

Notes: Notes of the 73rd Meeting of the Tarrawonga Coal Community Consultative Committee
Held at the Tarrawonga Coal Mine Training Room, 9 am.

Wednesday 30 August 2023

Members Present: Aaron Cross (AC) – Narrabri Shire Council, Alison Quiroz (AQ) – TCM, Elizabeth O’Hara (EOH) – Community Representative, Jackie Scott (JS) – WHC, Landon Brady (LB) – Narrabri Shire Council, Larissa Golby (LG) – Tarrawonga Coal Mine, Maddi Wright (MW) – Tarrawonga Coal Mine, Prashanth Van Houten (PvH) – Gunnedah Shire Council (alternate), Wade Hudson (WH) – Gunnedah Shire Council.

Apologies: Colleen Fuller (CF) – Community Representative, Cr Darrell Tiemens – Narrabri Shire Council (DT), Cr Rob Hooke – Gunnedah Shire Council (RH), Lloyd Finlay (LF) – Community Representative, Mark Hathway (MHa) – Community Representative, Megan Martin (MM) – TCM, Michelle Henry (MH) – Narrabri Shire Council, Omar Romeril (OR) – TCM

Independent Chair: David Ross (DR)

Independent Secretary: Debbie Corlet (DC)

Agenda Items	Who to Present
1. Welcome and Apologies	DR
2. Declaration of pecuniary or other interests	DR
3. Minutes from Previous Meeting	DR
4. Actions from Previous Meeting	DR
5. Mine Progress Report	MW
6. Environmental Monitoring Report	MW & AQ
7. General Business	ALL
8. Next Meeting – Wednesday 25 October 2023	ALL

Agenda Item	Discussion	Action/By Whom
1.	Welcome and Apologies – DR welcomed everyone to the CCC meeting. Advised that he is still looking for new members but to date the response has been underwhelming. Explained that this will be a short meeting as we'll be doing a site tour.	
2.	Declaration of pecuniary or other interests – EOH has a small package of WHC shares. DR is paid a fee as chair as is DC for typing the minutes.	
3.	Minutes from Previous Meeting – Members accepted the minutes appropriately reflected what was discussed.	
4.	Actions from Previous Meeting – DR – Most actions from previous meeting have been completed. An action on RH to remain open due to his absence.	
5.	<p>Mine Progress Report – Overview</p> <p>MW commenced the report by providing members with an update on the mine's safety statistics before discussing how mining production has progressed.</p> <p>Community – Donations across April to June 2023 of over \$385,378.63 were spent in the local community.</p>	
6.	<p>Environmental Monitoring Report</p> <p>Q3 CY23 Summary – MW noted that topsoil stripping is nearly completed. Sediment dams have been dewatered and inlets are being reworked and desilted. Rehabilitation of SOEA has progressed well, with topsoil spreading; more than half done and seeding to occur in the coming weeks. Water Management Plan submitted and waiting for review by the DPE. Annual Rehab Report submitted under the new legislation. Independent Environmental Audit undertaken; report will be published when finalised – one minor administrative non-compliance identified.</p> <p>WH – Re the Water Management Plan, is that in part due to the Modification Plan. MW –It's a general review requirement triggered to take place every three years.</p> <p>Noise – No exceedances in Q3 Attended Noise Monitoring.</p> <p>Blasting – All blasts this quarter were within blasting criteria. 1216 blasts up until 30 June at TCM since operations began.</p> <p>Air – All air quality monitoring for the quarter is within TCM's approval criteria.</p> <p>Tyre Disposal Update – 319 Tonnes of tyres disposed at Tarrawonga on 22 Nov 2. No more have been disposed of this year (EPL 12365). WHC has compiled the report on the tyre approval granted in the EPL and has been submitted.</p>	

7.	<p>General Business</p> <p>EOH – How much have the evaporators been used in the months since the last CCC meeting. MW – Have been used rarely; last time used was the 2nd August. The evaporation is not very high due to winter. Maybe more in summer.</p> <p>DR – At our next meeting, we need to talk about the revised CCC Guidelines. This discussion will require some time. Members across all of the State’s CCC, including proponents, can be subjected in the future to sterner warnings if required.</p> <p>MW – With respect to what we are undertaking over the next few months, rehabilitation is our priority and needs to be completed by 31 December. Other than the modification 10 discussed at the previous meeting, there are no other modifications expected in the next few months.</p> <p>AQ –We have to improve our sediment dams as part of our EPL licence variation- date is by 31 December.</p> <p>EOH - Stock planting. Is there a move to more seed spreading. MW – We are doing both. First seeding and then tube stock. There is more talk of what is more effective. At this time, we are doing both. We do trials every year as well to see what works. Missed out on planting tubestock in flood period; 36 ha in total by the end of this year. Due to the site being inaccessible, mining was halted and dirt was not transported as required. The land-forming of the rehabilitation was the main cause behind rehab being delayed for 2022. We are more than making up for it in our rehabilitation efforts for this year.</p>	
8.	<p>Next meeting date – Wednesday 25 October 2023 at 10:00 am.</p> <p>Members then spent the rest of the meeting on a site tour looking predominantly at rehabilitation sites.</p>	

Meeting (including site tour) closed at 12:00 pm.

Appendix 1: Actions

Page No	Action No	Description	Date Raised
		RH to report back next month on meeting with UNSW	24 May 2023
3	1	MW to provide a slide on where they have researched for the tyre recycling.	30 August 2023
3	2	A presentation on how mine minimises impacts of tyre burial at next meeting	30 August 2023
3	3	MW to report back and confirm no chemicals being buried.	30 August 2023
3	4	MW to provide the link for the tyre management report.	30 August 2023

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