



BENGALLA MINE

COMMUNITY CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE

Minutes of Meeting No. 119

Location: Bengalla Boardroom
Date: Wednesday 23 August 2017
Present:

Name	Affiliation
Malcolm Ogg	Chairperson
Dennis Burton	CCC member
Jonathan Moore	CCC member
Llewellyn Bates	CCC member
Clr Rod Scholes	Muswellbrook Council representative
Cam Halfpenny	Bengalla Mining Company (General Manager)
John Campbell	Bengalla Mining Company (Technical Services Manger)
Craig White	Bengalla Mining Company (Approvals Specialist)
Ben Simpson	Bengalla Mining Company (Environmental Advisor)
Amy Watts	Bengalla Mining Company (Community Relations)

Meeting opened: 4.14pm

1. APOLOGIES:

Debbie Day, Noel Downs

2. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Moved by: Rod Scholes; Seconded by: Jonathan Moore

3. OTHER BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES/ACTION LIST

Action 1 – It's been recommended after discussion at the meeting that the November CCC meeting will commence at 3pm – 5pm as a trial. The 2 hour meeting period should be adhered to.

The order of the agenda items should be reconsidered. As well as the frequency of the community report occurring, perhaps twice annually. Or providing a written report with the meeting preparation notes and an opportunity at the meeting to comment and discuss.

It is a requirement of CCC members to read the pre-summary notes and be prepared when attending the meeting.

Opportunity for CCC members to attend two site tours a year.

Action 2 – Forecast on wind and weather is currently provided, however another report being sourced to provide details of actions taken when an exceedance occurs.

Rod Scholes wants to see evidence of cart low operating and additional use of watercarts.

Action 3 – Complete

Action 4 – Bore water report provided by Ben. Detailed memorandum attached

Action 5 – Complete

Action 6 – Discussed in relation to action 2. OCE inspections do include checks for dust over Wybong Road. Project occurring early October to limit viewing from Wybong Road.

Action 7 – Bengalla have not been able to find much information on the CMA river improvement project. The information that has been found is attached.

4. DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

Nil.

5. CORRESPONDENCE

Nil.

6. CCC GUIDELINES

Decision to move meeting forward and stick to the timing as well as reorganize the agenda items.

Rod Scholes suggested that answers to actions provided in the minutes in italics, if answers can be determined within the period with which minutes are to be distributed.

Minutes distribution - Malcolm Ogg sees this as unreasonable and suggests that minutes can be distributed the following week rather than within the week the meeting occurs.

7. REPORTS FROM CCC COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES

- Llewellyn Bates raised concern regarding:
 - Slashing on Wybong road not completed/cleaned up
Response - Application for section 138 to complete slashing has been obtained.
Equipment has been sourced to complete the task safely.
 - Cars pulling up to look into the mine on Wybong Road.
Addressed when discussing actions (6) from the previous meeting.
 - Amount of dust being generated from Bengalla.
Addressed when discussing actions (2) from previous meeting.
- Jonathan Moore raised concern regarding:
 - Requested an update on the Industrial dispute occurring with MACH Energy
Cam Halfpenny provided a detailed update on our relationship with MACH Energy and the events occurring. He expressed that Bengalla's attitude towards the issues is that both mines proceed forward, it is the best outcome for the Muswellbrook community, Bengalla, MACH Energy, NSW & Australia.

8. MONITORING RESULTS

Environmental monitoring review for period May to July 2017 was presented by Ben Simpson.

- Air Quality
 - PM₁₀, TSP and dust depositional compliance monitoring data was presented.
 - Only one PM₁₀ exceedance during the period. An investigation is currently underway.

- 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.
 - There was one contaminated sample at location D26 and an excessive reading on D23B.
 - Jonathan Moore expressed concern, during the meeting, that Bengalla could be gaining better dust readings by working with Mount Pleasant who also have dust monitors in these high dust areas, this may reduce contaminated readings, therefore providing a more accurate measure of dust deposition.
- Noise Management:
 - For the reporting period, Bengalla complied with all noise criteria application at all monitoring locations. However, there was one invalid measurement (AN04) due to temperature inversion
- Blast Monitoring:
 - Bengalla remained in compliance with all consent limits.
- Water Usage:
 - Water sourced from the Hunter River for the reporting period was 66ML. Very little sourced due to the full capacity of the stage discharge dam.
- Progressive Rehabilitation:
 - 6 hectares have been shaped since the last meeting.
- Biodiversity Offsets

An overview was provided regarding the offset projects Bengalla is undertaking. Focus is on bush fire management and wild dog control on those properties.

- Complaints:
 - During the reporting period twelve complaints were received.
- Environmental incidents:
 - During the period Bengalla had four environmental incidents.

9. COMMUNITY REPORT

Amy Watts presented one slide regarding the Bengalla Community Open Day on 14 October 2017.

10. CCC NEWSLETTER ARTICLES

- The August newsletter was approved by the Committee.
- Ideas for next meeting: - 3pm – 5pm start time. Highlighted in the next pre-meeting notes. Possibility for the meeting to be conducted at the Homestead.

- Newsletter – Biodiversity offsets in regard to wild dog control and bush fire management, Bengalla scholarships in particular Engineering scholarship, Community Open Day
- Communication – Malcolm Ogg’s email address to be included on newsletter and an email distribution list of all CCC members to be developed and used for any issues that need to be addressed before the quarterly meeting occurs.

Meeting closed at 6:01pm

Attachments:

- Meeting Presentation slides.
- Memorandum – Response to CCC Groundwater query
- Memorandum – Response to CCC Rive Improvement Query

ACTION LIST

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ITEM NO.	ITEM	ACTIONED BY
1	Confirm where dust deposition monitors are located and provide facts sheets about what each monitor does	B. Simpson
2	Ensure next meeting is scheduled to begin at 3pm and that is highlighted in the next notes. Also possibility to have the meeting at the Homestead	D Day
3	Develop a CCC committee members email distribution list	D Day