

THE BRIEFING DOCUMENT — ONE PER STUDENT

PUBLIC BRIEFING - KAMBARIA RIDGE PROJECT

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Marla Creek Minerals Ltd began as one prospector and her ute. Now it is listed on the stock exchange — and it proposes an open-pit gold and copper mine at Kambaria Ridge, in WA's Mid West. The company calls it “a once-in-a-generation opportunity.” Others aren't so sure. These are the facts both sides agree on.

THE MONEY

\$380 million to build. Royalties would help fund a new health clinic and a school upgrade for Kambaria township.

THE JOBS

450 jobs while building (about 2 years). 240 ongoing jobs for the life of the mine.

THE MINE LIFE

15 years. Then the ore runs out, the jobs end, and the site is rehabilitated — fixed up — under a bond the company must pay in advance.

THE TOWN

Kambaria township, population about 900, sits 2.1 km from the pit. The mine would run 24 hours a day, including night blasting alerts.

THE WATER

1,400 million litres a year, pumped from underground (a borefield). The company says levels will be monitored. The groundwater here has never been fully mapped.

THE CREEK

Wirra Creek passes 400 m from the site at its nearest point. The company promises a buffer zone and public water testing.

THE BUSH

The conservation area boundary is 3.2 km away. An 11 km rail spur would be built through farmland to reach the main line.

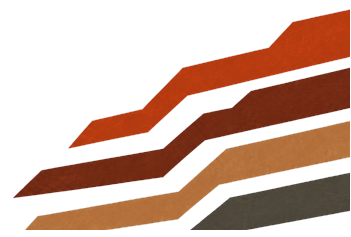
THE PROMISE

“We will leave Kambaria better than we found it.” — Marla Creek Minerals, project launch, page one.

YOUR THREE MARKS — DO THEM AS YOU READ

CIRCLE the number that impresses you most. **BOX** the number that worries you most. **UNDERLINE** the one promise you would test hardest.

And the sharpest mark of all: put a ? next to anything important the briefing does NOT tell you.



One card per pair. Read it together, plan your 60-second statement, and guard your secret — the judges will try to guess it at the end.

WITNESS 1 · SPEAK AS THIS PERSON, NOT AS YOU

Project Director, Marla Creek Minerals

What you want: approval — this project is your career.

Your strongest fact (from the briefing): 240 ongoing jobs for 15 years, plus the clinic and the school upgrade.

FOR YOUR EYES ONLY — NEVER SAY THIS ALOUD, BUT
LET IT SHAPE HOW YOU SPEAK

The water numbers are best-case estimates. You believe them — but nobody has fully mapped that groundwater, and you know it.

WITNESS 2 · SPEAK AS THIS PERSON, NOT AS YOU

Owner, Kambaria General Store

What you want: the mine to go ahead — your store needs the town to grow.

Your strongest fact (from the briefing): Towns that say no can fade. Shops close. Young people leave. You have seen it happen nearby.

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You're also nervous: when towns boom, rents rise. Yours included. Growth might squeeze you too.

WITNESS 3 · SPEAK AS THIS PERSON, NOT AS YOU

Long-time resident, 72, lives nearest the site

What you want: the mine stopped — or moved much further away.

Your strongest fact (from the briefing): The pit is 2.1 km from town, Wirra Creek is 400 m from the site, and the mine runs 24 hours a day.

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Half your street already left for city jobs. You are lonely. Part of you knows the town needs SOMETHING — you just wish it wasn't this.

WITNESS 4 · SPEAK AS THIS PERSON, NOT AS YOU

Year 12 student, wants to stay in Kambaria

What you want: the jobs — without them, you leave next year like everyone else.

Your strongest fact (from the briefing): 450 building jobs, then 240 ongoing. That is a future you can stay for.

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The mine lasts 15 years. You'd be 33 when it closes. What happens to you then? You push the thought away.

WITNESS 5 · SPEAK AS THIS PERSON, NOT AS YOU

Environmental scientist

What you want: much stronger conditions before any approval.

Your strongest fact (from the briefing): 1,400 million litres a year from a borefield that has never been fully mapped — damage underground is invisible until it is permanent.

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Good rehabilitation IS possible — you have seen mines do it well. But only when somebody independent checks. You trust checking, not promising.

WITNESS 6 · SPEAK AS THIS PERSON, NOT AS YOU

Shire President

What you want: the right decision for the WHOLE town — and you honestly do not know what that is.

Your strongest fact (from the briefing): Both futures are real: towns that said yes and changed, towns that said no and faded. You have visited both.

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Whichever way this goes, half of Kambaria will blame you personally. You lose either way. You speak last, and you know it.

