

MEETING MINUTES

MEETING:	Dendrobium Community Consultative Committee – Plan for the Future Working Group	
LOCATION:	Dendrobium Mine meeting room, Mount Kembla	
DATE:	21 st September 2017	
ATTENDEES:	Independent Chairperson Community Representatives Illawarra Coal Representatives (IC)	Vivien Twyford (Acting Chair) Phil Clunas (PC) Ann Young (AY) Chris Haley (CH) Councillor Noel Lowry (NL) (Wollondilly Shire Council) Amber Cleary (Principal Community) Lee Perry (Specialist Community)
APOLOGIES:		Mike Archer (MA) (Independent Chair) Alex Beccari (AB) Phil Diamond (PD) Phil Grant (PG) Ron Zwicker (RZ) (Wollongong City Council)

1	<i>PURPOSE</i>
	<p>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.</p>
2	<i>AGENDA</i>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Welcome/Apologies • Acceptance of minutes of last meeting (July 2017) • DCCC Plan for the Future Update / Working Group discussion • General Business • Next Meeting
3	<i>WELCOME / APOLOGIES</i>
	<p>Acting Chairperson Vivien Twyford welcomed all members present to the September meeting of the Dendrobium Community Consultative Committee Plan for the Future Working Group.</p>

4	<i>DECLARATION OF INTERESTS / CORRESPONDENCE</i>
	Nil
5	<i>PREVIOUS MINUTES</i>
	Minutes from the last working group meeting (July 2017) were accepted as a correct record of the meeting. Moved AY, 2 nd CH.
5A	<i>BUSINESS ARISING</i>
	Nil.
6	<i>PLAN FOR THE FUTURE UPDATE</i>
	<p>Dendrobium Plan for the Future discussion</p> <p>AC updated the Committee on the progress of the following environmental assessments that will form part of the Dendrobium Mine Plan for the Future Project Environmental Impact Statement (EIS):</p> <p><u>Baseline Flora Assessment:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Works completed: upland swamp mapping; vegetation mapping within areas of proposed disturbance (e.g. ventilation shafts); and threatened flora surveys. • Results of the vegetation mapping include: 12 native vegetation communities have been mapped within the study area; two of the vegetation communities align to Threatened Ecological Communities – Shale Sandstone Transition Forest and Coastal Upland Swamps; and the native vegetation at the proposed ventilation shaft sites comprise Exposed Sandstone Scribbly Gum Woodland which is extensive throughout the catchment. • Work required includes: preparing a biodiversity impact assessment and quantifying impacts; preparing a technical upland swamp assessment; and offsetting, if required. <p><u>Baseline Fauna Assessment:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Works completed: targeted surveys including frog and tadpole surveys, reptile surveys, bird surveys, nocturnal call playback for mammals and owls, installation and monitoring of nest boxes, spotlighting, infrared cameras, ultrasonic call recording, harp (bat) trapping and releasing, and koala monitoring. • Findings include: 114 fauna species were recording during the survey including four exotic fauna species. • Work required includes: preparing a biodiversity impact assessment and quantifying impacts; preparing a Koala Management Plan; and offsetting of impacts, if required. <p><u>Social Impact Assessment:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work completed: defining study area and scope of potential impacts; research and data analysis; developing social baseline assessment; community and stakeholder consultation; impact and opportunity assessment; and developing mitigation and monitoring strategies.

- Work required: finalising the SIA report and presenting the findings to the DCCC via Skype.
Action: AC to organise Skype meeting with Dee Elliott and the DCCC at the next working group meeting.

Non-Aboriginal Heritage Assessment:

- This assessment is now complete.
- The assessment process included a literature review; database searches and site visits to the study areas. The findings determined that apart from Avon and Cordeaux Dams, there is unlikely to be any substantial evidence of historical occupation within the subject area.

Aboriginal Community Consultation:

- Work completed: advertisements in the local newspapers (Stage 1); review of feedback, report drafted for review and submission of survey methodology (Stage 2); and collection of information of cultural significance with aboriginal community (Stage 3).
- Work required: compiling Reconciliation Action Plan (RAP) feedback and submitting the draft report to registered aboriginal community groups (currently underway).

Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Assessment:

- Work completed: search of the Aboriginal Heritage Information Management System (AHIMS); survey to confirm known sites and identify unknown sites.
- Findings: approximately 35 Aboriginal archaeological or cultural sites were identified within the subject area. Several AHIMS sites were found to be duplicates (the register will be updated to reflect these findings).
- Work required: preparation and submission of draft report and meeting to discuss mitigation and management methods.

Note: A committee member asked if the Plan for the Future reports address subsidence, longwall layout and impacts of water. The SEARs do specify that subsidence and impacts on water is included as part of the EIS.

Action: AC to investigate and advise the provide an update to the Committee at the next working group meeting

AC advised the EIS is likely to be lodged early 2018.

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GENERAL BUSINESS

DCCC proposed site visits

- The Committee discussed dates for the next site visit to the Dendrobium Plan for the Future proposed mining areas (Area 5 and Area 6) and Dendrobium's current mining area, Area 3B. The Committee confirmed Wednesday 25 October is the preferred date.

Action: AC to send email confirmation of site visit and agenda to the Committee, IC and Niche representatives.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> AC advised the next Plan for the Future community update letter is due to be distributed in October 2017. <i>Action: AC to email the update letter to the Committee.</i> <p><u>Upcoming DCCC meetings:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> AY, NL and VT noted they will be an apology at the October DCCC meeting; Committee members present requested the December meeting be brought forward a week to 7 December 2017. <i>Action: AC to confirm date of December DCCC with all members at the October DCCC meeting.</i> <p><u>External Reports:</u></p> <p>Prior to commencing the September Plan for the Future Working Group Meeting, committee members present held a brief discussion to note the release of the NSW Department of Planning and Environment's Height of Cracking Report. AC noted this will be tabled for discussion in October at the regular DCCC meeting when the company's response is likely to be available.</p>
9	<i>ACTIONS</i>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> AC to organise Skype meeting with Dee Elliott and the DCCC. AC to send email confirmation of site visit and agenda to the Committee, IC and Niche representatives. AC to email the update letter to the Committee. AC to investigate the Plan for the Future environmental assessment(s) report that addresses subsidence, longwall layout and impacts of water. and provide an update on these at the next working group meeting AC to confirm date of December DCCC with all members at the October DCCC meeting.
9	<i>MEETING CLOSE / NEXT MEETING</i>
	<p>Meeting close: 6.45pm</p> <p>Next routine meeting: 19 October 2017, 6.00pm at the Dendrobium Conference Room, Dendrobium Mine (regular meeting)</p> <p>Next working group meeting: 16 November 2017, 5.30pm</p>