



# BENGALLA MINE

## COMMUNITY CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE

### Minutes of Meeting No. 124

**Location:** Bengalla Boardroom  
**Date:** Thursday 06 December 2018  
**Present:**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Affiliation</b>
Malcolm Ogg	Chairperson
Dennis Burton	CCC member
Jonathan Moore	CCC member
Llewellyn Bates	CCC member
Cam Halfpenny	Bengalla Mining Company (Chief Executive Officer)
Brett Domrow	Bengalla Mining Company (Technical Services Manager)
Craig White	Bengalla Mining Company (Environment and Approvals Superintendent)
Laurel McGinnity	Bengalla Mining Company (Senior Environmental Advisor)
Genelle Scotts	Bengalla Mining Company (Community Relations Specialist)
Tony Nielson	Bengalla/New Hope Integration Manager

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**Meeting opened: 3.00pm**

**1. APOLOGIES:**

**2. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

Moved by: Dennis Burton Seconded by: Cam Halfpenny

**3. OTHER BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES/ACTION LIST**

**Action 1** – Engage with Muswellbrook Council to see if there is anything that Bengalla mine can do to assist with improving the safety at the intersections surrounding Bengalla mine – Approval received from council to maintain the roads surrounding Bengalla mine including Bengalla Link Road, Overton Road and Wybong Road – Action Complete

**Action 2** – Update CCC on groundwater seepage at next meeting – Action Complete

**Action 3** – Organise dragline visit for Jonathan Moore and Llewellyn Bates – Action Complete

**4. DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST**

Nil.

**5. CORRESPONDENCE**

Pre-Meeting Summary Papers and draft Newsletter emailed to the CCC Members

**6. CCC GUIDELINES**

Review of 'Draft Minutes' procedure.

Malcolm Ogg raised a concern as to why the draft copy of the minutes is required to be approved by the Chairperson a week following the CCC meeting instead of being an Agenda item at the next meeting so that anomalies can be moved and seconded.

Craig White recommended that the CCC committee make a representation to the Department of Planning to change the process.

Bengalla CCC Meeting Dates for 2019

The following Bengalla CCC Meeting dates for 2019 have been approved and confirmed;

Wednesday 27 February

Wednesday 22 May

Wednesday 28 August

Wednesday 27 November

Malcolm Ogg requested that the meeting dates be sent as a meeting request to all Bengalla CCC members.

## 7. **REPORTS FROM CCC COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES**

Report from Llewellyn Bates

- Llewellyn expressed concern about the ongoing community complaints in relation to the dust. Cam advised that Bengalla are combating the issue on several fronts. Bengalla have purchased two new watercarts and are currently constructing a new water fill point in the north which will decrease the time it takes to refill each watercart. Bengalla are investigating the use of flockers on the front of the watercarts and Bengalla are also using water sprays on the dragline highwall when appropriate. Craig White talked about the location and monitoring of the dust monitors around Bengalla and the cumulative effect of the dust from dry weather/winds and other mining operations around Bengalla.
- Llewellyn requested an update on the dam across the road from the Bengalla entrance. Craig White explained that the dam is still under construction with the completion works to commence in February 2018 for four to six weeks. Essentially there are three dams, the discharge dam, the clean water dam and the washery dam.

Report from Johnathon Moore

- Further to Llewellyn's comments on dust, Johnathon suggested that it would be beneficial if the community could see a water screen or something similar near the Wybong Road on the northern side of Bengalla. Any attempt to create a physical barrier to the dust would be well regarded. Johnathon commented that to the community it appears that Bengalla are creating more dust than in the past.
- Johnathon advised that most of the community at present are more concerned about the other mines in the area regarding modifications and the visible presence of the mines.

## 8. **MONITORING RESULTS**

Environmental monitoring review for period August, September and November 2018 was presented by Laurel McGinnity.

- Air Quality
- PM<sub>10</sub>, TSP and dust depositional compliance monitoring data was presented.

During August 2018 and September 2018 elevated 24-hour average PM<sub>10</sub> results were recorded at PM1 and PM4. No elevated 24-hour average PM<sub>10</sub> results were recorded in October 2018. Bengalla investigated the elevated PM10 results and provided the investigation reports to the Department of Planning and Environment

(DPE). DPE has accepted the conclusions presented within the investigation reports and will take no further action at this time.

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- During the reporting period, the HV6 annual rolling average has continued to trend above the long-term TSP criterion. This is as predicted in the Bengalla Continuation of Mining Project Environmental Impact Statement.
- Craig White noted that during 2019 there will be new monitor locations around Bengalla. These locations are currently under negotiation with the land owners. Craig also noted that in the proposed Bengalla Capital Budget for 2019 there is allocation to buy new monitors that can measure PM<sub>2.5</sub> which is a requirement under the Bengalla Development Consent Criteria.
- Noise Management:
  - For the reporting period, Bengalla complied with all noise criteria application at all monitoring locations.
- Blast Monitoring:
  - Bengalla had no recorded blasts over the upper limit criteria and no exceedance of the lower limit criteria.
- Water Usage:
  - Rainfall received during August was above the long-term average and rainfall for September and October was below the long-term average trend. Water sourced from the Hunter River during August, September and October was approximately 144 ML, 129 ML and 123 ML respectively.
- Progressive Rehabilitation:
  - Anticipated 2018 rehabilitation will be completed in 2019.
- Complaints:
  - During the reporting period 40 complaints were received with most complaints in relation to air quality.
- Environmental incidents:
  - During the reporting period Bengalla had 6 environmental incidents.

## 9. CCC NEWSLETTER ARTICLES

- The December 2018 newsletter was approved by the Committee.
- Suggested articles for the February 2019 newsletter:
  - Restoration of the Bengalla Homestead
  - Results of the Bengalla Engineering Scholarship
  - Interview with an Engineering Scholarship Winner from a previous year

**10. GENERAL BUSINESS**

- Cam Halfpenny presented an update on the fatality that occurred at Bengalla on Saturday 03 November.
- A presentation was made by Cam Halfpenny on the New Hope purchase of Wesfarmers share of Bengalla and the change of ownership of Bengalla
- Cam Halfpenny announced the purchase of a new Bengalla fire truck that will assist in managing fires at our offset properties as well as local bush fires around Bengalla.
- Craig White discussed the fire management plans that have been actioned at the Bengalla offset properties.

Next meeting to be held on Wednesday 22 February 2018 at 3.00pm

Meeting closed at 5:30pm

**Attachments:**

- Meeting Presentation slides

**ACTION LIST**

**Meeting No. 124 – Thursday 6 December 2018**

ITEM NO.	ITEM	ACTIONED BY
1	Bengalla to present to the next CCC a way forward on the changes to be made to the process of the approval of minutes from CCC meetings.	
2	Bengalla to send out the meeting dates as a meeting request to all Bengalla CCC members.	G Scotts
3	Bengalla to update the CCC at the next meeting with the new proposed locations of the air quality monitors.	
4	Bengalla to organise a tour of the Dam for the CCC members when Dam is near completion.	