

Dendrobium Community Consultative Committee

MEETING MINUTES (Final)



MEETING:	Dendrobium Community Consultative Committee (DCCC)	
LOCATION:	Dendrobium Nebo Room	
DATE:	Thursday 6 April 2023 5:30pm	
ATTENDEES:	Independent Chairperson	Mike Archer (MA) Vivien Twyford (VT) Anita Mulrooney (AM) Ron Zwicker (RZ) WCC (<i>online</i>) Alex Beccari (AB) (<i>online</i>) Phil Diamond (PD) – (<i>online</i>)
	Illawarra Metallurgical Coal Representatives (IMC)	Simon Thomas (ST) General Manager Dendrobium Garry Brassington (GB) (<i>online</i>) Rod Mapstone (RM) Principal Community James Alchin (JA) Specialist Environment for Dendrobium
APOLOGIES:		Chris Schultz (CS) Environment Superintendent Jenny Evans (JE) Phil Grant (PG) Phil Clunas (PC)
ABSENT:		Michael Banasik (MB) Wollondilly Shire Council

	PURPOSE
	<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> <p>Acknowledgement to Country</p> <p>MA provided Acknowledgement to Country – “<i>We acknowledge the Traditional Owners of the land on which we meet this evening, the Dharawal People, and pay our respects to Elders past, present and emerging</i>”.</p>
	AGENDA

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Welcome, Apologies & Declaration of Pecuniary Interests • Acceptance of Minutes of last meeting • Previous Actions • Business Arising • IMC Update <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Operations Update ○ Approvals Update ○ Environment Update ○ Community Update • General Business • Member Updates
1	WELCOME / APOLOGIES
	<p>Meeting opened at 5:33pm.</p> <p>MA welcomed all members and noted apologies from CS, JE, PG and PC.</p> <p>As MA will be doing the minutes anything specific to be recorded in minutes should be brought to MA's attention.</p>
2	DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTERESTS
	<p>MA declared a pecuniary interest, advising that in his role as Independent Chairperson, he is paid for his time by South32 Illawarra Metallurgical Coal. There were no other declarations made at the meeting.</p>
3	PREVIOUS MINUTES
	<p>Meeting minutes of DCCC from Thursday 2 February 2023 were endorsed as a fair and accurate summary of the meeting. Moved by PD. Seconded by VT.</p>
4	QUESTIONS ON NOTICE – ACTIONS
	<p>PC requested stand-off distance from Cordeaux for Pioneer Mains. GB advised 300 meters.</p> <p>RZ to mention problems associated with “coffee van” parking bay at bottom of Mt Kembla to relevant WCC manager. Email circulated to members between meetings.</p> <p>IMC to provide breakdown on the Mt Kembla Pathway grant from the Dendrobium Community Enhancement Program. AB (member of Pathway committee) - \$20k has not been spent to date. Money is reimbursed once it is spent.</p> <p>If possible, provide copy of traffic study commissioned as part of the REF for the IEMB study. ACTION: RM to follow up and advise committee.</p>
	DENDROBIUM OPERATIONS UPDATE
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LW19 commenced extraction on 21 June 2022 • LW19 finished late -March 2023 • LW relocation commenced from LW19 to LW21

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Development continuing at MG19A, TG22, MG22 and Pioneer • Surface slope stability works continuing to remediate from wet weather in 2022. • Slope movement observed in car park – geotechnical recommendations being finalised • LW19A & LW21A improves longwall continuity by allowing additional gas drainage time for high gas areas • Assessment completed, including an assessment of Aboriginal heritage, Wongawilli Creek and Swamp 15A • LW19A SMP application submitted to DPE October • LW22 & LW23 SMP approval
<p style="text-align: center;"><i>DENDROBIUM – APPROVALS UPDATE</i></p>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Longwall 19 Subsidence Management Plan approved 11 March 2021 • Longwall 19A SMP Application submitted 10 October 2022 • Longwall 20 Subsidence Management Plan – further approval required • Longwall 21 Subsidence Management Plan approved 19 December 2019 • Longwall 21A Subsidence Management Plan studies underway • Longwall 22 and 23 Subsidence Management Plan approved 20 December 2022 • Dendrobium Area 3 Gas Management Plant – approved by DPE 8 July (https://pp.planningportal.nsw.gov.au/major-projects/projects/mod-9-gas-management-infrastructure)
<p style="text-align: center;"><i>DENDROBIUM – ENVIRONMENT UPDATE</i></p>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Underground water balance has decreased since the last peak in October/November 2022. Water storage volumes in Area 3B have remained high. • LDP 5 flow in March was an average of 10.71 ML/day (max: 11.5 ML/d and min: 8.65 ML/d) – flows have decreased slightly (about 1 ML/day). • An exceedance of 1 dBA was recorded at R39a in the February quarterly noise monitoring. • Noise mitigation implemented on the compressor on the portal road has been determined to not be effective in addressing tonal noise. Additional treatments planned. • A foaming event was observed in Allans Creek on 28 February 2023. Event was investigated however the source was not able to be identified. • Oily substance was observed on Cordeaux Road. Clean up was undertaken. • Feedback has been received from Resources Regulator on Rehabilitation Objectives and Final Landform and Rehabilitation Plan. <p>Question On Notice PD: What kind of feedback has been received? Has the plan changed?</p> <p>Question On Notice AB: Large stumps caught up under rail bridge at American Creek. Is this something IMC will fix?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Flow meter installation at LDP 5 and Kemira Valley planned by end of April. <p>Dendrobium Area 3A/3B Impacts</p> <p>DA3A_LW19_029 - Gas Release – probably air, possibly some methane</p> <p>356_01 Groundwater - Swamp35B – Groundwater recession rate greater than baseline. Near LW18, perhaps historical.</p> <p>DA3A_LW19_037 - Rock fracturing and rockfall – Rock fracturing and rockfall within proximity to cultural heritage site Sandy Creek 21. Relatively minor fracturing. Local indigenous groups informed.</p>

	<p>DA3A_LW19_038 – Rock fracturing and rockfall – Rock fracturing and rockfall at cultural heritage site. Relatively minor fracturing. Local indigenous groups informed.</p> <p>Question On Notice PD: Would it be possible to get a map for total impacts in Area 3B?</p>
	<p>COMMUNITY UPDATE</p>
	<p>Complaints Summary:</p> <p>February Noise – rail related</p> <p>March Noise – two related to rail operations, 1 x related to Dendrobium shift change</p> <p>Grievances – compressor noise after curfew on Sat. 1 April.</p>
	<p>DENDROBIUM – COMMUNITY UPDATE</p>
	<p>Dendrobium Community Enhancement Program</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Current balance at ~\$299,707 • Update on projects funded: – Figtree Primary School - \$100,000 towards new playground; construction starting May 2023. <p>Illawarra Metallurgical Coal</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Koala Conservation Project Partnering with Symbio - Educational and research for Macarthur and Mount Kembla. \$470,000 Indigenous Grants applications still open • Dharawal Language Story Book - \$10,000 • Coomie Social Enterprise (Coomaditchie United Aboriginal Corporation) - \$18,900
	<p>6 GENERAL BUSINESS</p>
	<p>Catchment area tour – abandoned again due to weather.</p> <p>IMC Facebook Page Please join/encourage community to join.</p> <p>Round the table: PD – With the new state government are any changes impacting IMC operations? GB – No changes from a mine operations perspective. Don't expect many changes to the Department. PD – Query re Electricity 2515 Soul Griffith</p> <p>Next Meeting: Thursday 8 June 2023. 5:30pm (Dendrobium Nebo Room)</p>

	<p>2023 meetings: Thursday 10 August Thursday 12 October Thursday 7 December</p> <p>Meeting closed 6.28pm</p>
<p>ACTIONS</p>	
	<p>ACTION RM: Provide copy of traffic study as part of REF for the IEMB study.</p> <p>Question on Notice PD – many trucks recently without guide cars. ACTION ST: to follow up.</p> <p><i>NOTE: Committee members should refer community member inquiries to the hot line. AM.</i></p> <p>Question On Notice PD: What kind of feedback has been received from the Resources Regulator re Rehabilitation Objectives and Final Landform and Rehabilitation Plan? Has the plan changed?</p> <p>Question On Notice AB: Large stumps caught up under rail bridge at American Creek. Is this something IMC will fix?</p> <p>Question On Notice PD: Would it be possible to get a map for total impacts in Area 3B?</p>