



PRE-CONSTRUCTION SOCIAL IMPACT MANAGEMENT REPORT

New Acland Coal Mine Stage 3 Project

Sixteenth report – June 2023 – REV0

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1. INTRODUCTION

This report has been prepared in accordance with the Queensland Coordinator-General's Imposed Conditions for New Acland Coal Pty Ltd (NAC) Stage 3's approval, to meet **Condition 17: Social Impact Management Report (SIMR): pre-construction.**

Condition 17 requires:

(a) Commencing from the date of the Coordinator-General's Evaluation Report and up to the date of commencement of construction, every six months the proponent is to provide the SIMR to the Coordinator-General. The reports are to be made publicly available by the proponent.

(b) The SIMR is to contain:

(i) the actions taken to inform the community about project impacts and show that community concerns about project impacts have been taken into account

(ii) the actions, outcomes and adaptive management strategies to avoid, manage or mitigate project-related impacts on community health, safety and social infrastructure.

The Coordinator-General is to have jurisdiction for this condition.

This SIMR covers the period from 1 December 2022 to 31 May 2023 and is the sixteenth pre-construction SIMR to be prepared for the New Acland Coal Mine Stage 3 Project (the Project). It provides an update on the Project's recent community and stakeholder engagement activities and associated outcomes, and outlines the progress of the Project's community health, safety and social infrastructure management strategies.

Once the SIMR is received by the Coordinator-General and receipt is acknowledged, this SIMR will be published and remain available online at <https://newhopegroup.com.au/general-reporting/>.

1.1. The Project

The Project is located approximately 160km west of Brisbane, 35km north-west of Toowoomba, and 14km north-west of the town of Oakey. The Project involves the expansion of the existing open-cut New Acland Coal Mine to increase production and to extend the life of the mine.

The Evaluation Report for the Project's Environmental Impact Statement was provided by the Office of the Coordinator-General on 19 December 2014 and included 137 conditions for the Project's development and operation.

On 18 January 2017, the Project was granted Federal Government approval under the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999 (Cth)*.

On 30 May 2018, NAC was advised by the Oakey Coal Action Alliance Inc. (OCAA) that it had lodged a notice of appeal in respect of the Supreme Court of Queensland decision that

set aside the Queensland Land Court's recommendation regarding the New Acland Coal Mine Stage 3 mining lease applications and related environmental authority (EA) amendment.

Following a three-year period of court and judicial review processes associated with the Project, on 8 November 2018, the Queensland Land Court recommended that the Project's mining leases and EA amendment be granted provided certain conditions are met, including that the Coordinator-General amend the Project's noise limits within the 'stated conditions' of the Project's 2014 EIS Evaluation Report.

The Court of Appeal hearing took place from 27 February to 1 March 2019. This was an appeal against the Supreme Court of Queensland's judicial review of the Queensland Land Court's recommendation regarding the New Acland Coal Mine Stage 3 mining lease applications and related environmental authority amendment.

On 12 March 2019, NAC was advised by the Queensland Department of Environment and Science that they had granted the application to amend the Environmental Authority (EA), pursuant to the *Environmental Protection Act 1994 (Qld)* for the New Acland Coal Mine Stage 3 Project. This EA was later set aside.

The Associated Water Licence (AWL) public notification period for submissions concluded on 7 May 2019.

On 24 May 2019, a request to change a condition concerning Coordinator-General imposed Condition 4(a), Jondaryan train load-out facility, was lodged with the Coordinator-General. The public submission period opened 22 June 2019 and closed 21 July 2019. This change request was granted by the Coordinator-General on 18 September 2020.

The Court of Appeal delivered its judgment on 10 September 2019 and orders on 1 November 2019 refusing the appeal and allowing the cross-appeal from NAC.

On 29 November 2019, OCAA applied for special leave to appeal the Supreme Court of Queensland, Court of Appeal decision to the High Court. The application was heard on 5 June 2020 and special leave granted to OCAA.

On 6 October 2020, the High Court heard the OCAA's appeal.

The Regional Impact Development Approval (RIDA) public notification period for the Project commenced 11 December 2019 and closed 17 January 2020. NAC's RIDA for the Project was granted by the then-Department of State Development, Tourism and Innovation on 25 August 2020.

On 3 February 2021, the High Court handed down its decision that NAC's mining lease applications and EA amendment application be remitted to the Queensland Land Court for reconsideration. As above, the EA granted on 12 March 2019 has now been set aside.

The Land Court remittal hearing was heard between 26 October 2021 and 25 November 2021 in Toowoomba and Brisbane.

On 17 December 2021, the Queensland Land Court recommended that the New Acland Mine Stage 3 mining leases and EA amendment application be granted, subject to conditions.

On 26 May 2022, the Coordinator-General issued her change report to the stated conditions for the EA for the Project.

On 28 June 2022, the Queensland Department of Environment and Science issued the Project its EA.

On 26 August 2022, the Queensland Department of Resources granted the New Acland Mine Stage 3 Mining Leases.

On 20 October 2022, the Queensland Government Department of Regional Development, Manufacturing and Water (DRDMW) granted the Project its AWL. There are proceedings currently before the Land Court of Queensland instituted by OCAA against the review decision of the Chief Executive of DRDMW seeking orders that the AWL be refused. NAC has appealed two conditions contained in the granted AWL but hopes to resolve its concerns with the two conditions with the Chief Executive of DRDMW.

On 19 May 2023, the Queensland Government Department of Regional Development, Manufacturing and Water approved the Underground Water Monitoring Program (UWMP).

With the granting of these key primary approvals, NAC has progressed with the remaining secondary approvals and operational readiness activities. NAC Stage 3 earthworks commenced in May 2023.

Further information regarding the Project's court and judicial review processes has been reported in earlier SIMR editions (available at <https://newhopegroup.com.au/general-reporting/>).

A chronology of the Project's assessment and approval process is also tabled as Annexure A to this report.

2. COMMUNITY AND STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT

The New Hope Group maintains a regular program of communication and engagement with local landholders, communities and stakeholders to understand and respond to particular areas of interest or concern regarding the Project.

2.1. Outcomes of Engagement

The following sections report on the outcomes of the Project's engagement activities for the period of 1 December 2022 to 31 May 2023.

2.1.1. Landholder engagement

Key outcomes from the Project's engagement with landholders in the last six months are as follows.

December 2022

- NAC hosted a Landholder Christmas Function during December. 74 landholders attended the event.
- The event was held at the Kulpi & District Hall, catered by the local Kulpi hall committee. The NAC General Manager provided an update to landholders on current and future operations.
- 9 NAC staff, 2 APC staff, members of the New Hope Group senior management and executives from the Brisbane office attended the function and spoke with various attendees.

January 2023

- NAC Community and Landholder Advisor met with five landholders face-to-face during January.
- Discussions with landholders during January were based on upcoming bore baseline assessment activities, land access agreements and planned road closures.

February 2023

- Letters notifying near neighbours of planned road closures were sent to 24 landholders.
- NAC Community and Landholder advisor met face-to-face with two landholders during February to discuss bore baseline assessments.
- NAC finalised a near neighbour, property acquisition at the end of February.

March 2023

- A total of 13 bore baseline assessments were completed during March as part of State Government requirements. Eleven of the thirteen bores were located on private landholder's properties.

April 2023

- NAC hosted a site tour for a local landholder family. NAC Community and Landholder Advisor provided an update on Stage 3 along with a tour of existing operational and rehabilitation areas.
- NAC Community and Landholder Advisor attended the 2023 Brymaroo Rodeo, supported by New Acland Coal. The event was well attended by the local agricultural community

and provided a great opportunity to liaise with local landholders and the broader community.

May 2023

- Results of the 13 Bore Baseline assessments were provided to landholders during May. Further meetings with landholders will take place during June to discuss the results of the assessments.
- The NAC Community and Landholder Advisor met face-to-face with four landholders to discuss land access, environmental monitoring, Stage 3 operations, and the official opening ceremony for the Stage 3 project.

2.1.2. Community engagement

Key outcomes from the Project's community engagement in the last six months are as follows.

December 2022

- New Acland Coal partnered with the Sustainable Minerals Institute, University of Queensland to host a group of 15 Managers from Vietnamese resource company, Vinacomin. NAC General Manager presented to the group, highlighting NAC technologies, safety strategies, environmental management and rehabilitation.
- NAC hosted a community information event during December. The NAC workshop was transformed to host the event, allowing visitors to see machinery up close and ask questions around current and future operations.
- Opportunities for future employment, traineeships and apprenticeships were discussed during Oakey State High School's leadership team's tour of NAC.
- Continuing to connect with communities through NHG's partnership with the PCYC Oakey Youth Connect Program, the PCYC Youth Team held a community event for local young people during December which saw over 300 locals in attendance.

January 2023

- During January, New Acland Coal along with the NHG Human Resources team hosted a Job Assessment Centre in Oakey for potential New Acland Mine employees.
- A series of sessions were held with prospective New Acland Mine employees to determine suitability for operator and maintainer roles. Approximately 60 job offers will be extended following these sessions.
- NHG Executive General Manager and NAC Community & Landholder Advisor met with representatives from Toowoomba Surat Basin Enterprise (TSBE) and Toowoomba Clontarf to discuss possible future initiatives focused on education and support for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander youth.

February 2023

- During February, the New Acland Community Team commenced stakeholder engagement activities in preparation for the closure of 6 roads to allow for the continuation of mining at NAC.
- The Senior Environmental Advisor and Community and Landholder Advisor attended a Cultural Training Session in Brisbane to learn about engaging with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander groups.

March 2023

- Members of the New Acland Coal Community and Management Teams attended the 2023 Oakey Agricultural Show in March. The team provided the community with information relating to NAC03, along with merchandise displaying the new NAC logo and the latest NAC Community Newsletter.
- Renovations of the New Acland Coal Community Information Centre were well underway with the office expected to open June 2023.

April 2023

- Interviews for two new roles within the NAC Community Team occurred during April. Three full time staff will be based at the NAC Community Information Centre from June 2023.
- NAC supported the continuation of the Oakey Girl Guides with a sponsorship of \$5000. This support enabled the group to continue educating, mentoring and supporting young girls through the Girl Guide initiative. The group have recently reported a doubling of their membership since receiving the NAC Sponsorship.
- Representatives from Mandana, Intura and Toowoomba Surat Basin Enterprise toured New Acland Coal during April. Mandana provides engagement and employment solutions for Indigenous people.
- New Acland Coal were major sponsors of the 2023 Goombungee Agricultural Show. Employees of NAC were available to speak with the community throughout the day at the New Acland marquee.

May 2023

- NAC Technical Services, Management and Community Staff met with representatives of the Oakey Army Aviation Training Centre to discuss the Project. The meeting included a tour of the base.
- New Acland Coal hosted an official opening ceremony of the NAC Stage 3 Project in May. The event was well attended by local community members, landholders, Western Wakka Wakka, NAC and NHG employees, along with the Minister for Resources and Federal Member for Groom.
- The Western Wakka Wakka provided a Welcome to Country address and presented New Acland Coal with traditional items to be displayed at the NAC administration building.

2.1.3. Key stakeholder engagement

Recent outcomes from the Project's engagement with key stakeholders are as follows.

December 2022

- NAC Community and Landholder Advisor provided a Project update to several members of the NAC Community Reference Group.
- Information relating to planned road closures were provided to three members of the NAC Community Reference Group.

January 2023

- NAC Community and Landholder Advisor met with a representative of the Toowoomba Regional Council to provide a Project update.

February 2023

- NAC General Manager and the NAC Community and Landholder Advisor provided an update on the NAC Stage 3 project and the expected employment ramp up to the Federal Member for Groom during February.

March 2023

- Members of NHG and NAC management teams met with representatives of Clontarf Foundation at Harristown State High School. The meeting consisted of a tour of the current Clontarf Program and discussions around future partnership opportunities.

April 2023

- NAC Community and Landholder Advisor, along with NHG General Manager Projects provided an informal update to several representatives of the Toowoomba Regional Council at a community event.
- NAC Community and Landholder advisor provided a Project update to the Oakey Chamber of Commerce.

May 2023

- NHG Procurement team along with NAC staff held a NAC Project Engagement and Tender Training Session for existing and new suppliers. Over 100 people attended the event, which provided information on how to become a supplier with New Acland Coal and how to tender for Stage 3 works.

2.2. Complaints Management

There were no complaints received in relation to the Project between 1 December 2022 and 31 May 2023.

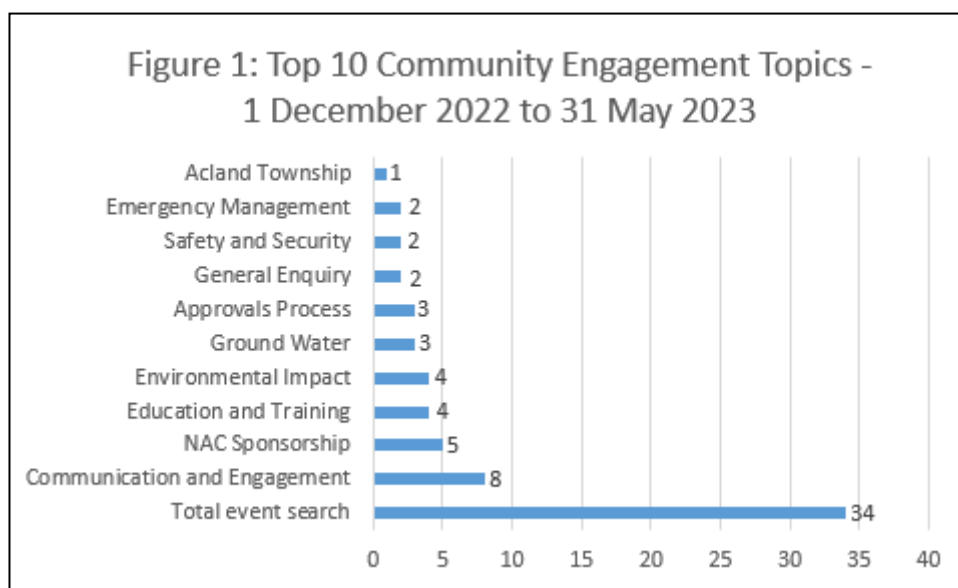
2.3. Consultation Stakeholders and Issues Report

Over the past six months, the New Hope Group has been involved in 482 interactions with local community and stakeholders (e.g., email correspondence, phone calls and meetings) related to the Project, and has engaged with a total of 387 individuals. Table 1 presents a breakdown of these interactions by stakeholder group.

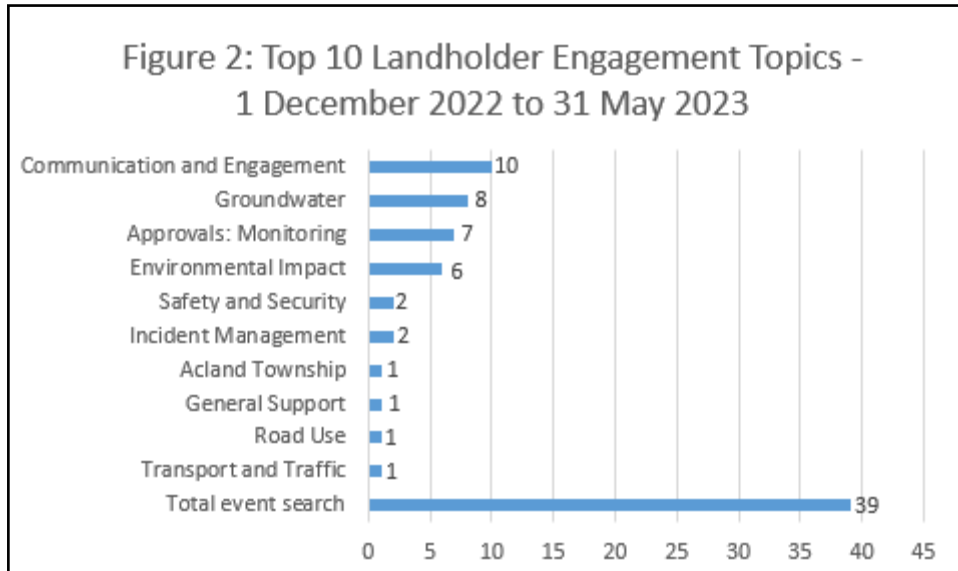
TABLE 1: STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT, 1 DECEMBER 2022 – 31 MAY 2023

<i>Stakeholder Groups</i>	Occurrences	Stakeholders	
		Distinct	Total
<i>Landholder: Tier 2 Landholder</i>	17	20	36
<i>Landholder: Tier 1 Landholder</i>	16	8	23
<i>Government Stakeholders: State Department</i>	11	4	13
<i>EIS Stakeholders: EIS Submitter</i>	10	5	16
<i>Landholder: Rail Corridor</i>	8	2	9
<i>Community: Activist / Action Group</i>	7	7	14
<i>Health and Emergency Services: Emergency Services</i>	7	1	7
<i>Government Stakeholders</i>	6	3	6
<i>General Community: Regional</i>	6	3	6
<i>Business & Industry: Existing supplier</i>	5	3	7
<i>[Other]</i>	75	331	345
<i>Total</i>	168	387	482

The top ten topics addressed during engagement with the general community and with members of community groups in the last six months are presented in Figure 1. It shows engagement in the reporting period has largely focused on the Acland township, NAC sponsorship, education and training and environmental impact for the Project.



The Project’s landholder engagement program during the reporting period has involved 192 events with 49 distinct landholder stakeholders. As shown in Figure 2, groundwater, approvals monitoring, and environmental impact were the primary topics discussed during landholder engagement.



The Project’s engagement with other key stakeholders over the reporting period included meetings and correspondence with community groups and charities, educational stakeholders, community reference group and registered businesses (refer Table 1).

Key outcomes of engagement with these stakeholders are as summarised in Section 2.1.3. Details of engagement by stakeholder group are summarised in Section 2.4.

2.4. Q1-Q2 Communication and Engagement Activities

The following tables summarise the Project's activities against key commitments to community and stakeholder engagement for the reporting period.

The Project's engagement mechanisms include tailored strategies for landholders in three categories:

- Tier 1: High Priority Landholders – those who are potentially impacted as shown through environmental modelling;
- Tier 2: Landholders near the mine with less potential for impacts; and
- Tier 3: Other landholders in the Jondaryan and Oakey communities.

TABLE 2: COMMUNITY AND STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT ACTIVITIES, Q1-Q2 2023 (1 DECEMBER 2022 TO 31 MAY 2023)

Q1-Q2 2023 Actions	
Tier 1, Tier 2 and Tier 3 Landholders	
Six monthly landholder meetings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meetings, phone calls and correspondence have taken place with 33 landholders in and near to the Project area (Landholder Tiers 1-3). This contact has involved discussions regarding the Project's approval process and other matters covered elsewhere in this report. Additional consultation has occurred as part of the continued operation of New Acland Coal Mine but are not detailed in this report.
Landholder agreements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New Hope Group has commenced discussions with two landholders who require Make Good Agreements following the completion of the bore assessments in March 2023.
Staff visits to Jondaryan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NAC Community and Landholder Advisor continues to conduct one-on-one meetings with landholders, business leaders and community members. NAC continues to work with Jondaryan residents to identify the most effective form of disseminating information to the community.
Government Stakeholders	
Toowoomba Regional Council	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Project-related engagement continues as part of regular interfaces between the Project's New Acland Community team and Council's Community Development team members in Oakey, Toowoomba and Goombungee. • The New Hope Group also maintains regular engagement with Council through participation in organised community meetings and events (e.g. Oakey Chamber of Commerce meetings and NAC03 Community & Landholder Updates).
Queensland Government	New Hope Group continued consultation with the Office of the Coordinator-General, the Department of Environment

Q1-Q2 2023 Actions	
	and Science, the Department of Resources and the Department of Regional Development, Manufacturing and Water during this reporting period.
Business and Industry Stakeholders	
Local Business and Industry Stakeholders	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> NAC continue to receive enquiries from local businesses, registering their interest in procurement opportunities. A total of 648 registrations have been received since November 2015. During the previous reporting period, New Hope Group launched a New Acland Coal Stage 3 Project, Expressions of Interest portal on the New Hope Group website. NAC continue to use the EOI portal to engage with new and existing suppliers.
Local Business and Industry Partners	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The New Hope Group employees maintain a productive relationship with the Oakey and Toowoomba Chambers of Commerce, with participation in organised business and industry events over the reporting period (see Section 2.1.3).
Indigenous Stakeholders	
Indigenous Community	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Through the support provided by NHG, the PCYC Oakey Youth Connect program is working with Safer Communities, Indigenous Community Sport & Recreation Officers and Queensland Police Service to support referred students re-engage at school or develop in a positive direction by focusing on leadership qualities. New Acland Coal continue to receive enquiries from indigenous groups throughout the region, through the support of indigenous business connectors from Toowoomba and Surat Basin Enterprise (TSBE) with interest in providing services to support mine related activities. The New Hope Group will continue to explore opportunities to work with the PCYC Oakey Youth Connect Coordinator to scope support, training, and employment opportunities for local Aboriginal young people.
Traditional Owners	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Consistent with the previous SIMR (December 2022), Cultural Heritage survey works have been completed on all projected disturbance areas within the Project's boundaries. The Project's Cultural Heritage Awareness video has been produced and approved by Western Wakka Wakka People (traditional owner) representatives and forms part of the New Acland Coal Mine's general induction program. Due to the passing of a Western Wakka Wakka People elder who appears in the induction video, NAC engaged with the Western Wakka Wakka People to ensure the video addresses these sensitivities and is culturally appropriate. On 3 May 2023 the Western Wakka Wakka provided a welcome to country address during the opening ceremony for the Project.

Q1-Q2 2023 Actions	
	New Hope Group and NAC continue to work with the Western Wakka Wakka Endorsed Parties, in accordance with the approved Cultural Heritage Management Plan.
Social infrastructure providers / community groups	
Education and Training Stakeholders	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NAC continue to develop and maintain a productive relationship with local education providers surrounding New Acland Mine operations. • Working with Oakey State High School, NAC will host their first school-based work experience student in June 2023. • NAC are exploring traineeships, apprenticeship and scholarship opportunities at New Acland Mine in conjunction with local education providers.
Health stakeholders	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • During this reporting period, NAC have partnered with local health stakeholders to offer flu vaccinations to all employees onsite. • NAC engaged with the local branch of Queensland Ambulance Service to discuss the Project, including planned road changes.
Community Organisations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continued support for community and social services, through the Community Sponsorship & Donations Program (see Section 3.2). • The New Acland Coal Community Sponsorship & Donation program is planned to continue in 2023.
General Community engagement	
Community Reference Group	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One Community Reference Group (CRG) meeting was held during the reporting period addressing a range of interest areas including general project information, operations management, local community priority areas and an update on the Project approval process. CRG members represent local landholders, local business, health, education & youth, the indigenous community, environmental interests and the areas of Jondaryan, Oakey, Kulpi and Maclagan.
Mine Site Tours	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Four private mine tours were held during the reporting period.
Events	<p>NAC and New Acland Community staff continue to contribute to and participate in a range of local community events, including during this reporting period:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ New Acland Coal Community Update (December 22) ○ Oakey Agricultural and Pastoral Show (March 23) ○ Oakey Chamber of Commerce Monthly Meeting (April 23)

Q1-Q2 2023 Actions	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Brymaroo Rodeo (April 23) ○ Goombungee-Haden Agricultural Show (April 23)
<p>New Acland Community Information Centre, Oakey</p>	<p>During the June 2021 reporting period New Hope Group advised the Office of the Coordinator-General of the planned closure of the New Acland Community Information Centre (NACIC), until such time that the Project was approved.</p> <p>During this reporting period, a new office location was identified. Renovations are nearing completion with the New Acland Coal Community Information Centre open to the public from late June. The NAC Community Team will have three full time staff, based at the NACIC.</p> <p>New Acland Coal remain committed to providing a high level of support to members of the community and landholders through:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ongoing access to a dedicated Senior Community and Landholder Advisor to facilitate transparent and regular communication with local communities and landholders and to address stakeholder concerns and suggestions • Continued communications through the 24-hour community hotline and email address • Continued engagement with local community organisations and service providers • Continued operation of the New Acland Community Reference Group (CRG) • Advanced communications (i.e., advertisements in local papers, consultation materials) about key milestones and potential impacts e.g. road closures.

TABLE 3: PROJECT COMMUNICATION, Q1-Q2 2023 (1 DECEMBER 2022 TO 31 MAY 2023)

Project Communications	
<p>Community Newsletter</p>	<p>Communication material distributed online included the following articles. A number of printed editions were made available to local residents.</p> <p>Headline articles in the March 2023 newsletter included the following:</p>

	<p>March 2023</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • From the General Manager • New Acland Stage • New Year, New Jobs at New Acland Mine • Connecting with the Community • Expressions of Interest • Think the Drink • Road Closures • PCYC Update • Enquiries & Complaints
<p>Online Fact Sheets</p>	<p>Fact Sheets available:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stage 3 Project – Local Procurement • Make Good Agreements • Rehabilitation • Blasting
<p>Website (www.newhopegroup.com.au)</p>	<p>The following information relating to New Acland Coal is available on the New Hope Group website:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Media releases • Newsletters • Project fact sheets. • Project EIS information. • Air Quality management information • Land rehabilitation information • Noise management information • Mining industry information • New Acland Community investment and sponsorship programs
<p>Media & Media Releases</p>	<p>New Hope Group have produced 15 media releases for the Project during this reporting period.</p>

Advertising and Newspaper Notices/Columns	A broad and ongoing range of advertising is released with relevance to the Project. A regular space in the Oakey Champion for relevant updates will be re-established with the commencement of New Acland Coal Stage 3 operations.
Media campaign	Following the Queensland Land Court's recommendation that the New Acland Mine Stage 3 mining leases and the environmental authority amendment application be granted (subject to conditions), New Hope Group have ceased all proactive media campaigns.
Social media	New Hope Group makes Project updates and information available to stakeholders via social media channels, primarily on: Facebook (https://www.facebook.com/newhopegroupaustralia) Instagram (https://www.instagram.com/newhopecorp/?hl=en) YouTube (https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCUQ2arf_p0Bv3z0ctgGuljg) LinkedIn (https://www.linkedin.com/company/new-hope-coal/)

3. COMMUNITY HEALTH, SAFETY AND SOCIAL INFRASTRUCTURE

3.1. Community Health, Safety and Wellbeing

As reported in June 2016, the Project has initiated a substantial proportion of the commitments detailed in its Social Impact Management Action Plan for Health and Community Wellbeing, as well as additional commitments made in relation to community health and wellbeing in Chapter 5 of the AEIS. The outcomes of engagement with relevant stakeholders are reported in Sections 2.1.3 and 2.4 of this SIMR.

The New Hope Group's community investment and sponsorship programs related to social infrastructure are summarised in Section 3.2.

3.2. Social Infrastructure

The New Acland Community Investment Fund (CIF) assists not-for-profit community groups and organisations to develop long-term projects and initiatives for the benefit of communities around the New Acland Coal Mine. Not-for-profit community groups and organisations within the Toowoomba region are eligible to apply for grants under the New Acland Mine CIF.

The New Acland Mine CIF was launched in August 2013 and is in addition to the New Hope Group's Community Donations and Sponsorship Program.

The New Hope Group, in consultation with the New Acland Community Reference Group (CRG), having partnered with the University of Southern Queensland's (USQ) Institute for Resilient Regions, has implemented six community development projects aligned to community priorities identified by USQ research. These projects were funded through allocations from the CIF, in agreement with the Community Reference Group.

During the June 2021 reporting period the New Acland Coal CIF program was suspended, until such time as the Project was approved.

In consultation with the New Acland Coal Community Reference Group, the New Acland Coal CIF program is scheduled to recommence in September 2023.

New Hope Group and the New Acland Senior Community and Landholder Advisor continue to work with the New Acland Community to identify opportunities to support community events and programs.

During this reporting period, NAC provided sponsorship to five local community organisations, totalling \$9,900. NAC additionally supported three groups in an in-kind capacity.

3.3. Acland Management Plan

The Acland Management Plan (AMP) sets out the Project's arrangements and commitments for the management and maintenance of the Acland Township. This includes ongoing

conservation management of specific local heritage items and structures identified by the AMP and Acland Colliery Conservation Management Plan, and general grounds maintenance in Acland.

The Colliery has also been fully laser scanned to record the structure, and New Hope Group continues to implement control measures for borer and termites through a third-party contractor.

4. PROJECT PLAN

This section outlines the Project's plan to deliver on its mitigation and management strategies (Section 4.1) and commitments to community and stakeholder engagement (Section 4.2).

4.1. Mitigation and Management Strategies

The following table identifies the status of the Project's key mitigation and management strategies including public reporting requirements.

TABLE 5: MITIGATION AND MANAGEMENT STRATEGIES

Management Plans and Strategies	Status	Details and Next Update
Air Emissions Management Plan (AEMP)	The final approved AEMP plan was received from DES on 18 May 2023.	Public reporting for the Project's environmental monitoring activities to occur monthly from the start of construction.
Noise & Vibration Management Plan (NVMP)	The final approved NVMP was received from DES on 18 May 2023.	
Blasting and Vibration	Contractor engagement was finalised during the reporting period. Blasting is scheduled to commence in June 2023. NAC has improved the transparency of blasting and vibration monitoring through the use of new technology.	
Groundwater Monitoring and Impact Management Plan (GMIMP)	DAWE approved this plan for Project on 26 November 2020.	The Plan (part of the Project's EPBC Act requirements) was approved on 26 November 2020 by the delegate of the Minister for the Environment, for the Department of Agriculture, Water and the Environment (DAWE).
Underground Water Monitoring Program (UWMP)	The UWMP was approved by the DRDMW on 19 May 2023. Currently undergoing final internal reviews.	A UWMP was submitted to the Department of Regional Development, Manufacturing and Water, in accordance with the conditions of the Associated Water Licence.
Bore Baseline Assessment Plan	Established and well advanced. 13 Bore Baseline Assessments were completed as part of State Government	The Bore Baseline Assessment Plan can be found at https://newhopegroup.com.au/general-

Management Plans and Strategies	Status	Details and Next Update
	requirements during the reporting period.	reporting/
Post Rehabilitation and Closure Plan (PRCP) Community Engagement & Consultation Plan	Under development.	The Community Engagement and Consultation Plan is currently being developed as part of the PRCP.
Community and stakeholder engagement	Established and in progress.	Refer to Section 2 of this Report.
Complaints Management	Established and in progress.	Refer to Section 2 of this Report.
Health, safety and community infrastructure	Established and in progress.	Refer to Section 3 of this Report.
Acland Management Plan	Established and in progress.	Refer to Section 3 of this Report.
Acland Colliery Conservation Management Plan	Established and in progress.	Site maintenance and heritage preservation works continue under the Acland Colliery Conservation Management Plan. The Colliery has also been fully laser scanned to record the structure.
Housing and Accommodation Action Plan	Established and preparatory work underway.	Annual Social Impact Management Report, from the start of construction.
Local Content Action Plan	Established and preparatory work underway.	Adoption of QRC Code for Local Content.
Workforce Management Action Plan	Established and preparatory work underway.	Annual Social Impact Management Report (construction report).
JRLF Decommissioning Management Strategy	Established. Implementation will commence in the future.	Decommissioning to commence once the new Rail Loadout Facility is fully commissioned on the Project site. The request to change Condition 4(a), Jondaryan train load-out facility was granted by the Coordinator-General on 18 September 2020. Engagement with the residents of Jondaryan will continue via direct consultation with the New Acland Senior Community and Landholder Advisor. Further engagement, regarding decommissioning to re-

Management Plans and Strategies	Status	Details and Next Update
		commence when Project timing is known.
Road Use and Traffic Management Plans	Established and in progress.	Plans developed and finalised in consultation with Department of Transport and Main Roads and Toowoomba Regional Council.

4.2. Community and Stakeholder Engagement

The following table summarises the Project's key commitments to community and stakeholder engagement for the next reporting period.

TABLE 6: STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT – FORWARD PLAN

Stakeholder group	2023 Actions
Tier 1 and Tier 2 Landholders	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ongoing technical consultation regarding impact modelling where required
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continued negotiation of Landholder Agreements
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Six monthly update meetings with landholders
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Letter distribution – road access and mitigations
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Information session on topics including procurement, environmental management, access and health and wellbeing
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continued partnership and participation in regional landholder activities and through the Acland Pastoral Company
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Monthly online release of environmental monitoring results (from construction): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hard copy distribution to Jondaryan residents and local promotion
Local and State Government	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Briefings / individual meetings as relevant
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Direct correspondence as relevant
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Newsletter distribution as relevant
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Consultation with DATSIP on indigenous employment and business development
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continued employment, education, and training partnerships
Indigenous Stakeholders	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continue Indigenous stakeholder engagement and partnership development
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Maintain relationships through Community Reference Group, Traditional Owners and Cultural Heritage Management Plan requirements
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Consult on Indigenous employment, business development and procurement opportunities for the Project
Business and	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Six monthly procurement information sessions (from construction)

Stakeholder group	2023 Actions
Industry Stakeholders	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continue partnerships with the Toowoomba and Surat Basin Enterprise (TSBE) and Toowoomba and Oakey Chambers of Commerce
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Consult with local accommodation providers and real estate agents regarding short-term accommodation needs
Social Infrastructure Providers and Community Groups	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Local GP consultation regarding capacity and pre-employment medical checks
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continue participation in health-related organisations and events
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continue in-kind support for community and social services, organisations and clubs through the Community Sponsorship Program.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continue work with environmental groups on environmental initiatives
General Community Engagement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continue regular liaison with the New Acland Community Reference Group with dedicated updates on progress of the Project, including Jondaryan Rail Loadout Facility, Acland Management Plan, and health and coal market information
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Participation in local events
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Community Liaison Officer / dedicated staff
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dedicated Project phone number and email address
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Complaints and dispute resolution mechanism
Community Communications	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Advertising and newspaper notices/columns
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Website updates
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fact sheets and posters
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Quarterly newsletter
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Stakeholder letter distribution

5. CONCLUSION

This SIMR has described the engagement, communication and impact management strategies undertaken by the New Hope Group with respect to the Project for the first half of 2023.

As construction commenced on the Project in May 2023, New Acland Coal will transition to undertaking the annual construction and operations SIMR in accordance with the Coordinator-General's **Imposed Condition 18: construction and operation**.

ANNEXURE A

NEW ACLAND COAL MINE STAGE 3 PROJECT APPROVALS HISTORY

Event	Date
Gazettal of coordinated project declaration	18 May 2007
MLA 50232 lodged	25 May 2007
Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) submitted	January 2014
EIS released for public consultation	18 January 2014 - 3 March 2014
Additional information to EIS (AEIS) submitted	August 2014
AEIS released for public consultation	1 - 29 September 2014
Coordinator-General's evaluation report, recommending that the Project be approved, subject to conditions	19 December 2014
MLA 700002 lodged	16 January 2015
EA Amendment Application lodged	13 April 2015
Public notification of MLAs 50232 and 700002 and the EA Amendment Application	13 May 2015 - 2 July 2015
Draft EA issued by the then Department of Environment and Heritage Protection	28 August 2015
Referral of MLA 50232 and 700002 to the Land Court for Objections Hearing	14 October 2015
Referral of EA Amendment Application to the Land Court for Objections Hearing	19 October 2015
Original Objections Hearing dates	7 March 2016 - 12 August 2016 5 - 7 October 2016 3 - 20 April 2017
EPBC Act approval issued. The approval has effect until 31 January 2042.	18 January 2017
Land Court decision (Member Smith) on EA Amendment Application, MLA 50232 and MLA 700002 (since overturned)	31 May 2017
Associated Water License application lodged	3 October 2017
Supreme Court decision (Bowskill J) overturned Land Court decision and the EA decision of 14 February 2018 and remitted the matter to the Land Court for reconsideration	2 May 2018 (final orders 28 May 2018)
Appeal lodged in the Court of Appeal against Supreme Court decision by Oakey Coal Action Alliance Inc.	30 May 2018
Remitted Land Court Hearing dates	2 - 4 October 2018
Remitted Land Court decision	7 November 2018
Land Court recommendation is unconditional and DES decision making process commences	12 February 2019
Court of Appeal hearing dates	27 February 2019 - 1 March 2019
Environmental Authority (EA) amendment application approved	12 March 2019
AWL application released for public notification	20 March 2019
Associated Water Licence (AWL) submission period closed	7 May 2019
Request to change Condition 4(a), Jondaryan train load-out facility lodged	24 May 2019

Public notification period regarding change to Condition 4(a) opens	22 June 2019
Public notification period regarding change to Condition 4(a) closes	21 July 2019
Court of Appeal – Date of Reasons	10 September 2019
Court of Appeal – Date of Orders	1 November 2019
Regional Interests Development Application (RIDA) lodged	19 November 2019
The Oakey Coal Action Alliance (OCAA) sought special leave to appeal the Supreme Court of Queensland, Court of Appeal decision to the High Court	29 November 2019
Under the New Acland Coal Pty Ltd's Commonwealth Approval 2007/3423, the Project's Offset Management Plan was approved the Commonwealth Minister for the Environment's Delegate (i.e. for the Commonwealth's offset requirements)	2 December 2019
Under Queensland's <i>Nature Conservation Act 1992</i> , the Department of Environment and Science approved the Project's Protected Plant Permit (Mine Pit areas)	10 December 2019
Regional Impact Development Approval (RIDA) public notification period commenced	11 December 2019
Under Imposed Condition 13 of the Coordinator-General's Report, the Project's Environmental Offset Strategy was approved by the Coordinator-General	10 January 2020
Under Queensland's <i>Nature Conservation Act 1992</i> , the Department of Environment and Science approved the Project's Species Management Program (low risk)	15 January 2020
Regional Impact Development Approval (RIDA) public notification period closed	17 January 2020
As a requirement of New Acland Coal Pty Ltd's Environmental Authority EPML00335713, the Department of Environment and Science approved the Project's Noise and Vibration Management Plan	3 March 2020
Under Imposed Condition 7 of the Coordinator-General's Report, the Project's Land Suitability Reference Site Report was approved by the Coordinator-General	13 March 2020
Under Imposed Condition 6 of the Coordinator-General's Report, the Project's Land Resources Survey Report was approved by the Coordinator-General	25 March 2020
Under Imposed Condition 8 of the Coordinator-General's Report, the Project's Topsoil Management Plan was approved by the Coordinator-General	25 March 2020
As a requirement of New Acland Coal Pty Ltd's Environmental Authority EPML00335713, the Department of Environment and Science approved the Project's Air Emissions Management Plan	7 April 2020
Under Imposed Condition 16 of the Coordinator-General's Report, the Project's Koala Species Management Plan was accepted by the Department of Environment and Science	24 April 2020
The High Court notified the parties to the appeal that the application hearing would take place on 5 June 2020	7 May 2020
NAC03 Final Land Use and Rehabilitation Plan (FLURP) and Koala Species Management Plan were approved by the Coordinator-General	19 May 2020
The application to the High Court was heard and special leave was granted to Oakey Coal Action Alliance.	5 June 2020
NAC03 RIDA was granted by the Department of State Development, Tourism and Innovation	25 August 2020
The request to change Condition 4(a), Jondaryan train load-out facility was granted by the Coordinator-General	18 September 2020

The High Court heard Oakey Coal Action Alliance's appeal	6 October 2020
Decision made by the Department of Environment and Science that it is appropriate to deliver the NAC03 environmental offset in the way stated in the Notice of Election and Offset Delivery Plan	16 November 2020
Approval of NAC03 Groundwater Management and Monitoring Plan (GMMP)	26 November 2020
Execution of the Agreed Delivery Arrangement by the Department of Environment and Science and NAC pursuant to <i>the Environmental Offsets Act 2014</i>	14 December 2020
The High Court handed down its decision and NAC's Mining Lease applications and Environmental Authority amendment application were remitted to Queensland Land Court for reconsideration and the EA decision of 12 March 2019 is set aside.	3 February 2021
Remitted Land Court Hearing dates	26 October 2021 – 25 November 2021
The Queensland Land Court recommended that the New Acland Mine Stage 3 mining leases and the environmental authority amendment application be granted, subject to conditions.	17 December 2021
The Coordinator-General issued her change report to the stated conditions for the Environmental Authority for New Acland Mine Stage 3.	26 May 2022
The Queensland Department of Environment and Science issued the New Acland Mine Stage 3 Environmental Authority EPML00335713.	28 June 2022
The Queensland Department of Resources granted the New Acland Mine Stage 3 Mining Leases 50232 and 700002	26 August 2022
The Queensland Government Department of Regional Development, Manufacturing and Water granted the New Acland Mine Stage 3 Associated Water Licence.	20 October 2022
OCAA commenced an appeal against the grant of the AWL in the Land Court of Queensland. NAC appealed 2 conditions in the granted AWL.	15 May 2023
The Queensland Government Department of Regional Development, Manufacturing and Water approved the Underground Water Monitoring Program (UWMP)	19 May 2023