

Minutes of Newstan & Awaba Community Consultative Committee Meeting

Held Thursday 1 December 2016 at 4.06 pm

at Centennial Coal Corporate Office – Fassifern

PRESENT	Name	Organisation
	Margaret MACDONALD-HILL (MMH)	Chair
	Grant WATSON (GW)	Centennial Coal
	Michael GALE (MG)	Centennial Coal
	Robyn CHARLTON (RC)	Blackalls Park Resident
	Dave SNEDDON (DS)	Awaba Resident
APOLOGIES	Jason PAULING (JP)	Cr Lake Macquarie City Council
	John YOUNG (JY)	Fassifern Resident
	Paul Williams (PW)	Centennial Coal
WELCOME	Meeting commenced with a welcome by Chair. Chair's Declaration of Interest The Chair noted her usual declarations; appointed by the Secretary of Planning and Environment as the Independent Chairperson and a member of the Mine Subsidence Board.	
PREVIOUS MINUTES	Minutes of 30 June 2016 were adopted.	Moved by: Robyn Charlton Seconded by: Dave Sneddon

BUSINESS ARISING	Item	Action
	<p>01.12.16 – CCC Guidelines</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MMH made the committee aware that the new CCC Guidelines have been introduced effective from 15 November 2016. • Code of Conduct Agreement forms were distributed to members present for signing and returning to the Chair. These forms will also be emailed out to members not present for signing and returning to the Chair. • There are some changes in the Guidelines, including the requirement for draft minutes to be distributed to committee members within one week for review and feedback. • The committee agreed to retain confirmation of previous meeting minutes at each meeting and for a Centennial Coal representative to prepare minutes on behalf of the Chair.
	<p>01.12.16 – Illegal dumping at Hawkmount</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GW acknowledged the time taken to respond to the matter of responsibility for the illegal dumping issue. Centennial have responded in a letter to Department of Industry – Lands in relation to Centennial’s obligations for prevention and clean up of illegal dumping on crown land within CCL 746. • Centennial received a phone call from the EPA regarding asbestos dumping off Hawkmount Road.

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Centennial acknowledged the illegal dumping problem and the importance of stakeholders being engaged in implementing a solution. • Centennial proposed to facilitate an onsite meeting with the Regional Illegal Dumping Squad (RIDS) and other community group stakeholders to discuss possible solutions (including possible funding sources) and address community concerns. Site visit to be facilitated by Centennial Coal on a date to be determined in late January to early February 2017.
	<p>01.12.16 - LT Creek</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MMH raised a concern on behalf of JY (apology for meeting) that the LT Floodplain Risk Management Study is another glossy brochure and a waste of money. • RC advised that approximately a dozen people attended the community information session on 30 November at Charlton Christian College, Fassifern.

CORRESPONDENCE	Comment
<p>IN email 26/10/16 email 01/11/16</p>	<p>email from Clr Pauling on LT Creek Floodplain Risk Management Study Community Consultation email from Clr Pauling with links to LT Creek consultation</p>

CORRESPONDENCE	Comment
OUT email 28/10/16 email 01/11/16 email 17/11/16	email CCC members information on LT Creek consultation email CCC members links on LT Creek consultation email CCC members new CCC Guidelines for State Significant Developments

CENTENNIAL COAL AWABA UPDATE	Presentation for the reporting period 30 June – 1 December 2016	Comments
	Michael Gale presented - <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Awaba Update ○ Awaba Community complaints and enquiries ○ Awaba Environmental Monitoring ○ Awaba Environmental Management 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Diesel underground storage tank remediated in August with no further remediation recommended. ● No complaints for Awaba Colliery during the reporting period. ● One enquiry was received within the reporting period regarding the identification of a sinkhole. ● There were no exceedances during the reporting period. ● The Average Annual results for Dust gauges at Awaba were less than 4.0 g/m²/month during the reporting period ● Quarterly Noise monitoring is no longer a requirement of EPL443. ● Dewatering of the underground workings occurred during the period and all water quality results were within licence criteria. ● Rehabilitation works were completed on a sinkhole in November in accordance with the Sinkhole Rehabilitation Plan approved by Department of Resources & Energy: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Works undertaken between 15 Aug and 12 Nov

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Vegetation has been respread over disturbed areas and native seed mix consistent with surrounding vegetation community applied ○ Monitoring will be conducted for erosion, integrity of diversion drains, revegetation success and weeds ● The following reports have been submitted to the EPA according to the requirements of the EPA Clean-Up Notice (Awaba Seepage) received in April 2016: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Site Investigation Report ○ Management Options Report
<p>NEWSTAN OPERATIONS UPDATE</p>	<p>Grant Watson presented -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Newstan Operations update 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Continued with care and maintenance activities, focused on maintaining the mine infrastructure and keeping the mine safe. ● Will continue to recover equipment on an as needs basis for other Centennial Operations. ● Preliminary work continues to progress the Newstan Extension Project. The Newstan Extension Project EIS has not progressed since last reported. ● Newstan surface operations (Northern Coal Services) continue to operate. This includes, but is not limited to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Receiving coal via trucks from Mandalong / Cooranbong ○ Operation of the Washery ○ Transport of coal to Eraring / Cooranbong ○ Train loading

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Use of reject emplacement areas ○ Continued use & operation of the water management system.
<p>NEWSTAN ENVIRONMENT & COMMUNITY UPDATE</p>	<p>Michael Gale presented -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Newstan General ● Newstan complaints and enquiries ● Newstan Environmental Monitoring ● Newstan Environmental Management 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● The Northern Region Historic Heritage Management Plan was approved by the DP&E on 15 September 2016. ● Joint Agency Compliance Audit on Dams undertaken at Newstan on 14 September 2016 – EPA, DP&E, Resources Regulator. ● Newstan Independent Environmental Audit Report has been published on the Centennial Coal website. ● A high level of compliance was achieved during the audit period (April 2012 – May 2015). ● One enquiry was received within the reporting period as a follow up to a complaint made 4 May 2016. ● One noise complaint was received on 18 August 2016 within the reporting period with regard to delivery truck noise. ● Two water quality exceedances of bicarbonate alkalinity at LDP001 occurred during the reporting period. Aeration of water is being enhanced through increased residence time and circulation in surface water storages. ● The Average Annual results for Dust gauges at Newstan were less than 4.0 g/m²/month during the sampling period ● The Total Particulate Matter (TSP) and PM10 results were within development consent criteria during the reporting period. ● Quarterly Noise Monitoring was carried

		<p>out in August and November 2016 and results were within Development Consent criteria.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Seeding of approximately 2.1 ha on the Northern Rejects Emplacement Area with a native seed mix was completed in September 2016.
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GENERAL BUSINESS	
Federal Senate Inquiry on Closure of Coal Fired Power Stations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Robyn discussed the invitation she received to provide a submission for the Senate Inquiry on Closure of Coal Fired Power Stations and will distribute a copy of the submission made.
2017 Meeting Schedule	<p>Proposed CCC meeting dates for 2017:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 30 March 2017 27 July 2017 30 November 2017
Margaret McDonald-Hill	Wished everyone a Merry Christmas and safe, happy and prosperous new year. Thanked everyone and look forward to working with everyone next year.

ACTION NO:	TOPIC	ACTION	WHO	WHEN	DATE COMPLETED	UNCOMPLETED C/F FWD DATE
10.12.13	Independent Audit	Advise CCC when independent audit is approved by the Department of Planning.	NM	When approved	Audit report has been published on the Centennial Coal website 29/11/16.	
04.02.16	CCC Guidelines	Send out CCC guidelines once available	MMH	When publically available	November 2016 Guidelines sent 17/11/16	

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01.12.16	Illegal Dumping	Contact community group members who initiated the enquiry and find a mutually agreeable date.	RC	02.12.16	02.12.16	

MEETING CLOSED:	5.28 pm
NEXT MEETING:	30 March 2017, 4pm