



BENGALLA MINE

COMMUNITY CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE

Minutes of Meeting No. 114

Location: Bengalla Boardroom
Date: Wednesday 25 May 2016
Present:

Name	Affiliation
Clr Malcolm Ogg	CCC Chairperson
Jonathon Moore	CCC member
Llewellyn Bates	CCC member
Dennis Burton	CCC member
Cam Halfpenny	Bengalla Mining Company (General Manager)
Craig White	Bengalla Mining Company (Environmental Specialist)
Laurel McGinnity	Bengalla Mining Company (Environmental Advisor)
Debbie Day	Bengalla Mining Company (Community Relations)

Meeting opened: 4.00pm

Prior to the formal commencement of the meeting, Debbie Day introduced Cam Halfpenny as the new Chief Executive Officer of Bengalla Mining Company.

1. APOLOGIES:

Noel Downs

2. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Moved by Jonathon Moore; seconded by Clr Malcolm Ogg.

3. OTHER BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES/ACTION LIST

Jonathon Moore advised that at the February CCC meeting he had made a comment about the deterioration of the Wybong Road. Jonathon was pleased to report that soon after the February meeting Council and the mining community came together and the patches on Wybong Road that were giving the community concern were repaired. Jonathon thanked Bengalla for its assistance in the matter.

Action: Debbie Day confirmed she had been in contact with Noel Downs to organise a meeting to discuss aboriginal community involvement. Awaiting Noel's availability to set a date for the meeting.

4. DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

Nil.

5. CORRESPONDENCE

10 May 2016 - Letter from Department of Planning & Environment confirming appointment of new members, Llewellyn Bates and Dennis Burton to the Bengalla CCC.

6. COMMUNITY REPORT

Debbie Day presented information on Bengalla's community involvement for the period February to April 2016.

- Bengalla continues to engage with the community. A number of events and major sponsorships were supported by Bengalla over the reporting period as outlined in the presentation slides including International Women's Day, Upper Hunter Show and others.
- An outline was provided of the fundraiser to the Oncology Unit at the Muswellbrook Hospital.
- Bengalla Community Support Team sponsorships and donations were listed for the period.
- An update was provided on upcoming events.

7. MODIFICATION 2

Craig White advised that during the process of obtaining SSD-5170 Development Consent on 3 March 2015, Council asked Bengalla to improve its final landform outcomes and a commitment has been made to seek to improve an area of the overburden emplacement area to introduce some undulation at the top of the overburden area as it presents to Muswellbrook and Denman Road.

Bengalla sought approval from the New South Wales Minister for Planning or its delegate for a modification to SSD-5170. This Modification is being sought under section 96(2) of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979 for the following:

- Alterations to the approved height of the main OEA to improve visual amenity from primary viewing locations in and surrounding the township of Muswellbrook and Denman Road, in two selected locations (Visual Relief Areas):
 - The Northern Relief Area constructed to a maximum height of Reduced Level (RL) 300; and
 - The Southern Relief Area constructed to a maximum height of RL 290.The changes to the height of part of the main OEA when compared to the current approved landform (up to RL 270) represent a 30 metre and 20 metre increase for the Northern and Southern Visual Relief Areas respectively.
- Establishment of a new gravel access road from Wybong Road to the Clean Water Dam 1 construction site office being a former homestead (Homestead Access).

The Modification was on public exhibition from 29 April to 13 May 2016. No public submissions were made to the Modification. A range of Government Departments made submissions with only three requiring further information. Application expected to be lodged week commencing 30 May 2016.

8. DRY CREEK

Craig White provided an update on the Dry Creek project including the civil works on CW1 dam wall, pump station diversion levee and 66/22kV transmission line noting that the Project is on track for a September 2016 completion.

9. MONITORING RESULTS

Fact sheets on criterion and management for air quality, noise, blasting and water were provided to the members.

Environmental monitoring review for period February to April 2016 was presented by Laurel McGinnity.

- Air Quality
 - PM₁₀, TSP and dust depositional compliance monitoring data was presented.
 - For the reporting period, annual average and 24-hour average PM₁₀ were below the Development Consent criterion except for monitoring site PM3 on 17 and 29 February 2016 and PM4 on 12 and 24 March and 17 April which was investigated by Todoroski Air Sciences and confirmed that Bengalla's contribution was below criteria.
 - For the reporting period, annual average TSP were below the Development Consent criterion.
 - For the reporting period, annual average and maximum increase dust deposition data were below the Development consent criterion.
 - Jonathon Moore commented that the community wants the readings to be meaningful, but that is not the case because they are being contaminated by birds. Jonathon requested Bengalla look to install a crown of thorns on the monitors, in particular D26 monitor to deter birds from settling.

Clr Ogg noted that whatever it put in place on the monitor be consistent with the environmental industry.

Laurel McGinnity provided an update on the current bird ring trials occurring on a duplicate monitor.

- Jonathon Moore raised concern over location of Wybong Road monitor which will be impacted by Wybong Road works by Mach Energy. Craig White advised correspondence received from the Department of Planning advising of a review of the management plans for both modifications 1 and 2. Awaiting a review from Todoroski Air Sciences and it is expected that the outcome of the review may be the relocation of the monitor or the values will be reviewed in terms of the monitor in question.
- Noise Management:
 - For the reporting period, Bengalla complied with all noise criteria application at all monitoring locations.
- Blast Monitoring:
 - Bengalla remained in compliance with all consent limits.
- Water Usage:
 - Water use for the reporting period was 349ML.

- Progressive Rehabilitation:
 - Bengalla target for 2016 target is 15 hectares. To date 1 hectare has been shaped.
 - It was noted that SSD-5170 requires Bengalla to establish high density woody vegetation from Wybong Road to our current infrastructure area. In light of that requirement tree planting trials will commence in the coming months.
- Complaints:
 - In 2016, ytd seven complaints have been received.
- Environmental incidents:
 - During the period Bengalla had seven environmental incidents being:
 - Three Hydrocarbon spills;
 - Two dust non-compliances;
 - One Spontaneous combustion; and
 - One real time monitoring equipment off-line;

10. REPORTS FROM CCC COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES

- Jonathon Moore report an interest in Dry Creek. Bengalla to organise a tour of Dry Creek for the CCC members.
- Llewellyn Bates report concern about:
 - dust created by the project and in particular the dust from the location of the pipeline.
 - kangaroos venturing onto Wybong Road due to disturbance of land.

11. CCC NEWSLETTER ARTICLES

- The May newsletter was approved by the Committee.
- Suggested newsletter articles for August 2016:
 - School work experience;
 - New CCC members;
 - Dry Creek Project;
 - Modification 2.

Meeting closed at 5:40pm

Attachments:

- Meeting Presentation slides.

ACTION LIST

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ITEM NO.	ITEM	ACTIONED BY
1	Present Modification 2 presentation to new members	C White
2	Organise tour of Dry Creek for CCC members	D Day
3	Resolve contamination issues in depositional gauges	C White

4	Reinforce with Dry Creek project the need to manage dust with water carts in particular the location of the pipe installation.	C Halfpenny
5	Contact details for committee to be provided to all members at next meeting. Contacts to include role responsibility for Bengalla members	D Day