



BENGALLA MINE

COMMUNITY CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE

Minutes of Meeting No. 120

Location: Bengalla Homestead
Date: Wednesday 22 November 2017

Present:

Name	Affiliation
Malcolm Ogg	Chairperson
Dennis Burton	CCC member
Jonathan Moore	CCC member
Llewellyn Bates	CCC member
Noel Downs	CCC member
Cam Halfpenny	Bengalla Mining Company (CEO)
Craig White	Bengalla Mining Company (Approvals Specialist)
Laurel McGinnity	Bengalla Mining Company (Environmental Advisor)
Debbie Day	Bengalla Mining Company (Community Relations)

Meeting opened: 4.14pm

1. APOLOGIES:

Clr Rod Scholes

2. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Moved by: Jonathan Moore; Seconded by: Llewellyn Bates

3. OTHER BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES/ACTION LIST

Action 1 – Location of dust deposition monitors

Action 2 – Meeting time and location
Meeting held at 3pm at Homestead

Action 3 – Email distribution list - complete

4. DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

Nil.

5. CORRESPONDENCE

Nil.

6. REPORTS FROM CCC COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES

Report from Llewellyn Bates:

- Llewellyn thanked Bengalla for the slashing and whipper snipping along Wybong Road.
- It was noted that the Bengalla entrance had been redone and that it looks good. Cam advised working to improve the overall presentation of Bengalla's agricultural land.

- Winds have been prevailing SE across Wybong Road. Sometimes quite dangerous driving on Wybong Road. Cam advised that Bengalla is looking at ways to minimise the impact. OCE's now inspect Wybong Road twice per shift and take action when wind conditions are not favourable.
- Employees working in machinery – are they air conditioned? Cam confirmed that all machinery is air conditioned and in addition monitoring of air quality on employees is carried out by the wearing of dust monitors with results being fed through to Coal Services Health.

Report from Jonathan Moore:

- Bengalla Community Open Day was a great success.
- Would like to see rehab tour incorporated into Open Day mine tour.
- Local community think that is Bengalla doing work near its entrance. It was confirmed that it is work being carried out by Mach Energy. Cam Halfpenny confirmed that there is a lot of interaction between the two businesses. Craig White added that there have been fortnightly meetings between Bengalla and Mach Energy to manage the interaction between the two companies and discussed Mach Energy work that the community will see commencing soon regarding the rail line and conveyor. Cam Halfpenny discussed alternate options for the Mach Energy rail line. Craig White advised that the application is on the Department of Planning's website and committed to generate a copy for the members.
- Community commenting the pit is wider. Can you see the new explosives area? Cam Halfpenny advised that what you can see is the truck park up area. The explosives magazine will need to be moved by 2019 to the west side of the Mach Energy lease.
- Cam advised that Bengalla was preparing Modification 4 to SSD-5170 Development Consent which incorporates
 - a 700ML mine discharge dam to the west of Bengalla Road. Cam advised that a community reference group would be set up to convey information about the dam construction;
 - a second dam north of the rail loop called Dry Creek East;
 - micro relief on the rehabilitated land being natural formed gullies which will eliminate straight form structures;
 - temporary relocation of reject cells west of the open cut to gain more flexibility;
 - stockpile area for ROM coal.Noise and air quality modelling has been carried out and confirms no additional impacts, better outcomes for Bengalla without being detrimental to the environment.
- Concern over livestock owned by Parkinson on Roxburgh Road (Ex Hamilton property). Debbie confirmed that property was purchased by Coal & Allied which would now be owned by Mach Energy. Cam to advise Mach Energy of issue.

Report from Noel Downs:

- People are advising that they are unhappy with the closing of access to the river via Keys Bridge. It is used as the access point to the river for swimming and fishing.
- Changes being made to separate culture and heritage in the National Parks Act and will involve cultural mapping. Need volunteers to help with mapping which involves reading documents and noting aboriginal referencing.

7. MONITORING RESULTS

Environmental monitoring review for period August to October 2017 was presented by Laurel McGinnity.

- Air Quality
 - PM₁₀, TSP and dust depositional compliance monitoring data was presented. For the 24-hour average PM₁₀ monitoring there were three elevated readings with one at PM₃ on 27/9/17 and two at PM₄ on 22/8/17 and 27/9/17. Bengalla contribution as shown in the presentation. Weather conditions and machinery operating at each event was provided to the meeting.
 - 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.
 - Llewellyn commented that machinery noise can often be heard at night.
- Blast Monitoring:
 - Bengalla remained in compliance with all consent limits.
 - Jonathan Moore noted that readings are always below exceedance levels. Whilst they do not complain they are aware of the blasting, are not happy but accept it as it is well below compliance levels.
- Water Usage:
 - Rainfall and water sourced from Hunter River was presented.
- Progressive Rehabilitation:
 - Shaped 9 hectares with seeding to commence in December.
 - Rehab trial finished in October – final report to be discussed at next meeting.
- Complaints:
 - During the reporting period 11 complaints were received.
- Environmental incidents:
 - During the period Bengalla had six environmental incidents.

8. COMMUNITY REPORT

A community report was provided with the pre-meeting papers which provided information on the Community Open Day and projects funded through the Community Development Fund.

9. CCC NEWSLETTER ARTICLES

- The November newsletter was approved by the Committee.
- Suggested meeting dates for 2018 were presented.

Meeting closed at 6:00pm

Attachments:

- Meeting Presentation slides.

ACTION LIST

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ITEM NO.	ITEM	ACTIONED BY
1	Mach Energy's Application for a new location for rail line is currently on the Department of Planning website. Craig White committed to provide members with a copy.	C White
2	Concern over livestock owned by Parkinson on Roxburgh Road (Ex Hamilton property). Cam committed to raise issue with Mach Energy	C Halfpenny
3	Tour of Dispatch at next meeting	L McGinnity
4	Review of monitoring network to be presented at next meeting	C White
5	Rehab trial final report to be presented at next meeting	L McGinnity