

Dendrobium Community Consultative Committee

MEETING MINUTES

FINAL (endorsed 10 August)



MEETING:	Dendrobium Community Consultative Committee (DCCC)	
LOCATION:	Dendrobium Nebo Room	
DATE:	17:30, Thursday 8 June 2023	
ATTENDEES:	Independent Chairperson Independent Secretary Community Representatives Illawarra Metallurgical Coal Representatives (IMC) Invited guest	Mike Archer (MA) Maxine Wiseman (MW) Jenny Evans (JE) Anita Mulrooney (AM) - <i>Online</i> Alex Beccari (AB) – <i>Online</i> Phil Grant (PG) Phil Diamond (PD) - <i>Online</i> Phil Clunas (PC) Simon Thomas (ST) General Manager Dendrobium Rod Mapstone (RM) – Principal Community James Alchin (JA) – Specialist Environment Gary Brassington (GB) – Approvals Manager (<i>online</i>) Melynda Kensey – (MK) – Strategic Planning Officer – Wollongong City Council (<i>online</i>)
APOLOGIES:		Ron Zwicker Michael Banasik Vivien Twyford Chris Schultz

<i>PURPOSE</i>	
	<p>The purpose of the DCCC is to provide a forum for open discussion between representatives of Dendrobium Mine, the Community, the relevant councils and other stakeholders on issues directly relating to the mine's operations, environmental performance and community relations, and to keep the community informed on these matters.</p> <p>Acknowledgement to Country MA provided Acknowledgement to Country – <i>“We acknowledge the Traditional Owners of the land on which we meet this evening, the Dharawal People, and pay our respects to Elders past, present and emerging”.</i></p>

<i>AGENDA</i>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Welcome, Apologies & Declaration of Pecuniary Interests • WCCC address and request for CCC ideas and feedback on future planning for Mt Kembla • Acceptance of Minutes of last meeting • Previous Actions • Business Arising • IMC Update <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Operations Update ○ Approvals Update ○ Environment Update ○ Community Update • General Business • Member Updates
1	<i>WELCOME / APOLOGIES</i>
	<p>Meeting opened at 5:31pm.</p> <p>MA welcomed all members and introduced MW as the minute taker.</p> <p>MA issued an apology for RZ and MB & CS – on leave. Post meeting apology from VT.</p>
2	<i>DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTERESTS</i>
	<p>MA declared a pecuniary interest, advising that in his role as Independent Chairperson, he is paid for his time by South32 Illawarra Metallurgical Coal. MW is paid as minute taker by MA and the cost is recovered from South32 IMC.</p> <p>There were no other declarations made at the meeting.</p>
3	<i>PRESENTATION FROM WOLLONGONG CITY COUNCIL</i>
	<p>MA introduced Melynda Kensey (MK) Strategic Planning Officer from Wollongong City Council (online).</p> <p>MK described the Kembla Community Visioning Project to look at proposed actions over the next 10 years and is seeking input from CCC members as well as the broader community.</p> <p>AM – keen to be involved and offered to use her social media network to advise the local community.</p> <p>MA - send details to RM and will circulate to the committee. Those members that feel that they want to contact MK direct can do so to provide feedback.</p> <p>MK – will arrange to come back in August.</p>
4	<i>PREVIOUS MINUTES AND BUSINESS ARISING</i>
	<p>Previous minutes</p> <p>Meeting minutes of DCCC from Thursday 6 April 2023 are a fair and accurate record and accepted.</p> <p>Moved by PD; Seconded by PG</p> <p>Business Arising</p> <p>Provide copy of traffic study commissioned as part of the REF for the IEMB study</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Circulated to members – no further action <p>PD noted that some trucks were operating without “guide cars”</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Trucking contractor confirmed still working under the previous guidelines, been doing spot checks. <p>PD asked for feedback from the resource regulator regarding rehabilitation objectives and final landform for rehabilitation plan</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Included in presentation. <p>AB asked if IMC would remove large stumps caught under rail bridge at American Creek.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Engineers were engaged to assess the stumps and they were not identified as an issue for the integrity of the bridge. It has been identified that there are significant safety issues associated with accessing this area that will need to be assessed prior to undertaking this work. <p>PD requested a map for total impacts in Area 3B</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Included in presentation.
5	OPERATIONS UPDATE
	<p>LW19-21 Relocation occurred late March - Late April.</p> <p>LW21 commenced extraction on 24 April 2023.</p> <p>LW21 anticipated to finish early August</p> <p>Development continuing at MG19A, TG22, MG22 and Pioneer</p> <p>Surface slope stability works continuing to remediate from wet weather in 2022.</p> <p>Slope movement observed in car park – final geotechnical design and appointment of contractor currently being finalised.</p> <p>LW19A & LW21A improves longwall continuity by allowing additional gas drainage time for high gas areas</p> <p>Assessment completed, including an assessment of Aboriginal heritage, Wongawilli Creek and Swamp 15A</p> <p>LW19A SMP application submitted to DPE October</p> <p>LW22 & LW23 SMP approved</p> <p>PC – LW19A SMP hasn't been approved yet?</p> <p>ST - LW19A & 21A has not been formally responded to yet. LW19A requires approval by September 2023.</p> <p>GB – Still waiting on the approval, have been in discussion with the Department of Planning don't believe there are any outstanding issues.</p>
6	APPROVALS UPDATE
	<p>Longwall 19 Subsidence Management Plan approved 11 March 2021</p> <p>Longwall 19A SMP Application submitted 10 October 2022</p> <p>Longwall 20 Subsidence Management Plan – further approval required</p>

	<p>Longwall 21 Subsidence Management Plan approved 19 December 2019</p> <p>Longwall 21A Subsidence Management Plan studies underway</p> <p>Longwall 22 and 23 Subsidence Management Plan approved 20 December 2022</p> <p>Dendrobium Area 3 Gas Management Plant – approved by DPE 8 July</p> <p>(https://pp.planningportal.nsw.gov.au/major-projects/projects/mod-9-gas-management-infrastructure)</p>
7	<p><i>ENVIRONMENT UPDATE</i></p>
	<p>Water storage in area 3B has remained high, has come down since last meeting</p> <p>Noise exceedance at Kemira Valley influenced by weather conditions.</p> <p>Flow meter at LDP 5 has been installed. Kemira Valley flow meter partially installed.</p> <p>Air quality and greenhouse gas management plan and water management plan have been reviewed and submitted for approval.</p> <p>Rehabilitation Management Plan</p> <p>Feedback received from resources regulator on rehabilitation objectives and final land use rehabilitation plans.</p> <p>Rehabilitation Objectives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Request to resubmit to change formatting, spatial references, allocation of objectives to spatial references and change in final land uses and wording of objectives. • Plant Community Types (PCTs) for each area to be rehabilitated to native ecosystem are to be identified. <p>Final Land Use:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consistency between spatial references and update to reflect changes in objectives. • RMP is being reviewed to address this feedback. • RMP and revised rehabilitation objectives are planned to be submitted to the Resources Regulator by the end of June and will be updated on the IMC website. <p>PG – The final ownership of the land, what happens with that?</p> <p>GB – IMC owned land will be donated or sold. Land owned by the State will revert to the landowner. A number of options are available depending on which parcels.</p> <p>PD – who owns the land next to the motorcycle tracks?</p> <p>PG - there is some confusion about who owns the land as some records were lost or destroyed.</p> <p>GB – need to clarify the parcel of land.</p> <p><i>ACTION: PD to provide a mud map and send through to GB and RM.</i></p> <p><i>ACTION: GB to provide a map of South32 owned land.</i></p>

	<p>Dendrobium Area 3A/3B Impacts</p> <p>Discussion on the total impacts that have been identified as well as swamp, soil moisture, and ground water monitoring.</p> <p>PC – if no surface water being retained, how does it affect fire risk assessment or protection, in response to any upcoming weather cycles?</p> <p>GB - the fire risk for a specific feature would be greater if that area was dry compared to being wet. The bushfire risk is one of the impacts that has been assessed as part of the mining approvals process. The most recent major approvals/assessment was in 2008. IMC is unaware of any evidence that mining impacts bushfire risk at the landscape level.</p> <p>Catchment tour</p> <p>Tour held on 4 May and attended by PD</p> <p>Sites visited included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Swamp 1b and tributary DC13 • Watercourse WC21 – trial rehabilitation site • Swamp 14 and WC15 pool 34 • Swamp 35b and tributary <p>PD - expressed concerns about the aquatic health and water levels of the sites visited, and cumulative effects of mining in the catchment area.</p> <p>GB - the streams that are directly mined beneath are dry unless there has been rain. The rehabilitation trial (two pools) is still progressing and is currently in the monitoring phase. A report will be submitted to government at the end of the trial.</p> <p>PD – the ground over Maldon Dombarton rail corridor appeared to rise and fall about 2m over a 300m interval.</p> <p>GB – the maximum subsidence is about 2m reducing to 0.5m over the pillars. The Maldon Dombarton rail corridor follows the ridge line and if it is used in the future, then those impacts would be mitigated.</p> <p>PD – is there grouting of Swamp 14, or is it more on WC21?</p> <p>GB – There is no grouting on Swamp 14 or WC15 – two pools were trialled in WC21.</p> <p>PD – would like to view that area when it’s available.</p>
8	COMPLAINTS
	<p>April: no complaints</p> <p>May: one noise complaint regarding rail operations.</p> <p>PD – was there resurfacing of the rail tracks? There have been some high-pitched screeching sounds.</p> <p>ACTION: ST will enquire with maintenance contractor.</p>

9	COMMUNITY INVESTMENT
	<p>Illawarra Metallurgical Coal</p> <p>Women's Trauma Recovery Centre - \$300,000 over three years for a Victim Survivor Advocacy Program</p> <p>DCEP</p> <p>Current balance at ~\$302,976</p> <p>Update on projects funded:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nareena Hills Primary School - \$70,000 playground • Mount Kembla Public School - \$14,000 computers • Wests Illawarra Jr Hockey - \$12,000 equipment • Figtree AFC – \$15,000 mental health program and uniforms • Wollongong Motorcycle Club - \$33,000 Shed <p>Indigenous Grants Programme</p> <p>PCYC Nation of Origin - \$60,000 over three years</p>
10	GENERAL BUSINESS
	<p>MA – Met with a senior officer from Department of Planning and Environment who would like to attend a CCC meeting.</p> <p>No objections from committee</p> <p>MA – suggested committee send any questions and copy to RM. MA to decide before the next meeting.</p> <p>AM - commented that the Kembla Community Visioning Project was worthwhile and encouraged other members to participate.</p> <p>AB – Regarding PD comments on the fire risk. Would like to see some engagement with the local community on how to manage fire risk to protect the village.</p> <p>AM – suggested passing these concerns on to MK</p> <p>MA - MK will pass on contact details and so members can respond directly to her.</p> <p>PG - Mysore weeds starting to grow, it's all over the bank.</p> <p>JA - did a fair bit of spraying along the rail corridor.</p> <p>PD – asked if the Kembla Village will be sold off, be re-developed, or be a heritage area. Urged South32 to be present during the visioning workshops</p> <p>AB – noted the Kembla Community Visioning Project for the community and the residents to give feedback, get answers and have say about where the community wants to go. It is the community's opportunity to be involved and engage with South32.</p>

11	ACTIONS
	<p>PD to provide a mud map of area of dispute around the Motor Bikes and Mountain Cycle area and send through to clarify response.</p> <p>GB to present a map of all South32 owned land at next meeting.</p> <p>RM to arrange visit to WC21 once trial has been completed</p> <p>ST to enquire with maintenance contractor regarding any rail track re-surfacing</p> <p>RM to clarify the fire risk management of the land between the mine and the village.</p>
12	MEETING CLOSE / NEXT MEETING
	<p>Meeting close: 6.50pm</p> <p>Next Meeting: 10 August 2023 (Dendrobium Nebo Room)</p> <p>Time: 5.30pm</p>