

# MEETING MINUTES

MEETING:	Dendrobium Community Consultative Committee	
LOCATION:	Dendrobium Conference Room, Dendrobium Mine	
DATE:	7 February 2019	
ATTENDEES:	Independent Chairperson Community Representatives  Illawarra Coal Representatives (IC)	Mike Archer (MA) Vivien Twyford (VT) Phil Grant (PG) Jenny Evans (JE) Phil Clunas (PC) Councillor Noel Lowry (NL) (Wollondilly Shire Council) <i>(late arrival at 6:06pm)</i> Alex Beccari (AB) <i>(late arrival at 6:19pm)</i>  Manda Allen (Community) (MAI) Pete McMillan (Environment) (PM) Wayne Bull (WB) Ben Fitzsimmons (BF) Chris Schultz (CS)
APOLOGIES:	Ron Zwicker (RZ) Wollongong City Council Phil Diamond (PD)	

<b>1</b>	<b>PURPOSE</b>
	<p>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.</p>
<b>2</b>	<b>AGENDA</b>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Welcome/Apologies</b></li> <li>• <b>Acceptance of minutes of last meeting (December 2018)</b></li> <li>• <b>South32 Update</b></li> <li>• <b>Illawarra Coal Operational update</b></li> <li>• <b>Update on Environment; Logistics; and Community</b></li> <li>• <b>General Business</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Dendrobium Surface Power Supply Project</li> <li>○ DoPE/DCCC meeting de-brief</li> <li>○ Appin Mine win Australian Mines Rescue Competition</li> <li>○ Social Baseline Study</li> <li>○ Meeting dates for 2019</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

3	<i>WELCOME / APOLOGIES</i>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mike Archer welcomed all members present to the February meeting of the Dendrobium Community Consultative Committee. MA also introduced Ben Fitzsimmons to the group. He has started with South32 in 2019 and will be working on stakeholder engagement activities specific to the Dendrobium – Plan for the Future: Coal for Steelmaking project</li> </ul>
5	<i>PREVIOUS MINUTES</i>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Approval of the minutes from the previous DCCC meeting (December 2018) were accepted as a correct record of the meetings. Moved; VT. Seconded; PG.</li> </ul>
5A	<i>BUSINESS ARISING</i>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Internal subject matter expert to present to the DCCC. WB advised that a convenient time is to be agreed.</li> <li>• S13-02 moisture probe results – PM advised that there was no update</li> <li>• The Office of the Chief Scientist is seeking expressions of interest from members of the DCCC to participate in a discussion regarding the Independent Expert Panel’s (IEP) draft report.</li> <li>• Mike Archer (MA) read an email to the group which he had received from the Office of the Chief Scientist on 5 February 2019. <i>Included as an appendix.</i></li> <li>• IEP have tentatively booked a meeting date in Wollongong with numerous CCC community stakeholders on the 28 February 2019 (detailed time and location TBC)</li> <li>• <i>Noel Lowry (NL) joined the meeting at 18:06</i></li> <li>• VT and PC advised that both are unavailable to attend on the 28 February due to personal commitments</li> <li>• JE and PG expressed an interest in attending on behalf of DCCC</li> <li>• VT noted that Phil Diamond would likely be interested in participating in discussions with the IEP</li> <li>• MA will email the Office of the Chief Scientist noting the DCCC member’s interest and availabilities. MA suggested that if the DCCC members who are unable to attend have questions for the IEP, they should submit them the MAI so that she can provide them to the IEP for consideration.</li> <li>• JE asked if the relevant government departments would be obligated to implement the findings of the IEP.</li> </ul>
6	<i>ILLAWARRA COAL OPERATIONAL UPDATE</i>
	<p><b><u>Dendrobium Mining Approvals Update:</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Longwall 17 Subsidence Management Plan to be resubmitted to address the recommendations of the Interim Expert Panel Report</li> <li>• Subsidence Management Plan Applications for Longwalls 18, 19, 20 and 21 will be submitted at a later date</li> <li>• Dendrobium Future Approval: consultation with key stakeholders, specialist studies being finalised and EIS chapters being drafted</li> </ul>

- *Alex Beccari (AB) joined the meeting at 18:19*

#### **Longwall Progress Update:**

- WB presented the operational progress of the mine to the group.
- Longwall 14 is currently underway and is expected to be completed in 14 February 2019 (ahead of schedule).
- Longwall 15 is expected to commence 24 March 2019 following a slightly extended longwall changeout due to the requirement to extract several shields for overhaul in Wollongong.
- PC asked what changes had to be made for the LW17 approval submission. WB noted that no submission for LW17 has been made
- Enterprise Agreements for Dendrobium and CPP have been signed off
- A medical treatment injury occurred at Dendrobium on the 06.02.2019. Unfortunately, this ended the operation's successful run of 106 days free of reportable incidents

#### **General Update – Environment:**

- No non-compliance for environmental monitoring.
- Water balance steady with no issues to report.
- Piezo 13\_01 - the last piezometer undermined directly by LW14.
- Piezo 14\_02 was passed by LW14 on 26 January 2019.
- PM introduced Chris Schultz (CS) to the group who will be taking over from PM as he finishes his tenure with South32
- On behalf of the DCCC members, MA thanked PM for his contribution to the DCCC
- Slide to be included in next presentation showing S13\_02 Moisture Probe results with line showing when Longwall 13 passed through the area.
- PC asked about the cracks at WC15 and if the current climate would have an impact on the amount of water in the creek. PM responded that yes, the climate is having an impact as it is an ephemeral stream. The creek is also within the LW13 zone of influence.

#### **Community Update**

##### **Community Complaints:**

- Since the last meeting there has been three complaints received regarding Dendrobium's operations.
- Resident contacted community team directly regarding low hanging branches on Cordeaux Road which were causing large vehicles to verge to the other side of the road. Illawarra Coal determined the trees to be on Council property. Council was contacted and the branches were trimmed the following week. Large vehicles were advised of the hazard in the interim.
- Resident contacted community call line regarding squealing from trains travelling toward the mine. It had become louder over the last few months. Logistics advised there were no changes to operations that would cause the squeal to increase. It conducted an investigation (checking the lubrication station and wagons for faults) which only found one flat wheel on a wagon.

	<p>Investigations are ongoing with a noise monitor to be placed at the property on Tuesday and remain for about 4-5 weeks. During this time there will be no rail movements for a period of 3 weeks during the longwall changeout. After the longwall changeout the logistics team will trial reducing the train speed in an attempt to reduce rail squeal.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Note, the squeal is only a problem on trains travelling uphill. The recent train shoe change reduced the noise of trains travelling downhill and it is evident this has worked as the resident is not concerned about trains travelling downhill.</li> <li>• JE asked if the wheel squeal was from the Mount Kembla area. PM advised that it was in the area of William James Drive.</li> <li>• JE asked if the level of wheel squeal noise was dependent on where you lived along the rail line. PM / WB responded that the sensitive receptor zones along the line had been demarcated and drivers are aware to drive to conditions and reduce speed where necessary.</li> <li>• Complaint received regarding home owner no longer wanting to receive community newsletter</li> <li>• A complete account of Dendrobium’s complaints for the year is available on South32’s website under ‘Dendrobium Monthly Complaints Report’.</li> </ul> <p><u>Community investment initiatives:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• At its December meeting the DCEC approved: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ \$43,479 to the Mount Kembla Shared Pathway Group. This will provide the group with a new lawn mower (worth \$1,749) and a three-year maintenance program. The maintenance program has been developed in partnership with the Wollongong City Council and will focus on weed management and replanting in sections of the pathway. The pictures highlight the target areas of the maintenance program, north and south of Stones Road and top of Kirkwood Place.</li> <li>○ \$10,000 to the Keira Pony Club for the provision of a lawn mower and new sea container. The lawn mower is required for maintenance of the property and will replace the need for members’ own lawn mowers being used. The sea container will provide a more secure storage option for the Club.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• VT asked where the Pony Club was located? 60-70 O’Brien’s Road, Figtree, NSW 2525</li> <li>• AB discussed the funds and management of the trail and pathway partnership with Wollongong City Council.</li> <li>• AB advised the group of the club’s location however highlighted that the funding is only tentative pending further information from the applicant.</li> <li>• PG asked if anything was being done to control noxious weeds, in particular Mysorethorn.</li> </ul>
<b>8</b>	<b>GENERAL BUSINESS</b>
	<p><u>Dendrobium Surface Power Supply Project</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No update</li> </ul> <p><u>DCCC meeting with NSW Department of Planning and Environment:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• MA discussed the outcomes and frustrations of the meeting with the NSW Department of Planning and Environment.</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• JE expressed her disappointment with the Department of Planning and Environment's representatives. She felt that the teleconference was poor quality as were many of the Department's answers to the questions posed by the group.</li> <li>• MA suggested the possibility of another meeting with Mr Howard Reed and his team some time mid-2019</li> <li>• VT would prefer if the meeting was sooner rather than later to avoid any missed opportunities to comment on or contribute to the IEP report</li> <li>• NL said that he was pleased with the IEP report however appreciates that it is difficult to balance the environmental impacts and the economic contributions to the Illawarra. Additionally, the importance of metallurgical coal in steel making must be emphasised.</li> </ul> <p><u>Dendrobium Newsletter:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• MAI raised the opportunity for DCCC members to contribute to the newsletter.</li> </ul> <p><u>Meeting dates for 2019:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Committee agreed to the following meeting dates for 2019:  21 March (<i>DND Working Group</i>)  18 April  16 May (<i>DND Working Group</i>)  20 June  18 July (<i>DND Working Group</i>)  15 August  19 September (<i>DND Working Group</i>)  17 October  21 November (<i>DND Working Group</i>)  19 December</li> </ul>
<b>10</b>	<b>ACTIONS</b>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• JE provided with a copy of the PSM Height of Cracking report</li> <li>• Slide in next presentation showing S13_02 Moisture Probe results with line showing when Longwall 13 passed through the area.</li> <li>• CS will advise of weed spraying activities at the next DCCC meeting</li> <li>• MA to approach the Department after the 5 March 2019 to organise a meeting</li> </ul>
	<b>MEETING CLOSE / NEXT MEETING</b>
	<p><b>Meeting close:</b> 6:55pm</p> <p><b>Next Meeting:</b> 21 March 2019, 6pm at the Dendrobium Conference Room, Dendrobium Mine.  (DND Working Group Meeting)</p>