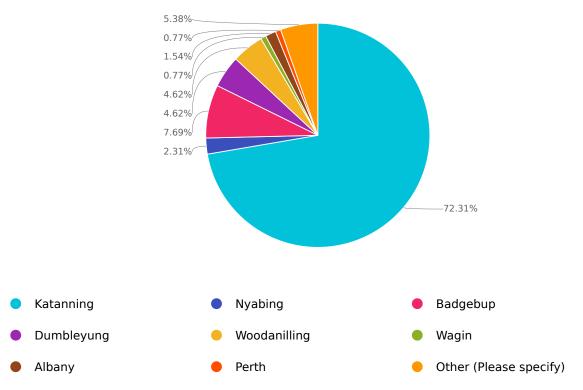
- How would you describe your knowledge of the Katanning Gold Project?
- How involved in consultation about the Katanning Gold Project would you like to be?
- How would you describe your current level of support of the Katanning Gold Project?

Questions	Average Ratings	Out of
How would you rate the information provided to you at the session?	3.85	5
How would you describe your knowledge of the Katanning Gold Project?	2.85	5
How would you describe your current level of support of the Katanning Gold Project?	3.83	5
How would you describe your knowledge of gold mining?	2.81	5
How involved in consultation about the Katanning Gold Project would you like to be?	3.14	5

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# What town do you reside in?

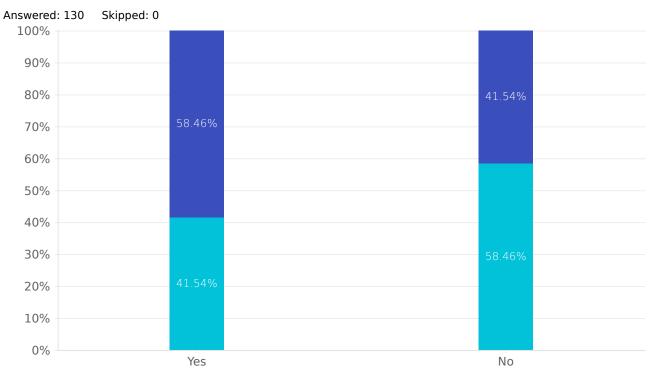
Answered: 130 Skipped: 0



Choices	Response percent	Response count
Katanning	72.31%	94
Nyabing	2.31%	3
Badgebup	7.69%	10
Dumbleyung	4.62%	6
Woodanilling	4.62%	6
Wagin	0.77%	1
Albany	1.54%	2
Perth	0.77%	1
Other (Please specify)	5.38%	7

Yes

# Did you attend either of the Ausgold business or community meetings held in March 2023?

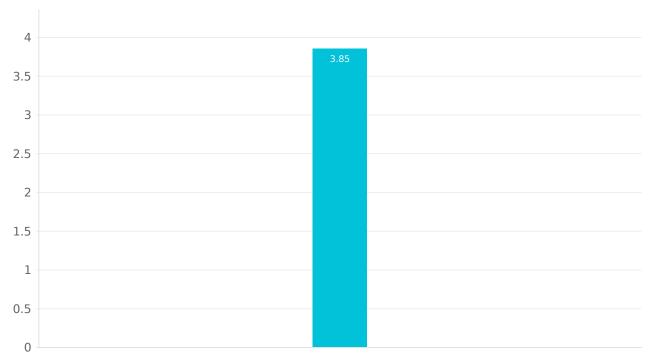


Row	Yes	No	Response count
Yes	41.54% (54)	58.46% (76)	130
No	58.46% (76)	41.54% (54)	130

No

## How would you rate the information provided to you at the session?

Answered: 54 Skipped: 76



Rating	Response percent	Response count
1 (Extremely Low)	1.85%	1
2	9.26%	5
3	16.67%	9
4	46.30%	25
5 (Extremely High)	25.93%	14

Average rating: 3.85

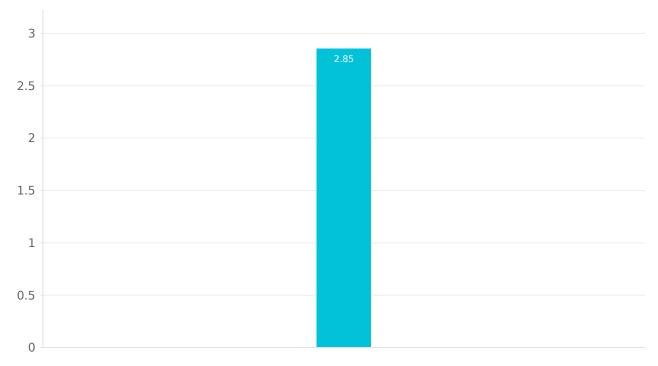
#### Please provide any feedback you have on the session

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- 1. Fantastic speaker, and handled the 'protest' speech very well.
- 2. Presenter did an excellent job by presenting Oz Golds info
- 3. Missed a lot of details, and some convenient omissions. Did appreciate the willingness to take questions / comments from the floor.
- 4. I would have liked to see more evidence of any previous successful mining ventures they have participated in, alone or with other companies. How successful have they been?
- 5. More detailed map of the intended area of the mine was needed. Including road closures exclusion zones etc.
- 6. Two great sessions, well presented, questions answered well... information seemed to be genuine and open
- 7. Clear and informative I hope factual as it seems it was. Concerned for farmers that don't want to sell their dream property and lifestyle. But can see the be if it's for the community
- 8. Great follow up to the information given one on one at The Katanning Show
- 9. I thought the meeting was hijacked by the negative people in the audience.
- 10. Good info feel like still not telling the whole story
- 11. Really informative for me surrounding the process in setting up a project like this, the legal processes gaining permits, environmental permits etc
- 12. The session was great! We need more meetings however to inform the whole community.
- 13. I would have liked to see a more detailed map showing the location of the proposed hole and surrounding infrastructure, tailings dam ect.
- 14. Poor information and planning regarding environmental impacts, waste management, emissions target, and restoration plan.
- 15. Very informative. The protester group regarding the habitat for birds were annoying and ill informed
- 16. I think half of the community agreed and disagreed, but was good just to here both sides and I would like to see Katanning grow.
- 17. The session was informative. Katanning has very little remnant vegetation remaining in the shire and I was interested to know what AusGold would do in terms of tree planting activities to offset the trees that will be cleared to enable the mine to be established. Also what will be done for creating nesting hollows in old logs to create habitat for Carnaby's Cockatoos that will be displaced as a result of the mine. I didn't hear anything about tree planting and would be interested to know at a future community consultation session.
- 18. A lot to take in. No information on actual blocks that would be affected.
- 19. Beat around the bush for a lot of it in regards to what it would mean for the landholders. Couldn't answer some questions that in my opinion should have been answerable. A lot of doubt in landholders minds
- 20. there was a lot of questions about the specific areas the mine will require, including buffers and requests to see mapping, I understand confidentiality with land purchase agreements and access, but the lack of information will only lead people to believe there is something to hide. It would be good to share with the community that you are protecting the privacy of landholders during negotiations and then at xx date the information will be available to the public etc
- 21. Good initial information. There were many questions and important issues raised some of which were not fully or completely answered or addressed. Following this survey, I think it will be important to have more community information / consultation sessions to discuss issues in more depth and more certainty.
- 22. Probably my only suggestion there is that for those, like me that don't follow social media some posters be placed around notice boards in town and in Katanning two session to fit everyone interested in.
- 23. Disappointing display of mining propaganda. Information lacked detail and depth. Responses to most questions lacked meaningful answers.

# How would you describe your knowledge of the Katanning Gold Project?

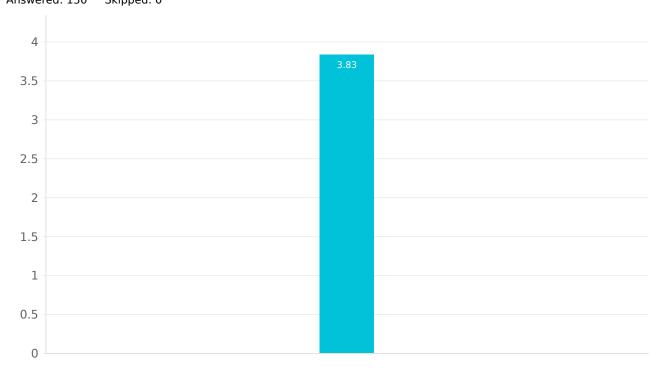
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Rating	Response percent	Response count
1 (Extremely Low)	9.23%	12
2	26.92%	35
3	37.69%	49
4	22.31%	29
5 (Extremely High)	3.85%	5

Average rating: 2.85

How would you describe your current level of support of the Katanning Gold Project? Answered: 130 Skipped: 0

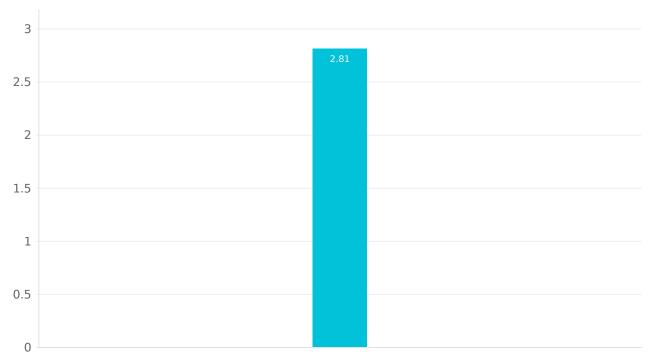


Rating	Response percent	Response count
1 (Very low support)	9.23%	12
2	5.38%	7
3	19.23%	25
4	25.38%	33
5 (Highly Supportive)	40.77%	53

Average rating: 3.83

# How would you describe your knowledge of gold mining?

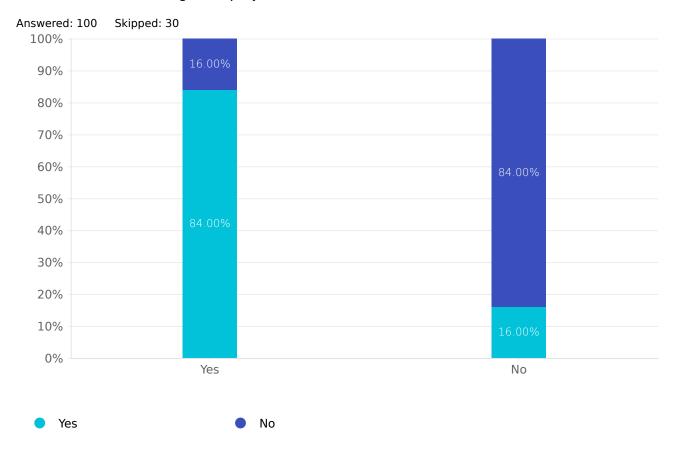
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Rating	Response percent	Response count
1 (No Knoweldge)	9.23%	12
2	28.46%	37
3	39.23%	51
4	18.46%	24
5 (Extremely Knowledgeable)	4.62%	6

Average rating: 2.81

Would you be interested in an information session around gold mining and its operations based on the Katanning Gold project?



Row	Yes	No	Response count
Yes	84.00% (84)	16.00% (16)	100
No	16.00% (16)	84.00% (84)	100

#### What do you see as the key benefits to the Katanning Gold Project?

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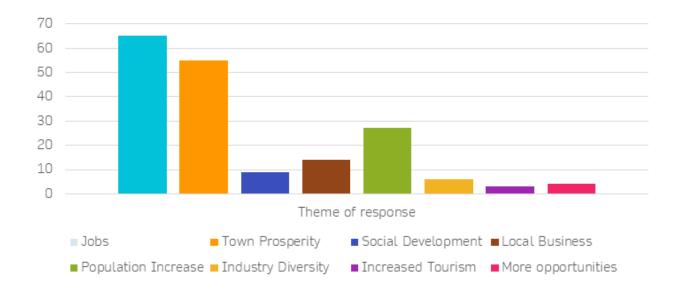
- 1. Income and jobs for the towns
- 2. More job opportunities and town growth.
- 3. Town Growth via increased population.
- 4. jobs jobs and more jobs directly and indirectly
- 5. Benefits to the community
- 6. Prosperity to the community
- 7. None
- 8. I believe that the mine at Badgebup could well be the catalyst for Katanning to grow and become a true regional centre.
- 9. AusGold and their people will make a lot of money. But that's not a benefit to us.
- 10. Boost for the town of Katanning Employment opportunities and bringing new skilled people to the area.
- 11. Socio economic growth for the wheatbelt.
- 12. Employment growth for community, business opportunities and the chance for FIFO workers to base themselves and work in industry from home.
- 13. The Government has continually reduced the amount of money allocated to the schools in Katanning. And education in general to Govt Schools. An industry that may attract families will add pressure on the Government to do more to help local students access courses that are available in city schools. And in doing so attracting quality teaching staff that may commit to the town. Obviously this would be useful for all businesses.
- 14. Bringing more jobs to the area, upgrades to the existing facilities power, phone coverage. Cash injection into the community. Potentially brining in more families into the area to boost our community.
- 15. more skilled people (families) in the district mean better facilities and better social development (clubs etc). businesses should do better
- 16. Town and community growth & development more jobs
- 17. Employment opportunities. More employment opportunities means more enterprise opportunities. Katanning lacks so many things. It may encourage more businesses to open and provide these things that are lacking.
- 18. Bringing wealth and jobs to the area, increasing property prices, bring other professionals and industry to the area
- 19. More people in local towns
- 20. Bringing more business and people to the community Opportunities for community collaboration (Eg. With schools)
- 21. Hopefully it will Bring growth to our communities
- 22. Providing employment to the town, both directly and indirectly.
- 23. Employment providing numbers to boost local businesses and schools etck
- 24. Employment Money put back into the region Increase in business sales
- 25. Taking Katanning from the highs and lows of a reliance on a single industry sector, (agriculture)
- 26. Community growth. Population growth.
- 27. Employment Growth for Business and Community Diversification of Landuse
- 28. People and business to town
- 29. It will Katanning on the map apart from agriculture. The real estate will increase in value when the mine starts.
- 30. Additional employment. Additional housing. Bolstering capabilities and scale of local business
- 31. Bring more business to town.
- 32. additional traffic / people through town
- 33. Employment for locals

- 34. Employment for locals
- 35. Local jobs
- 36. Any new projects and businesses in the region can only benefit those who reside there. I hope that Ausgold will use local businesses and resources so that the area can benefit from them being there.
- 37. money into the town
- 38. The Katanning Gold Project will (eventually) bring in and employ extra workers that will help the local economy and provide much needed local employment opportunities. Based on historical evidence from other mine openings, the value of the local housing market should also increase.
- 39. Employment
- 40. Bringing more people to town. More jobs. More regular visitors & tourists through town.
- 41. Jobs and town expansion
- 42. Local employment
- 43. Boost for the town. Growth in population and school student numbers.
- 44. Stable employment benifits to local businesses
- 45. Increase pay for locals. Katanning is one of the lowest paid areas in the state which leads to people moving away for better pay.
- 46. Employment would like see more accomidation
- 47. Employment More people
- 48. More employment for local people.
- 49. Job creation
- 50. Employment
- 51. Economic benefits, growth to our town population, more students for our schools, bigger opportunities for families, job growth across the community, attracting highly skilled people to the town
- 52. Jobs to the area
- 53. More jobs, new opportunities for businesses
- 54. Employment.
- 55. JOBS EXTRA INFRASTRUCTURE MORE FAMILIES
- 56. Katanning will grow and more services av a ilable. Create employment and hopefully a indoor pool more Tafe higher education studies Kalgoorlie has a schook of mines I believe.
- 57. Employment, opportunities and cash flow
- 58. Having another industry in town
- 59. Hopefully employing local people and building more homes for people who work with the mine so that other accommodation is advertised for tenancy
- 60. More employed people residing in town.
- 61. The potential growth for Katanning and surrounding small towns
- 62. It will bring another source of industry to town meaning more employment opportunities. It would be beneficial for the town if it were to employ locals or encourage people to live in the area. This would help boost student numbers in our primary schools and high achool. A partnership with our high school would be extremely beneficial in showing our senior school students the opportunities available in the mining industry would be great. Ausgold has already given sponsorship locally and this is fantastic to see. Our small local Swim Club was able to provide shirts to our swimmers because of this. The shirt has the Ausgold logo on the front.
- 63. Community increase in numbers and small local business support.
- 64. Great for the town, good employment opportunity for locals
- 65. Economic
- 66. Employment Real estate development Infrastructure development Based on what I have seen in the Boddington area due to the gold mine there... the town prospered greatly from roads to people to local businesses.
- 67. A local economy boost Supporting local businesses Bringing more people to the town Providing more jobs
- 68. Increase of revenue to local business and industry.

- 69. Need better facilities in our beautiful little town, ie heated pool along with more choice in shops for a growing comunity.
- 70. Greater employment opportunities in the region
- 71. Employment in the region
- 72. I can see some benefit to those businesses in the surrounding towns that will be able to offer services to the mine. However we are already short of tradespeople so I can only see this being a disadvantage to the majority of the local population. I can't imagine any benefit to those of us farming in the Badgebup area and rather can only see significant disadvantage and financial loss however I would be happy to proved wrong about this.
- 73. To help grow and support the town and surrounds
- 74. It's going too bring people too Katanning put our town on the map and open oppurtunity for further employment opportunities.
- 75. Infrastructure upgrades to the local township
- 76. a few jobs might be generated, some money will be spent
- 77. Employment for our family
- 78. Jobs
- 79. More businesses Increase in population More employment More infrastructure More opportunities
- 80. Local employment opportunities, boost local economy, give young people an opportunity
- 81. Hopefully bringing in more business around town
- 82. Hopefully will re invigorate our town
- 83. Build infrastructure in town, create new Jobs, opportunities for Katanning residents.
- 84. It will create more work in the area which will have a knock on affect with local businesses.
- 85. Job opportunities in mining without the need for FIFO
- 86. Benefits to existing local community, growth needs to be sustainable.
- 87. Work for locals and bringing tourism and therefore more funds into the region
- 88. Need more information to be able to form an opinion.
- 89. I hope it brimngs more families to live in Katanning.
- 90. Increase business activity in Katanning.
- 91. Employment and money spent in the area
- 92. there is not a lot of direct benefits in the short to medium term for katanning however it is a start or the town to diversify away from solely farming
- 93. Town growth, more job options.
- 94. Growth and increased development in the local region.
- 95. Would like the town to be better then what it is.
- 96. The only potential benefits are possibly economic.
- 97. More job opportunities,
- 98. Employment for locals
- 99. The key benefits to the Katanning Gold Project would be the economic boost to the town creating jobs, encouraging local business, improvements in infrastructure around town and attracting new people to town.
- 100. Infrastructure spending and population growth in Katanning
- 101. Stimulate the local economy
- 102. Population increase accommodation infrastructure. Good for businesses and services in town.
- 103. Infrastructure expansion Increased services More businesses
- 104. Activate local and surrounding communities:social, economic, and investment of other facilities and services.
- 105. The Real Estate Market Schools Sporting Clubs More families moving to town Employment Opportunities

- 106. bringing business to Katanning and surrounds. The entire Super Towns funding was based on proposed development in Katanning with the Gold project a key driver in growing the town. So it's good to see some progress. With financial benefits come social benefits, more people, more services, sports, infrastructure etc.
- 107. Population stability, Population engagement in communities, utilising current community groups and getting involved. Stable workforce
- 108. Economic boost may lead to More facilities increase in housing prices
- 109. Economical growth and support
- 110. I believe there is the potential for significant long-term economic and social benefit to Katanning and surrounding communities. There will need to be substantial capital investment in housing and supportive infrastructure, opportunities for job and career enhancement, skills learning and training, investment in amenities and services and recreational assets to engage workforce families, contribution towards health and education facilities and services. The best example of how this can / should be done is when Rio Tinto invested heavily in the town of Kununurra to support the development of Argyle Diamond Mine in the 1980's. Like Rio, I hope Ausgold are able to develop programmes to engage, train and employ the local unemployed, disadvantaged, disabled, unskilled, unmotivated people of our community. I hope that this project may bring high quality high skilled highly educated people and families to the local town who are prepared to invest themselves in to the communities, contribute and ultimately stay for life. This needs to be the long term intent and responsibility and goal of Ausgold.
- 111. I achieved 33 years with BHP in iron ore in a trades and technical role. Whilst there's plenty of employment opportunities in the local area, apart from Government and some technical roles in agriculture, there's not much employment here for the more intelligent young people and they tend to leave the area and not return. Employment in technical roles in mining may encourage them to stay around.
- 112. Overall prosperity for our region
- 113. Local employment Building local infrastructure Long term employment
- 114. Job creation, Town growth
- 115. None.

# What do you see as the key benefits to the Katanning Gold Project?



#### What are your key concerns regarding the Katanning Gold Project?

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- 1. Town collapse when you leave.
- The impact of the mine on housing prices, the capacity for our schools, hospitals and other services to coup with the influx of people to the community. My biggest concern is the impact the mine will have on the community when it ceases operation.
- 3. Environmental concerns on any long term, past the mines life, rehabilitation of the land and safe and effective disposal of waste chemicals.
- 4. none
- 5. Dont know how the effected farms will be able to cope with mine Will have big effect on them and they would have a very difficult decission to make
- 6. Taking key people away from traditional jobs
- 7. Removal of good farm land from area. No benefit to the town what's so ever. Since ausgold been in town housing prices/rents have gone out of control. Mine has been proposed for several years and is still not up & running. No faith in the mine ever getting going properly. Shares are a waste of money. Don't want to be a mining town going from boon to bust boon bust cycles. Damage to environment.
- 8. Just how Ausgold plan to house their staff. Will they build enough housing to house all their employees.
- 9. Enormous concerns. Uprooting of long-term farming families. Environmental damage. Most of the profits leaving this town. Pressures on the town with the influx of workers (more kids to squish into the schools, housing etc). Competition for workers (and wage inequity) with local businesses vs the mine. The short-term of the supposed "economic boost" (less than 40 years = short term), for the legacy we'll be left with. The whopping great big hole in the ground, changed skyline, loss of agricultural land forever. The impact on the Carnabys Cockatoos and other wildlife. Social pressures from townies vs farmers about whether they should give up / sell their land out to mining or not. Do we really need more gold in the world? Can't we recycle or better prioritise what we already have? Increased traffic on the road out there. How much further it will go if we allow a little mine to open up (give an inch, take a mile). How safe other farms are / aren't from being explored / exploited.
- 10. That the processing is done in an environmentally responsible manner
- 11. I believe there should have been more information for the public in regards to registered Aboriginal Heritage sites, conservation sites and the proposed clearing of vital habitat for the cockatoos. We need to know what kind of surveys were done. Who did them and the results of the survey. In regards to the Badgebup area, Jinka Hill is going to be affected. It is a registered aboriginal heritage site with a structure. Many Noongars who were not consulted for the surveys are very concerned. It seems that the people sho did attend have very little knowledge of the structure on Jinka Hill. I will be in conact with Aus Gold soon to address the concerns for the community. Other than that I feel like alot of people are very wary of mining as it will be replacing prime farm land with pits.
- 12. Use of land after mine has completed lack of housing and driving current housing out of reach for general community
- 13. The project seems most attractive. The company is asking the town to make a significant contribution. The Shire has been actively preparing for the mining, meat, and windfarm developments. We can see the windfarm happening and the benefits, the meat works are providing for their work force but as yet nothing from the mining industry. Show us you mean to set up and put something on the ground that is beneficial for Katanning.
- 14. My main concern is that the mine is on prime farm land. I worry about the expansion in years to come as this will affect our property. I would like to hope rather than leaving a hole where the mine was that this could be turned into something more viable in the long term.
- 15. Not enough housing now so housing will be chronic. Please don't ruin the Wurgabup rifle club. I shoot there
- 16. Accommodation is a dire problem.
- 17. Environmental damage, loss of productive farm land. Long term impacts to environmental change to the area
- 18. Waste wate! Where is it going to be stored
- 19. It may only attract drive in drive out workers and not have a local workforce emphasis
- 20. Environmental degredation. Poisons from the mining process. Value of land declining.
- 21. Housing, effect on other businesses, staff shortages.... All a concern now but will be multiplied
- 22. Stress on businesses Accomodation Roads Schools Loss of farming land . Hoping you plan on training farm workers wanting to move into mining

- 23. None
- 24. That the land owners could compromise the project and Katanning's future
- 25. Is it viable 2 invest the project has been down same road before
- 26. long term impacts on biodiversity and land use. Concerns over loss of habitat for threatened species which even tho may replace on conclusion of project, those animals are no longer within that area to repopulate as the existing vegetation across the wheatbelt is so fragmented. Even where vegetetation is not directly removed, the disturbance caused by activity may be catastrophic for populations. Concerns about the arability of the surrounding landscape with incidents of salinity being high in the area, will mining operations add to the soil salinity upon conclusion of the project? will that land have long term fertility etc.
- 27. Farmers losing land which families have worked on for generations.
- 28. The transport of the raw material on our roads.
- 29. None really
- 30. N/A
- 31. no concerns, just bring it on , start producing
- 32. The project creating housing shortage as outsiders flock to Katanning and surrounding towns to gain employment and thus rents and house prices dramatically increasing and pushing out locals that are needed for other small business in town
- 33. The project will attract people from other places and this will create an even greater housing stress. My concern is locals needed to work at other businesses in town will be priced out of living in and around Katanning.
- 34. That it won't get off the ground. Seems to be talked about for years but nothing has actually happened that we are aware of. This could be lack of knowledge around the project from my behalf though
- 35. As a shareholder, my two concerns would be that whoever project manages the set up of infrastructure will keep within their timeframe. The other is that Ausgold will raise enough capital to proceed.
- 36. I work in the housing sector(lack of) for the most vulnerable people and there is a massive short fall of housing and a gold mine would put upward pressure on the private rental availability and also the cost
- 37. The main concern is when (if ever) the mine will actually be in full production. We have been getting told for over 15 years that "the mine will be opening soon" but it seems to just be one sampling and/or feasibility study after another.
- 38. None
- 39. Housing
- 40. It will never get of the ground, gold is to deep to get out
- 41. Mine workers not being involved in the community
- 42. Using drive in drive out workers
- 43. Nil
- 44. Profits leaving town and no improvement in retail and entertainment offering because in town because profits leave the area. No drive in drive out options. Need to encourage people to call Katanning home so the town grows and prospers and isn't so reliant in farming only.
- 45. Company not investing in the community to provide their own housing for staff. We already have many large businesses that won't invest, take up all the rentals and leave community workers without housing as they can't compete with \$. Inequitable support to community depending on who's who
- 46. I don't have any ,but would like info on employment ages
- 47. No accommodation No food More Shops need to open eg for clothing Something for the kids if family come here to work
- 48. Environmental damage
- 49. Accommodation shortage for locals
- 50. Environmental impact
- 51. Rehabilitation of any land used, not near any residences, any gravel roads utilised- keep well graded.
- 52. Environment and farming land loss
- 53. FIFO (workers not staying in town, social issues, abuse of drugs and alcohol)

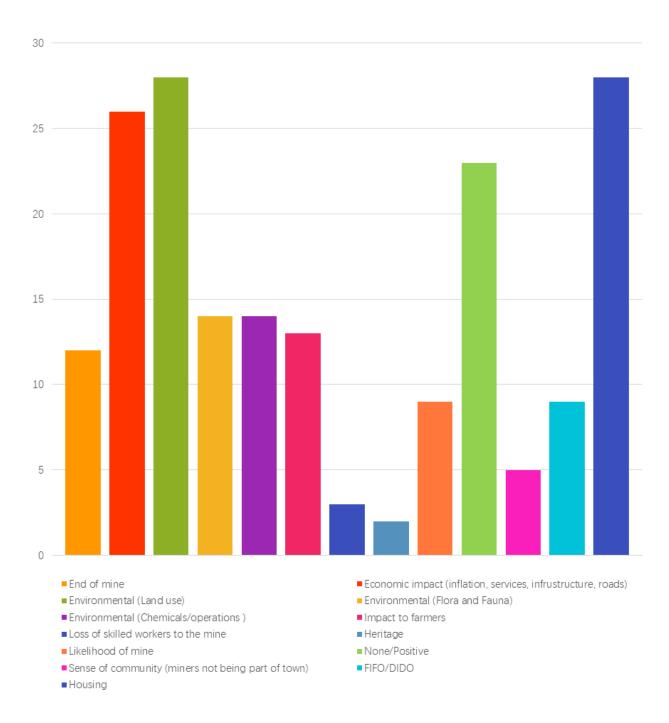
- 54. Don't really have any
- 55. Where the workers will live
- 56. NONE
- 57. None.
- 58. That you wouldn't offer much employment
- 59. It's been going on for over 10 years and it's still dormant with the price of gold I would off thought something would of happened by now
- 60. Farming, we don't want farmers to see their hard work be turned into a big hole in the ground.
- 61. Providing enough housing for the workers involved.
- 62. You are just going to come and rape and pillage our communities for 10 years then up and leave Pay the few staff we can get out here way too much money so we can't keep them Little support around my community for the mine to get up
- 63. The growth of the town should be great but the business in the towns and farming business may suffer by loosing workforce
- 64. That it will be a DIDO operation meaning we won't see families coming to live in the area. Also concerned that we won't have enough available accommodation in town for people to be encouraged to live in Katanning and work. There appears to be plenty of land available and even houses which are empty yet we don't have enough accommodation for people to live in. A mine camp would obviously suit the company but this won't encourage families to move to Katanning.
- 65. In regards to multigenerational cropping and livestock land being dug up, and will never return back to its full health capacity again. Im very concerned regarding the mental and physical health on the effected farmers that is of the land you are after. They have put their heart and sole into running a long standing family run farming operation that you are partly trying to literally rip up from under them. There is so much attachment and history within their family to that land and I truly feel sick thinking you are pushing so hard to take that away from them.
- 66. Housing
- 67. Inflating house and rent prices out of locals price ranges. Plus the inflation in other areas of the economy (goods and services). It is a low socioeconomic area and a lot of locals will be priced out of living here. Forcing farmers whose families have owned the land for generations off their land. The change in the economy of the town will not be sustainable. Once the mine closes everyone will just leave and the families who were here before will just have to deal with it. The damage to the land will leave it unfarmable for years even after your 'rejuvenation' efforts once the mine closes. The damage and pollution of the ground, water and ecosystems won't be reversible for a long time.
- 68. If this is just a FIFO project, the money will leave our area and we won't see the benefits of the project.
- 69. As long as it can be done in a respectful way to the environment, I think this is the best thing that could happen to katanning.
- 70. Lack of resources to support large influx of people and families (e.g. school, hospital etc)
- 71. Only worry is the kind of people it might attract! Also not enough housing as it is.
- 72. Habitat degradation
- 73. Dewatering of existing pits and strip ratio of waste to gold bearing ore. Where will the ore be processed?
- 74. Our main concern is how the mine would affect our farming operation. Our potential to expand our farm over time to hopefully allow the next generation to keep farming could be greatly affected by the mine seeking to take available farmland for mining. We farm on both sides of the proposed mine site and having access between our farms cut off would cause a major inconvenience and significant cost on us
- 75. None
- 76. Not having enough rentals in the town there is a windfarm being built also the shire needs too look at building more homes here!

- 77. From a socioeconomic perspective there would be very little benefit. The expansion of the mine and mining culture in general creates a drive-in/drive-out environment and cannot guarantee local employment particularly for those who are already unemployed or people who are of Aboriginal or Torres Straight Islander decent or recent migrants. The mine cannot guarantee that the local or surrounding towns economy will improve with their existence. Mining culture often divides pre-existing communities, not unites them as people working at the mines are not from the region and often don't integrate well. The expansion risks displacing generational farming families who are set to lose their homes, livelihoods, connection to country and community. Environmentally, the expansion will have significant impact on the remnant natural habitat that is the last of its kind in the Katanning Shire as well as extract underground water supplies that feed this habitat. This will have significant impact on critically endangered fauna species such as the Carnaby's Black Cockatoo and Red-tailed Phascogale which are protected under Commonwealth Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999 and the Western Australian Wildlife Conservation Act 1950.
- 78. big hole in the ground; fair bit of noise; fossil fuels needed to make it happen. some wild life will be effected. Lot of water usage and chemicals and pollutants to make it happen.
- 79. Damage to the earth and surrounding. Allowing no good people trash our beauty and peace. Look at Kalgoorlie, full of drugs, scum and riff raff
- 80. Nothing
- 81. Local businesses able to facilitate contracts and is there going to be assistance from Ausgold for small businesses
- 82. That they will not source workers and contractors locally Katanning/Dumbleyung/Nyabing and will employ workers from outside of the communities
- 83. The fate of the wildlife
- 84. None
- 85. Build infrastructure in town, create new Jobs, opportunities for Katanning residents.
- 86. I don't want it to end up like Boddington with huge areas of cleared land. The house prices usually go up and it pushes younger people out of being able to afford their first home. I am also worried about the environment.
- 87. Taking too long
- 88. Housing limitations where will workers stay? Sustainable living spikes to costs of living, rental pressures for existing families.
- 89.0
- 90. Destruction of the lands
- 91. Creating a huge ugly hole in the earth in place of where there was once plush flourishing green natural flora & the distruption to any fauna- especially fauna that could be put at risk of extinction.
- 92. I don't think I have sny concerns.
- 93. Local farming businesses and land holders been majorly effective by either exclusion zones, closing of Roads and most concerning loss of prime farming land that would forever be farming land producing quality commodities unlike the life of the proposed mine. The increase pressure on housing availability, labour costs for businesses & living cost of a mining town. Which will lead to a divide within the town for people who don't earn the mining wage. Major concern for the short life span of the mine, how the town will cope post the closure. Environmental impacts on wildlife & bush land.
- 94. None
- 95. none
- 96. Housing
- 97. Demand of infrastructure in the small towns and communities.
- 98. For them to say town will get better?? We don't know??
- 99. Environmental There are reserves in very close proximity to the mine which are known habitat for endangered and vulnerable wildlife. The proposed removal of remnant vegetation may not appear significant based on the raw numbers but in the context of an area which has already been extensively cleared the loss of what remains is significant. Economic There is already a severe shortage of both labour and accommodation in the area, a new industry that requires large amounts of both will cause massive disruption to local businesses. At best there may be a short term economic benefit to the area but over the longer term the permanent loss of a huge area of prime farming land will lead to overall negative results. Social The majority of the owners of this land are not willing to sell and have always made this position clear to Ausgold. This has not deterred Ausgold from continued exploration and investment in the project, this is certainly an indication that the company has little regard for local residents and intends to railroad them in order to acquire the land.

- 101. The impact on the land and the farmers who land you use. Some are 3rd/4th generation farmers and they still want to farm the land their ancestors did before them.
- 102. My key concerns are the environmental impact. This includes the loss of habitat for the critically endangered Carnaby's Cockatoo which rely on hollows in old trees for nesting sites. Also the impact of the large tailings dam that will be constructed. Katanning has very little remnant vegetation left in the shire and current remnant vegetation needs to be protected.
- 103. How affected landholders are compensated. Traffic along roads
- 104. That Ausgold will not employ local workers/contractors
- 105. Good farming land being decimated and lost to food production. Noise, dust, blasting damage to surrounding areas especially homes. Farming families and their programs being impacted by the mine works. Damage, noise and dust for special wildlife and birds in the Badgebup reserve. Enough accommodation for workers and other service providers.
- 106. Land degradation Increased traffic on our local roads Displacing families that live within the mine perimeter The end of the Mine and what that means for the surrounding environment and farm lands Ground water contamination Air quality Also worry that the mine would consider themselves more important than any other business in the district and disrespect local people and laws
- 107. Minimal environmental concerns. Evidence/economic modelling that prospective investors in local resources (e.g housing and support services to support a busier town with families etc.) could perhaps base their decisions on. (maybe this is not the job of AUSGOLD) Accommodation to begin with.
- 108. Nil
- 109. My main concern is housing. We are in the midst of one of the worst housing crisis in WA and it's not looking good for the near future. Plans to have drive in drive out employees for the mine from Katanning are not sustainable unless there is a commitment now to invest in housing. Not just purchasing houses or renting everything in town, but building new homes or units. People are already aware now that large business tie up rentals and buy houses in town, driving up prices and making them unattainable for the average rental, the people in need or new home owners. My other concern is assurances the project iwill go ahead but reluctance of anyone to prepare now. Without land purchases or project start dates there is really no one committing to invest for the long term. If Ausgold won't do it, why should locals?
- 110. FIFO lifestyle wouldn't benefit our communities nor surrounding towns
- 111. Water contamination
- 112. Environmental Welfare
- 113. My key concern is the potential for negative impact on Katanning and surrounding districts business and farming enterprises, available housing, pressures on community infrastructure and services, available workforce. I have serious concern of current employers being pillaged of their workforce, that wage expectations will skyrocket. I worry how the social and socioeconomic demographic of the local populations may change in a very short time, where opportunists come to town chasing big dollars without regard for history and legacy, without sense of community or belonging, without intent of contributing or putting back, without understanding or appreciating the local and social environment. I'm also concerned that it may change the mindset of the current population if they adopt a "what's in it for me" mentality losing sight of the greater good that currently exists. I am aware of the devastating effect the invasion then withdrawal of BHP had on the town of Hopetoun and the loss of community that it suffered and has never fully recovered.
- 114. That certain small minded elements in the community are going to try and derail the project.
- 115. Not processing ore removed locally
- 116. none

117. The mining tenement area is huge!! It will lead to a loss of vital farmland used for food production in a State with a growing population. Destruction of native vegetation and critical wildlife habitat for a myriad of precious fauna including endangered Black Cockatoos. Contamination of the environment with harmful chemicals used in processing gold ore. Use of large amounts of precious, life-giving water in a drying climate. Adding huge carbon emissions to our environment at a time when we are in a Climate Change emergency. The mine appears to have no Net Zero Carbon Emissions Plan and that is seriously worrying in the light of the fact that gold is not an essential element which sustains life. You're planning to reduce essential food production land and replace it with non-essential gold mining which will produce far greater carbon emissions. Damaging Aboriginal Cultural Heritage. Changing the character of small towns like Woodanilling where we choose to live a quiet life with low population and low crime. If there's an influx of mine workers into Woodanilling, it will no doubt lead to loss of vital, carbon-absorbing native vegetation on townsite lots for housing for mine workers. We have beautiful mature Salmon Gum and White Gum vegetation which is part of the character of our town and would undoubtedly be destroyed if there was a sudden high demand for housing by mine workers. Changing the character of Katanning with an influx of highly-paid workers which will lure employees away from small businesses who are already finding it hard to source staff and will not be able to compete with huge mining wages. Heaven forbid we see brothels in Katanning - similar to what gold mining has attracted to Kalgoorlie!!

What are your key concerns regarding the Katanning Gold Project?



#### What aspects of the Katanning Gold Project would you like more information on?

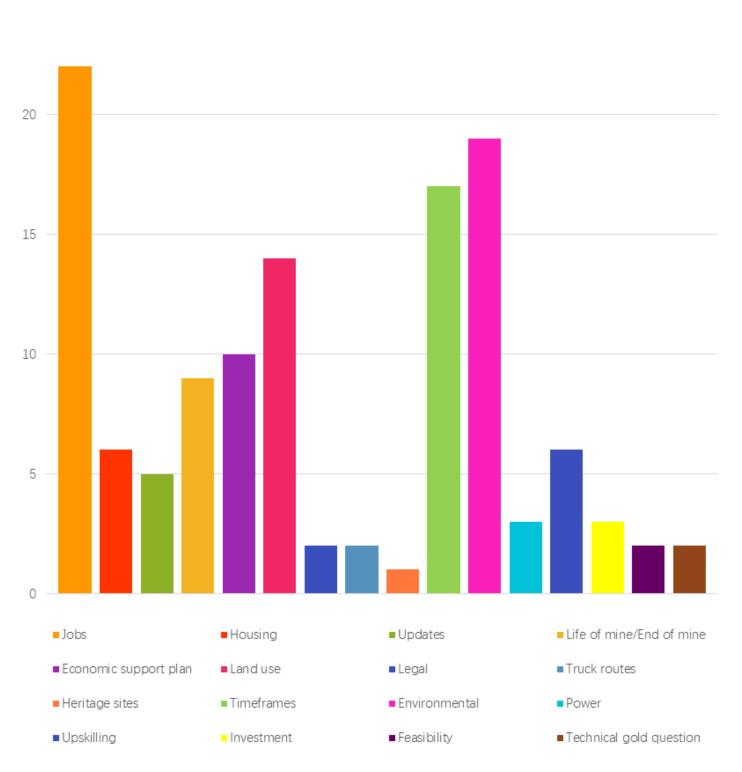
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- 1. Jobs
- 2. How the Ausgold will support our schools and current infrastructure before operation's begin!
- 3. Just being kept updated on where the mine is at, which I feel you are doing a great job of.
- 4. nil
- 5. Long jevity
- 6. None
- 7. Nothing specific, but regular updates on power supply, housing, liaisons with community in general
- 8. Exactly how much land you actually have rights to MINE at the moment, and the rights the landholders have to say no.
- 9. Will there be upgrades to roads where needed, taking into account that we already have a lot of heavy truck traffic , grain carting etc.
- 10. I would like to know if it will affect the Dumbleyung lake and the sacred sites associated?
- 11. time frames for the project, how the housing of workers can be addressed
- 12. Show us you mean to set up and put something on the ground that is beneficial for Katanning. A clear plan that addresses all the environmental issues. Ground Water clarifying and processing. Returning the area to its current condition or better. A clear plan for the flora and fauna habitats.
- 13. Western power is your stumbling block.
- 14. Future roles available at the mine.
- 15. What happens after the mining has finished? Jobs, housing, land, etc... if the mine only has a couple of decades life span, what happens next? As the land has been farmed for a century and could continue for another century once the mine has taking all the profits from the soil... what's next for the environment and the local communities?
- 16. How you would like to work with schools to bring information to students / future job opportunities
- 17. Where activity will take place. Land regeneration plans. Information of how the company will take care of local fauna and flora during mining.
- 18. Environmental concerns/mitigating those concerns
- 19. Time line Education and training that we should be doing to skill ourselves for your business
- 20. Ni
- 21. Timeline once approvals are acquired
- 22. Ausgold share price
- 23. management of impacts on environment and long term prospects for the land after the mine has ceased.
- 24. How people will be accommodated in town and the effects on town.
- 25. Accomodation for workers and their families
- 26. N/A
- 27. nil
- 28. Commencement of operations, Are locals, especially those already employed in FIFO mining going to be given priority for employment
- 29. Commencement date of operations and employment opportunities
- 30. Feasibility. Seems to be speculation that the cost to operate the mine are to great to get the project off the ground
- 31. affect on community
- 32. Timeframes for going into full production.
- 33. What it will do to the land & environment.
- 34. Where you plan on building accommodation
- 35. Is there any alluvial gold or is it all deep gold
- 36. Employment

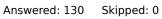
- 37. Environmental impact. Type of jobs that might be available.
- 38. All
- 39. Everything
- 40. The project
- 41. Environmental impact
- 42. Exact location; written notification & consultation
- 43. Rehabilitation and tailings dam
- 44. Job opportunities for locals
- 45. When it's starting, how many will it employ, how long to they expect to operate.
- 46. Everything
- 47. STARTING DATES ENVISIONED
- 48. Just general information. Life of mine .
- 49. Progress
- 50. All of it
- 51. Employment
- 52. How many employees will it involve. What are the time periods involved ( eg when will it be up and running, how long will it be operational etc). Will the company be investing in facilities for the towns increased population.
- 53. All
- 54. Employment opportunities and how the work force will be sourced. Also the potential for a relationship with the senior high school students to show them what the mining industry has to offer.
- 55. The extent to the restoration of land after your finished getting what you need. Family support for the family involved after your done. But most of all more information on how you can play it with the community like this is already a project going ahead when its clearly not a signed and sealed agreement as of yet.
- 56. Everything, town impact, land impact / set up & staffing
- 57. How they will support the local schools, hospitald etc.
- 58. How it will contribute to funding community needs
- 59. How ausgold can mitigate the environmental impact
- 60. Proposed farmland acquisition
- 61. An update of the progress and maybe a timeline?
- 62. Employment, when it will start and the success rate expected if the mine
- 63. Environmental planning
- 64. environmental report
- 65. How it will protect the surrounding town's and people?
- 66. Careers opportunities
- 67. Availability of Contracts Timelines for production There is be no need for information on environmental control as all aspects will be met
- 68. What are the plans for employment?
- 69. Just on how it's all going
- 70. Jobs, opportunities for Katanning residents
- 71. How much land clearing will be involved. How it affects the groundwater, etc.
- 72. Recruitment process
- 73. Timeframe
- 74.0
- 75. Environmental impacts and employment opportunities
- 76. Environmental impact.

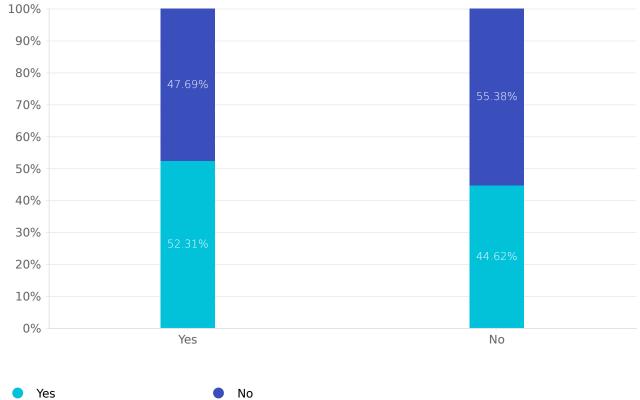
- 77. Is there going to jave tours through tje place? It would bring more people tjrough and having a shop would be great too.
- 78. Road closures where it will be redirected. Road up grades. The route of Power lines to support the mine. Exclusion Zones & time line for the life time of the mine. Environmental impacts.
- 79. heavy manufacturing resourcing/tenders for construction
- 80. Job availability.
- 81. How it will effect small businesses in Dumbleyung and surrounding towns
- 82. Employments Local
- 83. The exact location of the actual mining and buffer zone areas. This was requested at least a dozen times at the community meeting and yet is still not available. I'm talking about the mine operation area itself, not the maps of drilling sites and models of the resource that keep getting given when we ask where the mine will be located.
- 84. Tree planting that will occur to offset the trees that will be cleared. Plans for creating habitat and nesting sites for Carnaby Cockatoos.
- 85. Contract/employment opportunities
- 86. Land required for buffer zone. Paddocks being identified for full projected timeframe. What will happen to the land no hope of restoration. Area scarred forever.
- 87. Where people will be housed How staff would arrive at the site What extra trades may be bought to town What benefits the mine sees it will have on the community What are my friends and family supposed to do if their land is taken for mining I don't want to see them leave the district
- 88. Accommodation where the workers will be living Jobs available and time frames for people looking to work for Ausgold
- 89. INfrastrutre around the site, how it will be powered, specifics about water access, how much water use there will be, will Ausgold invest in renewables for power
- 90. Establishment times
- 91. Share price and how to invest
- 92. How Ausgold intend to achieve the opportunities and possibilities that I have set out in question 9 above. How Ausgold intend to avoid and mitigate the potential problems and risks that I am concerned about in question 10 above. Do Ausgold investors and backers have the financial resources to do everything that they say they are going to do and achieve, and are they prepared to commit these financial resources to do all that they should do as responsible corporate citizens of the local community. What legacy will they leave?
- 93. Probably the stuff that is tough to answer at the moment like timelines for progress.
- 94. Time frame
- 95. What the plans with ore premoved Are you planning to process the ore locally Building of process plant and grinding circuit
- 96. I would like to be informed when Contruction starts
- 97. Where is the mine proposing to source water from? If from underground aquifers, what modelling has been done on the effects of drawing huge amounts of water from aquifers? How much water would be required each year? Where will the waste water be stored and discharged? What are tailings and where / how will they be stored? Where will tailings be ultimately disposed of? Will the mine have a Net Zero Carbon Emissions Plan right from the start? Please provide a copy of any such plan. How are you planning to house mine workers in Katanning and Woodanilling? Are you expecting an influx of mine workers in Woodanilling for the Mine Hill and Red Hill sites? If so, how many workers? What are the outcomes of any consultation sessions you've had with the Shire of Woodanilling, both staff and councillors?





# If approved, would you consider working at, or contracting to, the Katanning Gold Project?

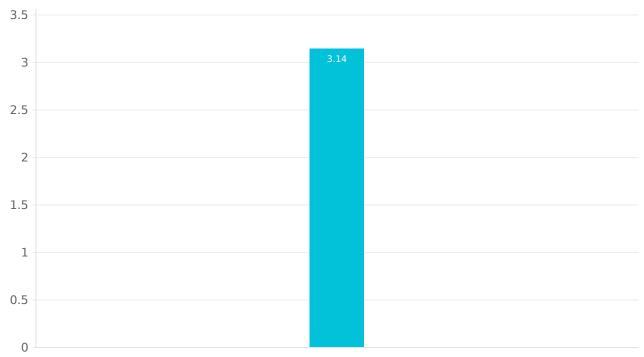




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Yes	52.31% (68)	47.69% (62)	130
No	44.62% (58)	55.38% (72)	130
Please provide more information:			78

## How involved in consultation about the Katanning Gold Project would you like to be?

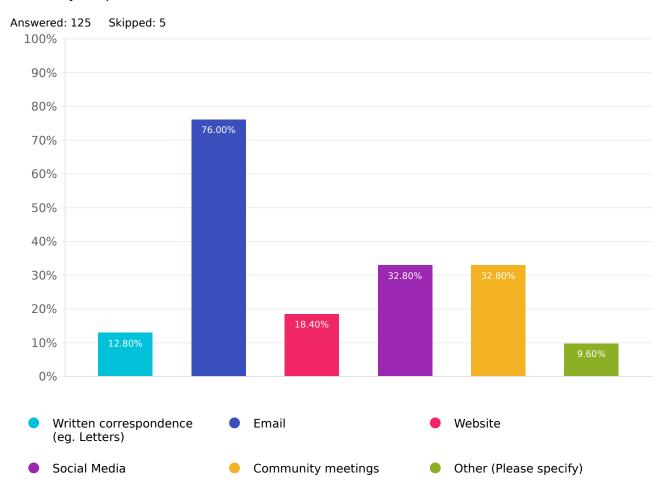
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Rating	Response percent	Response count
1 (Limited involvement)	11.54%	15
2	18.46%	24
3	26.15%	34
4	32.31%	42
5 (Extremely Involved)	11.54%	15

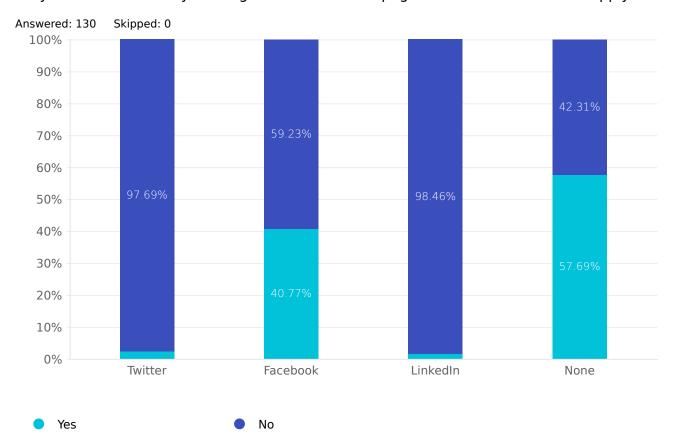
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### What is your preferred method of communication?



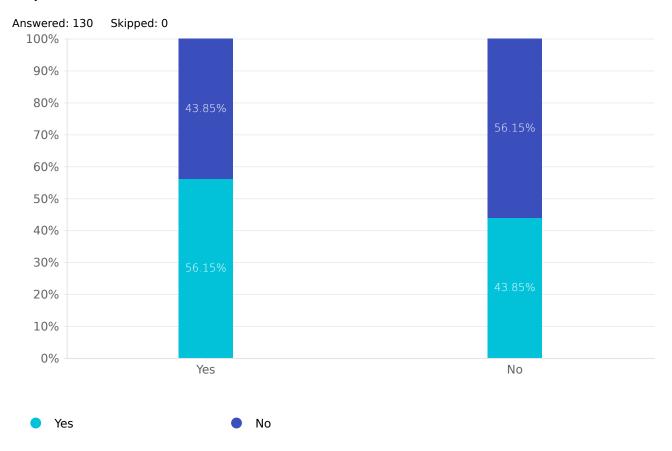
Choices	Response percent	Response count
Written correspondence (eg. Letters)	12.80%	16
Email	76.00%	95
Website	18.40%	23
Social Media	32.80%	41
Community meetings	32.80%	41
Other (Please specify)	9.60%	12

## Do you subscribe to any of Ausgold's social media pages? Please select all that apply.



Row	Yes	No	Response count
Twitter	2.31% (3)	97.69% (127)	130
Facebook	40.77% (53)	59.23% (77)	130
LinkedIn	1.54% (2)	98.46% (128)	130
None	57.69% (75)	42.31% (55)	130

# Would you like to provide your details for future contact regarding the Katanning Gold Project?



Row	Yes	No	Response count
Yes	56.15% (73)	43.85% (57)	130
No	43.85% (57)	56.15% (73)	130

# First Name, Last Name, Phone, Email

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Field label	Response percent	Response count
First Name	100.00%	73 Responses
Last Name	97.26%	71 Responses
Phone	83.56%	61 Responses
Email	100.00%	73 Responses

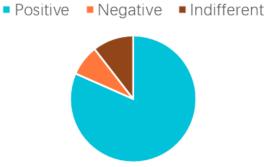
#### Are there any other comments you would like to make about the Katanning Gold Project?

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- 1. It does not directly effect our operations at Badgebup so I cannot have any firm views on the mine
- 2. Go ahead and mine gold in this area
- 3. I think it is fantastic. Bring it on
- 4. Mining doesn't belong in this landscape, and I hope our community sees that.
- 5. We think it would be beneficial for the community
- 6. I would like to hear something from the Government regarding the project.
- 7. There is an opportunity for the gold mine at the Wurgabup rifle club for a caretakers house you can rent for your supervisors and maintaining the licence bar facility on your door step
- 8 Nc
- 9. Exciting times!
- 10. I hope this project is successful. Katanning and districts will benefit hugely if this project moves along.
- 11. I see this as diversification of industry and lands just as Margaret river has changed from predominantly Dairy farms it now is known for wine, olives, avocados and tourist accommodation. This is an incredible opportunity not only for our community but for the surrounding small communities to grow and thrive, without this project many of those communities could go further backwards. With the advances in agriculture there has been the demise of small family farms in the area, with that an exodus of people. With advances in technology, bigger machines and soon automation there has been a drastic reduction in the number of people employed on farms. The gold mining project has the ability to reinvigorate the employment opportunities in Katanning and surrounding districts and grow the population which in turns means a healthier and more successful business sector, more kids equals more teachers and resources for our schools etc.
- 12. Could be valuable project 2 the town
- 13. This is a small town and people are not sure will happen to the town when it will become a mining town.
- 14. Thanks for choosing Katanning
- 15. Just hurry up and get in with it. His has been promised for decades
- 16. Just get in with it. This has been promised for decades and please priorities locals for employment rather than bringing in DIDO from Perth. There are heaps of FIFO workers who are already mine workers that would love to come home to work.
- 17. There are many vacant lots in town that are cheap as chips, not to mention shop fronts. Would be good to see some of these filled with new homes for mine workers or maybe a shop front for aus gold in town to show its face
- 18. Up ward and onward
- 19. Good luck. Wishing you all the best with the project!
- 20. Company must support our community via government etc, we are regional and the mine will put all our resources under pressure
- 21. Good luck!
- 22. Great opportunities for the area. Wishing you all the best
- 23. Smooth sailing.
- 24. No
- 25. I think it's really great to finally see the mine slowly turning into something that could make Katanning a better place. I just hope to see our local people get involved and get employed before outsiders.
- 26. After moving to Katanning for 3 months we decided that this was a wonderful community to have our children grow up in. We are still here 15 years later. Both our children have gone to primary and high school here in town. It would be so good if the employees and their families were encouraged to live and work here.
- 27. I'm really excited to see it fruition and what it does for our town and hopefully be apart of it. With Matthew and Dennis at the helm, I'm sure Ausgold will be successful.
- 28. Protential employment and required skills
- 29. I'm pro progress for regional areas, I love to see our areas prosper

- 30. If it goes ahead, please be sure to respect our town but all positive inprovements will be aporeciiated
- 31. While I'm sure there's many hard working people at Ausgold who are really passionate about this project and would love to see it succeed in reality even if it is more successful than expected it will still only run for a few short years in the scheme of things and destroy food producing farmland in the process. I'm a third generation farmer on this land and very passionate about farming and it doesn't seems right to me to destroy farmland for mining gold.
- 32. No
- 33. Given the current climate crises and the rise of unemployment and crime, fragmented communities and the uncertainty of food/water security instead of opening up yet another extractive industry that erodes both the environment and communities AusGold could be part of the closed loop system and be leaders in sustainability instead. Gold can be recycled and everything that has already been extracted can be reused most of which is thrown straight into landfill. Open depots state, nationally, globally recycling centres that employ people to deconstruct technology that has gold so it can be reused. This will support economies and will have a far better environmental and social impact which is what we need right now. The reality is, we are all on this sinking ship together, no amount of gold in your individual pocket will keep you afloat any longer than your neighbour especially if your neighbour is starving and desperate.
- 34. Good luck
- 35. Locals first
- 36. No
- 37. No, just can't wait for this to happen
- 38. Equipment dry/wet hire opportunities and earthmoving
- 39. I hope the mine finally does well
- 40. Hope to hear you up and running soon
- 41. Exciting opportunity for many locals! All the best with the next phase.
- 42. Thank you for your time
- 43. No but if it helps the town by creating work tjat is great.
- 44. no
- 45. Looking foward to be hearing from ausgold.
- 46. No thank you for inviting me to do the survey.
- 47. I would love to be in included or given the opportunity to provide earthmoving equipment
- 48. No
- 49. No
- 50. I'm really excited for the opportunities the mining project will bring to town.
- 51. Thank you for providing this survey seeking the views of the local communities.
- 52. i read where your exploration drills have proved more resource. Keep drilling!! In reply to the question re time in the area, this is my third time back in the town.
- 53. Keep people informed and move forward
- 54. N no o
- 55. Mining has a huge impact on our land, the environment and underground water sources. Gold is not essential for life. This project must not go ahead, particularly because it will add to global warming. We need to stop business as usual. I want future generations to enjoy a healthy planet, not a ruined one! This mine is all about making huge amounts of money at any cost even if it means damaging the planet!

Theme of responses to 'Are there any other comments you would like to make about the Katanning Gold Project?'



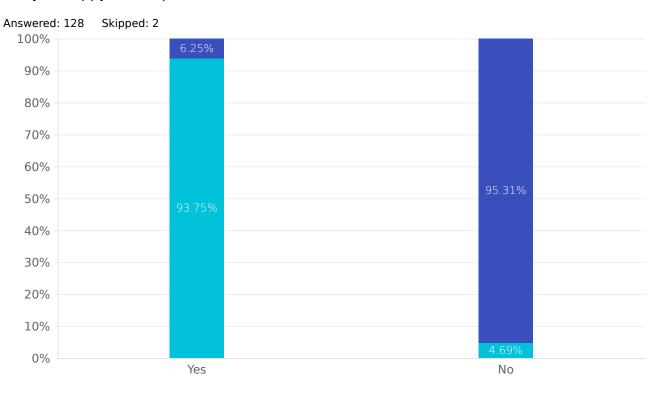
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#### A bit about you

Yes

The following three questions are not mandatory but would help us to better design our communications.

# Are you happy to complete them?

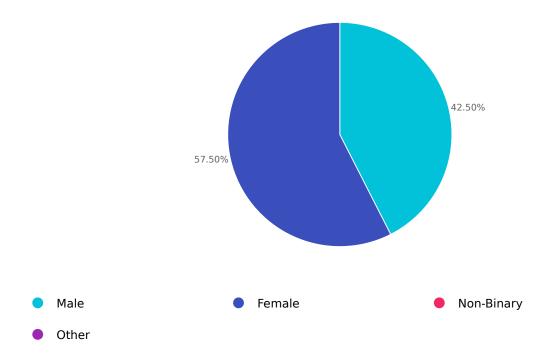


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No	4.69% (6)	95.31% (122)	128

No

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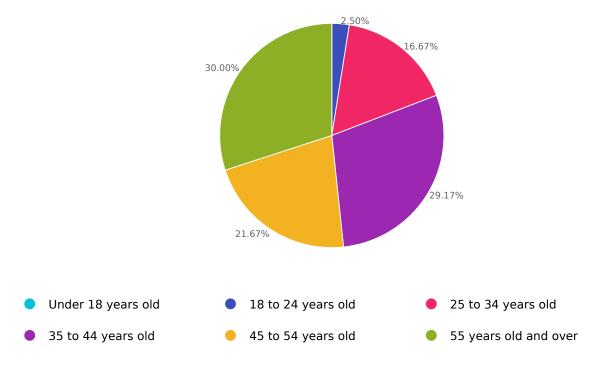
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Choices	Response percent	Response count
Male	42.50%	51
Female	57.50%	69
Non-Binary	0.00%	0
Other	0.00%	0

## Please indicate which of the following best describes your age.

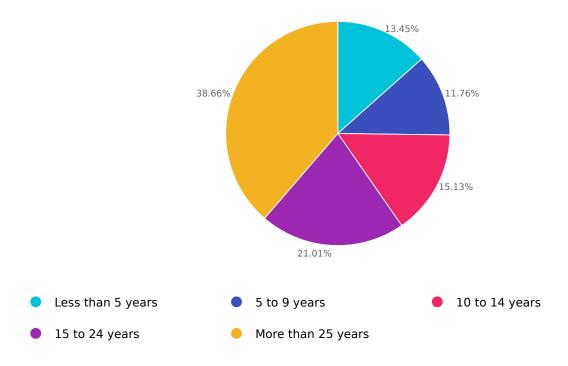
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Choices	Response percent	Response count
Under 18 years old	0.00%	0
18 to 24 years old	2.50%	3
25 to 34 years old	16.67%	20
35 to 44 years old	29.17%	35
45 to 54 years old	21.67%	26
55 years old and over	30.00%	36

## Please indicate how long you have lived in the area.

Answered: 119 Skipped: 11



Choices	Response percent	Response count
Less than 5 years	13.45%	16
5 to 9 years	11.76%	14
10 to 14 years	15.13%	18
15 to 24 years	21.01%	25
More than 25 years	38.66%	46