

MEETING MINUTES

MEETING:	Dendrobium Community Consultative Committee	
LOCATION:	Dendrobium Conference Room, Dendrobium Mine	
DATE:	17:35, 15 August 2019	
ATTENDEES:	Independent Chairperson Community Representatives Illawarra Coal Representatives (IC) Department of Planning, Industry and Environment (DPIE)	Mike Archer (MA) Phil Diamond (PD) Jenny Evans (JE) Phil Grant (PG) Alex Beccari (AB) Viv Twyford (VT) Ben Fitzsimmons (BF) Josh Carlon (JC) Richard Johnson (RJ) Steve Shaw (SS) Jessie Evans (JEv) Matthew Sprott (MS)
APOLOGIES:		Councillor Noel Lowry (NL) (Wollondilly Shire Council) Phil Clunas (PC) Ron Zwicker (RZ) Wollongong City Council Chris Schultz (CS) Nev McAlary (NM)

1	<i>PURPOSE</i>
	<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>
2	<i>AGENDA</i>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Welcome/Apologies • Acceptance of minutes of last meeting • Approvals Update • Operational update • Update on Environment • Update on Community • General Business

3	<i>WELCOME / APOLOGIES</i>
	Mike Archer welcomed all members present to the June meeting of the Dendrobium Community Consultative Committee. MA issued apologies for absent Committee members. MA welcomed Steve Shaw (Dendrobium project Director) and Richard Johnson (Dendrobium Operations Manager).
5	<i>PREVIOUS MINUTES</i>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Approval of the minutes from the previous DCCC meeting (June 2019) were accepted as a correct record of the meetings. Moved: PG; Seconded; PD.
5A	<i>BUSINESS ARISING</i>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Stephen Shaw (SS) introduced himself to the group. SS is the Project Director for the Dendrobium Mine Extension Project. Steve lives locally and thanked the committee for their contribution to date and looks forward to working closely with all stakeholders.
6	<i>ILLAWARRA COAL OPERATIONAL UPDATE</i>
	<p><u>Dendrobium Mining Approvals Update</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> BF provided an update on the mining approvals for Dendrobium. Dendrobium Mine Extension Project Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) will be on public display until 18 September 2019. LW17 subsidence management plan was approved 11 July 2019. Longwall 20-21 Subsidence Management Plan was submitted to Department of Planning, Industry and Environment (DPIE) on 31 May 2019. Subsidence Management Plan Applications for Longwalls 18 and 19 to be submitted shortly <p><u>Longwall Progress Update</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Richard Johnson (RJ) introduced himself to the committee. RJ has been at Dendrobium for approximately one month. Previously he worked at South32's Appin Mine and looks forward to working closely with the community in his role as Operations Manager for Dendrobium Mine. LW15, which is currently being extracted, is on track to be completed in December 2019. LW16 development activities are on track. The Southern Mines Recue competition will be held at Dendrobium Mine on 16 August 2019. South32 has several teams competing. The surface power kiosk upgrade is on track. Completion is due within eight weeks. This project will transition surface electrical supply from BlueScope's site, to Endeavour Energy. Car park upgrade has been completed, resolving some of the car parking issues the site has experienced in recent months. Lights have been modified to only be active during shift change, reducing light spill on near neighbours.

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- DPIE Team Leader, Energy and Resource Assessments, Jessie Evans (JEv) and DPIE Acting Director, Energy and Resource Assessments, Matthew Sprott (MS) arrived at 17:40
- JEv advised that Howard Reed is retiring from the Department in September 2019 and MS will be acting in his position.
- The EIS for the Dendrobium Mine Extension Project is on public display until 18 September 2019. The exhibition is longer than the minimum timeframes set by DPIE due to the complexity of the application.
- As of 15 August 2019, the Department has received approximately 10 submissions.
- PD asked what the Department's current position on the project was at this stage of the assessment.
- JEv advised that the Department does not have a position on the project and is seeking advice from key agencies as per the assessment process. Water was noted as a key issue for many stakeholders.
- MS explained that the project assessment is complex, with many stakeholders consulted throughout the process. Community submissions are an integral part of the assessment process.
- JEv advised that the Department meets regularly with WaterNSW to discuss project assessments. These multi agency meetings focus more broadly on projects currently being assessed and resourcing to ensure applications are being processed in a timely manner.
- VT asked what the role of the Independent Expert Panel on Mining in the Catchment (IEP) was in the process going forward.
- JEv advised that the Department was unsure of the role of the IEP going forward, however their key focus now is the delivery of IEP's second report, as per the initial Terms of Reference for the panel.
- MS said that the IEP report will guide the assessment of current and future projects within the water catchment areas.
- MS advised that should community members want to make a submission post release of the IEP's second report, they should write to JEv expressing their interest.
- Jessie Evans can be contacted on Jessie.Evans@planning.nsw.gov.au
- PD asked how long until the IEP's second report would be released to the public.
- MS advised that the Department will release the report as soon as possible however they are required to undertake some due diligence checks prior to release.
- AB asked if the approval of the Dendrobium Extension Project would impact on current approval conditions, specifically the Community Investment contributions?
- JEv advised that some of the existing consent conditions would likely continue. As an example, contributions to community trusts by South32 would most likely be continued into any new consent conditions. MS added that any new conditions would take into account contemporary regulations and guidelines.

- SS emphasised that the company has no plans to cease its social contributions through the Dendrobium Community Enhancement Project fund.
- PD asked if the government was reviewing the effectiveness of the Trigger Action Response Plan (TARP) process for environmental impacts?
- JEv advised that the Department was currently reviewing the TARP process against best practice in consultation with NSW Government agencies (incl. WaterNSW)
- MA asked JEv to detail the assessment process once the EIS public display period has ended.
- JEv advised that once the public display period has ended, the proponent will be expected to respond to the submissions received (from community, interest groups and agencies). The Department will then issue an assessment report, unless a request for more information is required. Should the Minister for Planning direct the project be assessed and determined by the Independent Planning Commission (IPC), then the IPC will consider the EIS, Response to Submissions (RtS) and Department's Assessment Report. During this process, the IPC may hold a public hearing.
- MA asked what Federal approval was required.
- MS advised that that state has a bilateral assessment process, by which the Federal components are assessed by the Department in consultation with relevant Federal departments, agencies and independent panels (e.g. IESC).
- MS told the committee that the Federal assessment is guided by the Commonwealth EPBC Act 1999.
- VT asked how the government was going to assess the appropriate longwall widths for Dendrobium areas 5 & 6?
- MS advised that South32 will be required to provide justifications for all aspects of the mine design and the associated environmental impacts and mitigation measures. Much of this work forms the bulk of the EIS.
- PD asked about the progress of swamp rehabilitation management plan reviews.
- JEv advised that the Department was working closely with government agencies in reviewing the swamp rehabilitation plans.
- MA thanked JEv and MS for their attendance. They left the meeting at 18:30

General Update – Environment

- Two exceedances of noise criteria (both instances <2dBA) recorded in June 2019 (both at receiver R6a – 374 Cordeaux Road)
- Water Balance steady with no issues to report.
- Embankment repairs and car park works have been completed.
- Nebo switchyard upgrades being undertaken (at front entrance)
- Rail noise complaints
 - Monitoring results post tamping have indicated a reduction in rail noise.

- The temporary monitor has been removed from a landholder's residence, who had registered complaints about the noise.
- A study looking at modelling of rail noise at the curve near William James Drive is continuing. Data from the noise monitor and track design has been provided to the consultant and is being assessed.
- The South32 Rail Noise Working Group continues to meet monthly.
- JC informed the group of recent catchment monitoring upgrades.
 - 15 sites have now been updated with weirs and halfpipe/flumes. Positive feedback has been received from WaterNSW on their installation.

Community Update

- BF provided a community update.
- 20 complaints received over May, June and July (and 1 August).
 - 14 of the complaints relate to noise impacts from the rail line.
 - Major works completed on the rail in June and the slowing of the trains has reduced the frequency of the squeals. The team is now investigating noise against each wagon to determine if there is a stock issue.
- Community investment through the DCEP continues.
 - Mt Kembla Rugby League Football Club \$6,500 per annum for 3 years for player insurance and shirts.
 - Figtree High School - 50 Year Anniversary Open Day. Funds to provide activities at the Open Day free of charge, including the giant hamster ball, mobile games theatre, bumper balls and water tag. Event 7 September.
 - Unanderra Public School – Recreational Sports Program to encourage youth to take part in fun recreational activities including roller skating, rock climbing and trampolining.

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GENERAL BUSINESS

Previous Questions on Notice

- **Question on Notice (QON):** CS to investigate what monitoring is still being undertaken. North of LW9 and where available report selected results to the DCCC at the next meeting.
- JC provided an update to the group on monitoring occurring to the north and overlying longwall 9.

General Business

- VT asked what community consultation was being undertaken for the Dendrobium EIS.
- BF advised that information session dates were yet to be confirmed, however they would be held late August early September.
- BF advised that the Dendrobium webpage is live at www.south32.net/dendrobium-mine
- AB advised that he will be an apology for the next meeting.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> PG asked what the land clearing at the bottom of Cordeaux Road was for. BF to see if related to South32 activities. <p><u>Next Meeting Dates</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Meeting dates for 2019 – Next meeting to be held 17 October 2019 5:30pm <p>21 November 2019 19 December 2019</p>
10	ACTIONS
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Question on Notice (QON): NM to advise of the mine's position on shearage of strata. Question on Notice (QON): NM to update the CCC on the averages for angle of draw been tested along LW9. Question on Notice (QON): BF to advise what work was being done to remove or rehabilitate redundant infrastructure around the region, specifically O'Brien's Drift.
	MEETING CLOSE / NEXT MEETING
	<p>Meeting close: 6:58pm</p> <p>Next Meeting: 17 October 2019 at 5:30 pm</p>