

Minutes of Rocglen Coal Mine Community Consultative Committee – Meeting #40

Meeting Held: Tuesday 27th February 2024

Venue: Rocglen Coal Mine

Commencement Time: 15:00

Present and Apologies

Present:

John Sturgess (JS) – Independent Chairperson

Rod Barnes (RB) – Community Representative

Trevor Worboys (TW) – Community Representative

Andrew Raal (AR) – Closed Mines Superintendent

Olivia Hulbert (OH) – Environmental Advisor

Darren Swain (DS) - General Manager Community Engagement

Daryl Robinson (DR) - Manager (Environmental & Mine Rehabilitation)

Apologies:

Mrs Pam Burns (PB) – Community Representative

Previous Minutes

Minutes accepted as true record of the motion. Accepted by Trevor and Andrew.

Review of Environmental performance and mine progress report Groundwater

TW - Are biodiversity still drilling holes looking for water at Yarrari and drilling bore holes. Looks like they tried to pull pump out and it snapped, the pump is still down there. They were going to put a new hole in but if they get the pump out it should be fine to use.

DR – WHC is currently trying to get out of the easement. We need a temporary fix until we get to that point.

TW – agree.

DR – We will look into the production bore as an option for agricultural use.

Rehabilitation

DR - We have shrunk workshop area/ infrastructure area as much as we can and hope to be able to keep it here for a future land use. Remaining works include weed control and tube-stock for remaining years, monitoring and maintenance work.

RB why doesn't WHC lease it out.

DR - that is something we can look into down the track.

RB -That is what happens in Hunter

DR - They have different final land uses

DS – It depends on Project Approval

DR – We have to meet the approved land use which is essentially the surrounding ecosystem.

DS – Were sub-tropical planted here originally?

DR – Mostly already existing in the topsoil. Some were planted by previous Operations Managers for stabilisation purposes.

Other orders of business

RB - what is happening with the fence.

DS – biodiversity need to go through a process to get exclusion fence approved and paying for half of the fence. They are working on that currently if that is what you are looking for.

RB – yes it is I cannot keep losing acreage to Kangaroos.

TW – how far will that extend?

DS – as far as it is required to.

TW – the kangaroos are coming across looking for water and feed

DS – some approvals require dams to be back-filled

DR – the Department have set conditions which are standard across mining, not just WHC, to which we have to ensure compliance.

JS – what happens to future of this committee?

AR – it is a part of planning approval. It is up to the chairperson and committee as to the schedule.

JS – I think annually is how we continue. Go back to town meetings with site tours when required.

Meeting closed: 15:40

Site visit around mine site was undertaken to eastern void.