

# COMMUNITY CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE UPDATE

## THE BENGALLA CCC NEWSLETTER

The material in this issue of the Bengalla Mine Community Consultative Committee (Committee) newsletter has been selected by the CCC representatives.

The Committee is comprised of community representatives and representatives from Bengalla Mine including the General Manager. This newsletter aims to inform interested community members on matters discussed during CCC meetings.

## HIGH DENSITY WOODY VEGETATION INSTALLATION

The development consent for Bengalla Mine, requires the approved landform face exposed to Muswellbrook and Denman, to incorporate high density woody vegetation comprising species commensurate with surrounding native vegetation communities.



Bengalla Mine commenced operations in 1998 and from that time has been progressively constructing its landform and installing rehabilitation. The rehabilitation installed on the landform facing Muswellbrook and Denman was predominantly pasture with some treed areas. Recently BMC has been removing existing pasture vegetation on the faces exposed to Muswellbrook and Denman and progressively installing new vegetation being high density woody vegetation by tube stock and seeding. The installation of high density woody vegetation on the faces presenting to Muswellbrook and Denman on the previously constructed landform is complete.

# EXPLORATION LICENCE 9431

Bengalla Mining Company will commence exploration activities within Exploration Licence 9431 in March 2024 for a period of 2 to 3 years. EL 9431 adjoins the western boundary of BMC Mining Lease 1729. The Exploration Program will be carried out entirely within mine owned land, being predominantly owned by the Bengalla Joint Venture, apart from one parcel of land owned by Hunter Valley Energy Coal Pty Limited.

The Exploration Program works are shown in Figure 2.

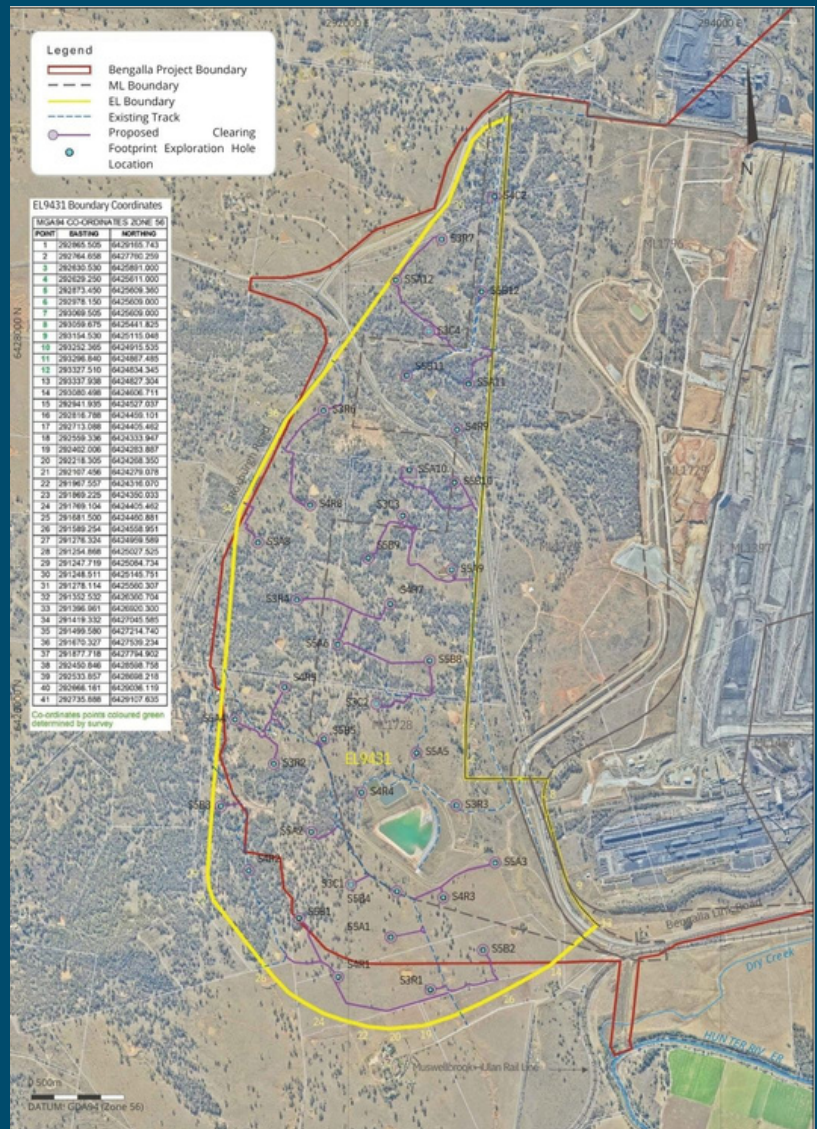
The Exploration Program will involve drilling up to 40 boreholes located within EL 9431. The borehole locations have been selected to avoid any sensitive environmental features and to utilise existing tracks for access, where possible.

BMC will commence decommissioning of boreholes and rehabilitation of any surface disturbance as soon as practicable. Some tracks may be retained. Rehabilitation is to return all sites to their original contoured landform and to establish vegetation cover.

The proposed commencement date of the Exploration Program is April 2024. Works will be between 7am to 6pm weekdays, 8am to 1pm Saturdays, no drilling Sundays and public holidays. Complaints regarding the proposed activity may be received via the Bengalla 24-hour complaints hotline 1800 178 984.

For any general enquiries, please do not hesitate to contact Craig White on (02) 6542 9525.

FIGURE 2



The minutes and presentations from CCC meetings are available for public viewing at the Muswellbrook and Denman Libraries. If you have an interest in any of the topics discussed at the CCC and would like further information on this topic or in future newsletters, please contact one of the members listed below.

If you wish to attend a Bengalla CCC meeting, or would like an issue raised by one of the committee members please contact any of the members listed below.

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