

MT ARTHUR MINE COMPLEX**Community Consultative Committee Meeting - Tuesday 9 June 2015****Attendance****Chairperson**

Dr. Colin Gellatly Independent Chair MAC CCC

Company Representatives

Adam Lancey Acting General Manager
Coal Handling Preparation Plant & Infrastructure

Andrew Garratt Senior Manager Corporate Affairs, NSW Energy Coal

Deirdra McCracken-Tindale Manager Corporate Affairs

Sarah Withell Head of Health Safety & Environment

Donna McLaughlin Superintendent Environment Execution

Rebecca Harcus Superintendent Health Safety Environment Reporting

Community Representatives

John Bancroft Community Representative

Jenni Hayes Community Representative

Alex MacDonald Community Representative

Di Gee Community Representative

John Milsom Community Representative

Sarah Purser - e) sarah.purser@bigpond.com

Minutes**Abbreviations**

Mt Arthur Coal – MAC

Department of Planning & Environment – DoPE

Upper Hunter Air Quality Network – UHAQN

1. Sign in at Reception**2. Housekeeping & Safety**

Deirdra ran through Safety Protocols, Evacuation procedures to the Muster Point and location of Amenities

3. Welcome to Mt Arthur Coal & Introductions

The group was welcomed to the first CCC meeting with the new Committee. A round table introduction was conducted providing members with the opportunity to introduce themselves and their representation.

Presentation by MAC's Acting General Manager

Adam provided an introduction to operations at Mt Arthur Coal and presented an overview of the Company's Corporate Profile (hand out included in CCC member's Information Packs). Adam advised that he hoped the group will enjoy today's Site Tour and that he will touch base with the CCC in the future

Key elements of presentation:-

- ✚ Responsibilities of the two General Managers.
- ✚ Explanation of open cut mining over multiple seams.
- ✚ Overview of equipment indicating magnitude.
- ✚ Current (December 2014) Planning Approval to 2026.
- ✚ The approved final dump height is RL360, the operation is currently at around RL300.
- ✚ Rehabilitation will accelerate when operations are at final dump height and annual rehabilitation is approximately 50 hectares.
- ✚ MAC currently extract approximately 25 million tonnes of coal each year, with Planning Approval to mine up to 32 million tonnes per annum.
- ✚ Coal is transported by rail to the Port of Newcastle for export to Asia and Europe. A small volume is transported by conveyor to Bayswater Power Station.
- ✚ Overview of the Internal Transformation Project & Merger with BHP South 22.
- ✚ The four Key Commodities were identified as; Coal, Petroleum, Iron Ore and Base Metals.

4. Discussion on themed meetings for the future:-

Members were provided with Monitoring Data for; Air Quality, Blasting, Noise & Groundwater, with the respective locations of these Monitors.

Key Topics of Presentation:-

- + Dust & Air Quality
- + Dust Suppression
- + Aerial Seeding
- + Rehabilitation
- + Noise
- + Water Use & Efficiency
- + Rehabilitation of Heritage Property & Land Management On-Site - Diverse Land Uses
- + Pest Management
- + Aboriginal Heritage
- + Community Response Line
- + Health & Safety Management System
- + Investment

5. Declaration of Pecuniary Interests / Conflict of interest

Col advised that both he and Sarah are engaged by MAC to provide the respective roles of independent Chairperson and preparation of the Meeting Minutes. Alex advised that he is Parliamentary Secretary for the Hunter.

6. Group discussion on themes and approach for future CCC Meetings

Col explained that the CCC provides a communication mechanism between the company and the community. In terms of community responsibility Col hopes that members will bring in perspective from their end and for the company to in turn inform representatives so that they can take that information back out. The forum provides an opportunity to check in on things that are happening with MAC, such as monitoring, complaints and how these are handled.

Andrew opened the subject to members to have their say on how future CCC's are run. Andrew acknowledged that members had been given a Survey to complete and that MAC will pull future Agendas together based on this feedback:-

+ Meeting Scheduling & Duration

- ✓ CCC Meetings to be held quarterly for two hours, allowing the company sufficient time to provide a good level of information back to the group.
- ✓ Where possible, Meetings to be held at differing periods of the year and not anniversary at the same time.

+ Responsibilities and to "keep the energy" of the Group

- ✓ Both Community and Company representatives to be open and honest in an effort to achieve good outcomes.
- ✓ CCC members to identify areas of interest, this will require some preparation and input from both the community representatives and the company.

+ Focus Topics

Specific topics to be put forward by the CCC prior to meetings and allow MAC sufficient time to prepare to present on particular subjects or for the group to invite Guest Presenters/Speakers.

ACTION 1: Col to call for Agenda items two weeks prior to the Meeting.

Areas of interest to the Community, put forward by the CCC:-

- ✓ ***Employment;***
Jobs were identified as an important community issue, particularly as MAC employs a lot of people in NSW. The CCC expressed their interest to be kept updated on MAC's resourcing requirements.
- ✓ ***Sponsorship & Mining Activities;***
In particular those that are going to have a community benefit.
- ✓ ***Capital Projects & CAPEX (Capital Expenditure);***
Projects MAC may be doing that may provide opportunity for another companies. Also join initiatives, such as with the Singleton Chamber of Commerce.
- ✓ ***Complaints Data;***
Indicating the number of complaints and what the complaints were about i.e. dust
- ✓ ***Key Interfaces;***
In relation to Dust and Water.
- ✓ ***Dust Monitoring & Analysis;***
A review of data from MAC's Dust Monitors and reporting of any exceedences.
- ✓ ***Cumulative Impacts of Dust;***
Data from individual monitors to ascertain what is occurring and impacting on the whole community, not to just provide detail of one incident in excess of criteria. For some responsibility to be taken for dust. Why are there differentiating readings from Dust Monitors in nearby locations. Different types of monitoring i.e. real time, high volume depositional gauges and what external sources may impact on these i.e. bird droppings, wind etc. and how do particulates move through the environment.

MAC advised that the NSW EPA is funded by industry in the Upper Hunter and is designed to address cumulative impacts.

- ✓ ***Major/Critical Incidents;***
The CCC would like detail of these to be provided at the time of the event if they occur out of session. Deirdra confirmed that MAC had done this in the past, giving the example of water over Denman Road being communicated outside of a reporting period.

ACTION 2: MAC to provide Col with out of session notifications for any major events, to be on forwarded to the CCC.

- ✓ ***Exceedences;***
MAC to provide detail on any exceedence, the actions that were undertaken and what was done to control the incident so that it will not happen again.

- ✓ **Reporting / Data;** It is desirable that reporting be provided in a timely manner and on a regular basis to enable review along the way and to avoid a large amount of data to be read by members prior to meetings. Documents to be issued in colour and in PDF format if distributed electronically.

By Invitation

It was noted that the Environmental Officer from Muswellbrook Shire Council had been very helpful at previous meetings and his attendance had been a great bonus in providing focus and information. It was acknowledged that the CCC would need to decide as a group if they would like the Environmental Officer invited to attend.

MAC explained that the Mines and Council now have an independent forum in the form of a Technical Review Committee. Council are welcome to have representatives attend the CCC Meetings, however their preference was to go with the Technical Review Meeting. This meeting is held shortly after the MAC CCC and the company takes data from the CCC meeting to Council. Council may also wish to talk to more specific items at these meetings, such as Voluntary Planning Agreements and MAC advised that this forum was instigated by Council. The CCC would like relevant information from the Council Meeting to come back to this group, so that it is not a one way loop.

ACTION 3: Col to invite a representative from the Department of Resources & Energy to attend the next CCC.

Company Reports & Management Plans

Annual Environmental Management Report (AEMR) – October 2015

This report is due for release around October and MAC is required to provide CCC members with a copy. As a trigger from the release of this report, MAC will put it to members if they would like to conduct a review. MAC noted that is quite a large document and a two hour allocation would be required to cover the highlights. It was asked if a summary could be provided to the CCC with an opportunity for members to come back with any specific questions.

Management Plans

Several Management Plans govern MAC's operations and these are updated from time to time. As a trigger from an updated version of a Management Plan that has been approved by the DoPE, MAC offered to provide this plan to the CCC and to walk through it as an Agenda Item.

It was acknowledged that Management Plans are important for the company to get the job done, but perhaps not a big issue for the CCC, as there is an expectation for the company to do a good job on these and that Regulators have the key call on these. There was more of an interest in the outcomes that flow from these Plans and how these impact on the community.

Rehabilitation Update

The CCC was interested in detail of rehabilitation when completed.

Life of Mine Plan – due out in early 2016

Potential subject matter for next year.

Future Meeting Agenda Format:-

- Declaration of Pecuniary Interest
- Approval of the previous Meetings Minutes
- Matters Arising – Action Items from the previous Meeting
- Update from the Company since the previous Meeting
- Focus Topic

Meeting Minutes Process

Responsibility

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| ➤ Meeting Note Taking | Sarah |
| ➤ Minutes Distributed as Draft for Comment | Andrew |
| ➤ Members to provide comments back to Col & Sarah | CCC |
| ➤ Minutes released as Endorsed by Chair & made publically available | Andrew |

7. Joint CCC with Drayton – explanation and availability to attend next Meeting – 18 June

Deirdra explained this meeting is in conjunction with Drayton and specific to the Rail Loop, where rail monitoring data is presented by both Drayton and MAC. Representatives from both CCC’s are invited to attend future meetings and the Chairperson is alternated.

8. Next Meetings

Mt Arthur Coal Boardroom

1.00 p.m. to 3.00 p.m.

Wednesday 16th of September 2015

Wednesday 16th of December 2015

9. Site Tour

ACTIONS ARISING FROM THIS MEETING

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