

MEETING MINUTES

MEETING:	Dendrobium Community Consultative Committee – Plan for the Future Working Group	
LOCATION:	Dendrobium Mine meeting room, Mount Kembla	
DATE:	18 TH May 2017	
ATTENDEES:	Independent Chairperson Community Representatives Illawarra Coal Representatives (IC) Elliot and Whiteing (Guest Presenter)	Mike Archer (Independent Chair) Phil Diamond (PD) Phil Clunas (PC) Phil Grant (PG) Alex Beccari (AB) Ann Young (AY) Amber Cleary (Community Specialist) Dee Elliot
APOLOGIES:		Ron Zwicker (RZ) (Wollongong City Council) Vivien Twyford (VT) Chris Haley (CH)

1	PURPOSE
	The purpose of the DCCC is to provide a forum for open discussion between representatives of Dendrobium Mine, the community, the relevant councils and other stakeholders on issues directly relating to the mine's operations, environmental performance and community relations, and to keep the community informed on these matters.
2	AGENDA
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Welcome/Apologies • Acceptance of minutes of last meeting (February and April) • Business arising from minutes of last meeting • DCCC Plan for the Future Update / Working Group discussion • Guest presentation – Dee Elliot: Dendrobium Plan for the Future Social Impact Assessment • General Business: Shallow Groundwater Report (Katarina David)
3	WELCOME / APOLOGIES
	Mike Archer welcomed all members present to the May meeting of the Dendrobium Community Consultative Committee Plan for the Future Working Group.
4	DECLARATION OF INTERESTS / CORRESPONDENCE

	Nil
5	PREVIOUS MINUTES
	Minutes from the last two meetings (February 2017 and April 2017) were accepted as a correct record of the meeting. Moved AY, 2 nd PD.
5A	BUSINESS ARISING
	Nil.
6	PLAN FOR THE FUTURE UPDATE
	<p>Dendrobium Plan for the Future discussion</p> <p><i>Please note: Illawarra Coal commenced engagement with the DCCC on the Dendrobium Plan for the Future Project in August 2016. The Committee currently meets monthly to discuss this Project.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AC introduced Dee Elliot from consulting firm Elliot Whiteing to DCCC members as a guest presenter. Dee is engaged by South32 Illawarra Coal to undertake the Social Impact Assessment (SIA) for Dendrobium Mine’s Plan for the Future Project. A summary of the points discussed is provided below: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The SIA is part of the Environmental Impact Statement process. It identifies and analyses the social impacts and opportunities of all stages of the Project. The SIA aims to provide: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ A robust knowledge base of the Project’s communities of influence; ○ An understanding of the experience and views of people who may be affected by the project; ○ Analysis of the project’s potential social impacts (negative and positive) in local and regional communities; ○ Mitigation and enhancement measures; ○ A monitoring process. - The SIA process will involve engaging with a wider range of stakeholders who are affected by the mine’s operations. This includes meetings and interviews with the DCCC, the local community / residents, local businesses, local Councils, social infrastructure providers and employees. The Committee suggested contacting Nick Butler (Manager Community Engagement, NSW Department of Industry) as part of the interview process. Action: AC to send Nick’s contact details to Dee Elliot. - The SIA Framework proposed will look at a number of social factors and assess the potential impacts of benefits against the project. Social factors include areas such as population housing and social infrastructure (i.e. potential change to population composition in the local area or Wollongong LGA); community wellbeing (i.e. effects on community cohesion, stability or character); community values (i.e. amenity impacts – rail noise, pit top noise, dust, traffic, visual amenity); employment and economic development (i.e. operational employment continuity); and land and environmental qualities (i.e. and effects on private landholdings).

- Dee sought the DCCC's approval to conduct telephone interviews with the committee members, in June, to seek their informed input on social values, impacts and opportunities / benefits during the preliminary draft SIA. All members present were supportive of this request.
- Dee will attend the July 2017 Plan for the Future Working Group meeting to provide the Committee with an update on the SIA process.
- AC presented members with an update regarding the Dendrobium Plan for the Future Project, including a summary of progress made to date on assessments to be included in the Environmental Impact Statement:
 - Aboriginal Heritage Assessment: A database search has been completed on the proposed mining areas through Aboriginal Heritage Information Management System (AHIMS). This plan divides the study area into sectors to ensure the searches are conducted in a systematic and comprehensive way. A total of 89 Aboriginal archaeological or cultural sites are registered in the database within the Subject Area. Field visits will be held in the coming weeks and will include site inspections by registered Aboriginal groups.
 - Aquatic Ecology Assessment: Aquatic habitat investigation included Avon River and Cordeaux Rivers, Donalds Castle Creek and several associated and largely ephemeral drainage lines. Baseline assessment results indicate low numbers of aquatic species in the subject area and of the macroinvertebrate assemblages sampled in the current study, they are comparable with those sampled from across other areas of Dendrobium mining areas during previous studies. The field work associated with this assessment is now complete and a draft report of the findings is being prepared.
- AC advised the EIS is likely to be lodged early 2018.

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GENERAL BUSINESS

Independent Study of Shallow Groundwater

- The Committee discussed the independent report that has been prepared by Katarina David (engaged by the DCCC) on Shallow Groundwater. Members present agreed they are satisfied with the final report provided to the Committee in May 2017. *Moved AY, 2nd PD.*
- The Committee voted on a motion to request copies of the report be made available to interested parties, specifically the Department of Planning and Environment; WaterNSW; Department of Resources, Protect Sydney's Water Alliance and National Parks Association; as well as others approved by the Chair of the DCCC. *Moved PC, 2nd PD.*
- Katarina will present the findings to the Committee at the June DCCC meeting.
Action: AC to advise Katarina David the final report has been accepted by DCCC and authorise payment for the consultancy fee following the presentation.
- Action: AC to provide the final report to interested parties in MA's absence.

Illawarra Coal Senior Leadership Attendance

- The Committee expressed that in past DCCC meetings Illawarra Coal's Dendrobium Mine

	<p>Manager had attended meetings and this has not occurred this year. AC advised the Committee there has been changes within Illawarra Coal's Senior Leadership Team in the past months, including a new Manager Operations appointed at Dendrobium Mine (as noted at the February 2017 meeting). AC has extended an invitation to Dendrobium Manager Operations, Bryony Andrew (or her delegate), to attend future (regular) DCCC meetings.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Action: AC to follow up with Bryony Andrew, Manager Operations Dendrobium Mine regarding attending future DCCC (regular) meetings.
8	TRACKER / QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - A committee member requested the following information be provided at the next meeting in June: operational update and piezometer data from Swamp 15. - A committee member requested further detail re surface infrastructure requirements for the Plan for the Future Project subject areas at the next meeting.
9	ACTIONS
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AC to advise Katarina David the final report has been accepted by DCCC and authorise payment for the consultancy fee following presentation to the group, and provide the final report to interested parties. • AC to send site visit photo of DCCC to PG. • AC to send Nick Butler's details to Dee Elliot. • AC to send Dee Elliot's SIA presentation to the DCCC. • AC to record and investigate rail noise complaint as per discussion with PD. PD noted hearing rail squeal from his residence on 17 May at 7.20am. • AC to invite Bryony Andrew, Manager Operations Dendrobium Mine to future DCCC (regular) meetings. • AC to address questions on notice at the next meeting.
9	MEETING CLOSE / NEXT MEETING
	<p>Meeting close: 7.30pm</p> <p>Next routine Meeting: 15 June 2017, 6.00pm at the Dendrobium Conference Room, Dendrobium Mine.</p>