



BENGALLA MINE

COMMUNITY CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE

Minutes of Meeting No. 118

Location: Bengalla Boardroom
Date: Wednesday 24 May 2017

Present:

Name	Affiliation
Malcolm Ogg	Chairperson
Dennis Burton	CCC member
Jonathan Moore	CCC member
Llewellyn Bates	CCC member
Noel Downs	CCC member
Clr Rod Scholes	Muswellbrook Council representative
Cam Halfpenny	Bengalla Mining Company (General Manager)
Craig White	Bengalla Mining Company (Approvals Specialist)
Laurel McGinnity	Bengalla Mining Company (Environmental Advisor)
Debbie Day	Bengalla Mining Company (Community Relations)

Meeting opened: 4.20pm

1. APOLOGIES:

Nil

2. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Moved by: Jonathan Moore; Seconded by: Llewellyn Bates

3. OTHER BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES/ACTION LIST

Action 1 – Cam Halfpenny provided an update and will continue to update at the next meeting. Clr Scholes referenced the monitoring conditions placed on Muswellbrook Coal.

Action 2 – complete.

Action 3 – Debbie Day provided an update. Agreed that item be included on agenda for next meeting for decision on process going forward once members had opportunity to review the guidelines.

Action 4 and 5 – complete.

4. DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

Nil.

5. CORRESPONDENCE

Letter from Malcolm Ogg confirming position as chairperson of Bengalla CCC.

6. CCC GUIDELINES

Debbie Day provided an update on the 2016 CCC Guidelines following attendance at the Department of Planning forum held in Singleton on 10 May.

It was agreed that no change be made to the current operation of the Bengalla CCC until all members had time to review the guidelines and that it be placed back on the agenda for the August meeting.

All members were provided with the new 'Code of Conduct' and 'Pecuniary and Non-Pecuniary Interest' forms which were signed at the meeting.

7. COMMUNITY REPORT

Debbie Day presented information on Bengalla's community involvement for the period February to April 2017 including Bengalla sponsored events, site visits and upcoming events including the Bengalla Community Open Day on 14 October 2017.

8. MODIFICATION 4

Craig White provided information on Modification 4 to SSD-5170 Development Consent.

In addition, discussion took place with regard to mining and underground streams; and also dam failure and positioning of levies.

9. MONITORING RESULTS

Environmental monitoring review for period February to April 2017 was presented by Laurel McGinnity.

- Air Quality
 - PM₁₀, TSP and dust depositional compliance monitoring data was presented.
 - When a PM₁₀ exceedance occurs, Bengalla agreed to include information on what changes were made to the operation to lessen the impact (e.g. shutdown dragline etc).
 - Bird deterrent on D26 monitor has been damaged. Bengalla to arrange for bird deterrent to be repaired and for all monitors to be checked and contractor to advise when damage occurs.
 - For the reporting period, annual average TSP was below the Development Consent criterion.
 - For the reporting period, annual average and maximum increase dust deposition data was below the Development consent criterion.
- Noise Management:
 - For the reporting period, Bengalla complied with all noise criteria application at all monitoring locations.
 - It was noted that noise was coming from the new truck park up pad during construction.
- Blast Monitoring:
 - Bengalla remained in compliance with all consent limits.
- Water Usage:
 - Water sourced from the Hunter River for the reporting period was 253ML.

- Bengalla committed to provide at the next meeting information on effectiveness of water monitoring and bore water levels and how the mine deals with the water.
- Progressive Rehabilitation:
 - 2017 target will be 8 hectares. Discussions on the timing of seeding and areas that will become available for rehabilitation.
 - Update provided on revegetation trial.
 - Bengalla committed to arrange a tour of rehab trial area prior to next CCC.
- Complaints:
 - During the reporting period eight complaints were received.
- Environmental incidents:
 - During the period Bengalla had four environmental incidents

10. **REPORTS FROM CCC COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES**

- Llewellyn Bates raised concern regarding:
 - Noise emitting from the construction of the park up area.
 - Dust coming from site along Wybong Road. Agreed to report back at next meeting.
- Jonathan Moore raised concern regarding:
 - park up area being constructed as opposed to previously advised area to be used for temporary dumping area. Bengalla advised the Western out of pit emplacement is no longer required and is doing work to place a bund along northern area of pit along Wybong Road to restrict noise.
 - Noisy dozer DZ16.
 - Include in the next meeting a discussion on timing of the meetings, preference for an earlier start time, and order of agenda.
- Noel Downs enquired:
 - During 2002 to 2004 the then CMA headed up a river improvement project for an eight kilometre stretch of the Hunter River which bounded Bengalla land. Following discussion, the committee believe it may have been a joint Coal & Allied/BHP project and an extension of the Williams River pilot. Bengalla committed to search for any information and report back at the next meeting. Noel is interested to know what is happening with the monitoring and has there been an improvement in fish stocks.

11. **CCC NEWSLETTER ARTICLES**

- The May newsletter was approved by the Committee.
- Ideas for next meeting: - Robotics Club; Off-set properties

Meeting closed at 6:20pm

Attachments:

- Meeting Presentation slides.

ACTION LIST

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ITEM NO.	ITEM	ACTIONED BY
1	Confirm arrangements for CCC meetings following issue of new 2016 Department of Planning Guidelines at August meeting. Discussion to include timing of meeting and order of agenda i.e. moving Community Report to the front of the meeting.	D Day
2	When a PM ₁₀ exceedance occurs, Bengalla agreed to include information on what changes were made to the operation to lessen the impact (e.g. shutdown dragline etc)	C White
3	Bengalla to arrange for bird deterrent to be repaired on monitor D26 and for all monitors to be checked and contractor to advise Bengalla when damage occurs.	L McGinnity
4	Bengalla committed to provide information on effectiveness of water monitoring and bore water levels and how the mine deals with the water	C White
5	Arrange a tour of rehab trial area for CCC members	D Day
6	Report at next meeting on dust over Wybong Road	C White
7	Bengalla to report back to next meeting on any information found regarding the 2002-2004 CMA river improvement project.	C White