



BENGALLA MINE

COMMUNITY CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE

Minutes of Meeting No. 126

Location: Bengalla Boardroom
Date: Wednesday 22 May 2019
Present:

Name	Affiliation
Malcolm Ogg	Chairperson
Dennis Burton	CCC member
Llewellyn Bates	CCC member
Cam Halfpenny	Bengalla Mining Company (General Manager)
Craig White	Bengalla Mining Company (Environment Superintendent)
Laurel McGinnity	Bengalla Mining Company (Senior Environmental Advisor)
Fiona Hartin	Bengalla Mining Company (Community Relations Specialist)
Brett Domrow	Bengalla Mining Company (Technical Services Manager)
Craig Milton	Upper Hunter Mining Dialogue

Meeting opened: 3.00pm

1. **APOLOGIES:** Jonathan Moore

2. **DECLARATION OF ANY PECUNIARY INTERESTS:** Nil

3. **UPPER HUNTER MINING DIALOGUE PRESENTATION:**

The aim of the presentation was to raise awareness of why the dialogue was established. What are the key projects for the dialogue? What is the focus of the future?

4. **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

Moved by: Llewellyn Bates Seconded by: Craig White

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

Action 1 – Mount Pleasant Rail presentation slide by CW. Action completed.

Action 2- CCC members do a perimeter excursion driving along Wybong Road and past Mount Pleasant – Action Complete.

Action 3 – Declaration of Pecuniary Interests to be moved to agenda item 2 - Action complete.

Action 4 – Bengalla to organize a tour of the Dams for the CCC members when the Dams are near completion. Ongoing - Fiona to liaise with CCC members closer to the date and organize a tour prior to the August meeting.

Action 5 – Presentation of air quality model summary at the next meeting – Action complete

6. CORRESPONDENCE

Pre-meeting Summary Papers and draft Newsletter emailed or sent to the CCC Members. Email sent to the CCC chairperson and members asking for permission for the Upper Hunter Mining Dialogue to do a presentation at the next meeting

7. CCC GUIDELINES

MO discussed that individuals must declare pecuniary interests.

8. REPORTS FROM CCC COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES

Report from Llewellyn Bates

- LB commented on dust on high wind days. People are complaining.
- Where the dairy was located, what are we planning to do with the agricultural land? CH responded that we are now actively managing the land. New Hope is assisting by replacing fencing where required, fixing pivot irrigators to enable crop planting with cattle to be then grazed over part of the property. Over time we seek to maximise the local community support for the agricultural activities using local fencing suppliers and contractors.

Report from Malcolm Ogg

- Are we going to get a Council representative at the next CCC meeting? FH confirms Sharon has been sent a meeting request and will follow up with Sharon prior to the next meeting.

Report from Dennis Burton

- Dennis states that explosives are shaking the town again. DB asked who this week is letting off the blasts? CH states he can give details of this. LM says details of Bengalla's blast details are on the pre-meeting summary.
- Dennis discussed bullying within the mining. If people speak up they are picked on. Is it happening elsewhere/here? How do we handle bullying? CH explained we have a direct relationship with our employees. Bullying is taken seriously. It is handled onsite with fair treatment policy procedures and avenues of appeal as required. CH also discussed mental health, peer support, psychological support, as well as leadership training and U days providing direct communication and feedback.

9. ENVIRONMENTAL MONITORING RESULTS

Environmental monitoring review for period February, March and April 2019, was presented by Laurel McGinnity.

- Air Quality
 - PM₁₀, TSP and dust depositional compliance monitoring data was presented.
 - Elevated 24-hour PM₁₀ results were measured during:
 - February 2019 for PM₁, PM₂, PM₃ and PM₄;
 - March 2019 for PM₄; and
 - April 2019 for PM₁ and PM₄.

Bengalla investigated the elevated PM10 results and provided the expert reports to the DPE. The DPE have advised acceptance of the conclusions in the experts reports and will take no further action at this time.

- During the reporting period the HV1, HV2 and HV6 annual rolling average is currently trending above the long-term TSP criterion.
- Noise Management:
 - For the reporting period compliance noise monitoring was compliant.
- Blast Monitoring:
 - Bengalla had no recorded blasts over the upper limit criteria.
- Water Usage:
 - Rainfall received during the reporting period February, March and April was below the long-term average trend. Water sourced from the Hunter River during February, March and April was approximately 194 ML, 79 ML and 44 ML respectively.
- Progressive Rehabilitation:
 - No tree seeding will likely occur this year with focus on shaping of part of the overburden emplacement.
- Complaints:
 - During the reporting period 10 complaints were received.
- Environmental incidents:
 - During the reporting period Bengalla had 6 environmental incidents.

10. COMMUNITY REPORT

An update of community partnerships for the first five months of the year was presented being partnerships with schools, UHMD school tours, sporting clubs, and events.

11. CCC NEWSLETTER IDEAS

Suggested articles for the August newsletter. Scholarship holders: What are they up to now? Present as a dialogue, that is, hearing it in their own words. Land: What are we doing with neighbouring land, landform improvements and weed management.

Community: Things we are involved in the community being the rural fire service, land acquisitions and rehabilitation, that is, identify what we are current actions.

Next meeting to be held on Wednesday 28 August 2019 at 3.00pm

Meeting closed at 5:30pm

Attachments:

- Meeting Presentation slides

ACTION LIST

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ITEM NO.	ITEM	ACTION BY
1	Investigate the use of suitable water carts on Wybong Road.	CH
2	When winds are beyond a certain level what occurs?	CW
3	Bengalla to organise a tour of the Dam for the CCC members when Dam is near completion. (prior to August meeting).	FH