

# Agenda



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## WORSLEY ALUMINA COMMUNITY LIAISON COMMITTEE - MINE

**Meeting Date** Tuesday 19 November 2024

**Meeting Time** 4.00pm

**Meeting Location** CRC Boddington

**Meeting Chair** Greg Cavanagh

### Apologies

## MEETING AGENDA

Item	Description	Presenter	Time
1	Open meeting and note apologies	G Cavanagh	4.00pm
2	Acknowledgement of Country	South32	4.02pm
3	Read and accept previous minutes Review actions and responses	G Cavanagh	4.10pm
4	Worsley Business Update <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Boddington Bauxite Mine Update</li><li>• Worsley Mine Development</li><li>• Environment</li><li>• Hotham River Crossing</li><li>• Community</li></ul>	Various	4.15pm
6	Discussion and members updates <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• B Metcalf email tabled for discussion</li></ul>	All	4.50pm
7	Any other business	All	4.55pm
8	Review actions from meeting	G Cavanagh	5.00pm
9	Arrangements for 2025	G Cavanagh	5.05pm
10	Close meeting	G Cavanagh	5.10pm

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**From:** [Worsley Community](#)  
**To:** [Johnson, Greer](#)  
**Subject:** FW: draft Re: South32 Community Queries  
**Date:** Thursday, 14 November 2024 12:11:27 PM  
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**Sent:** Thursday, November 14, 2024 10:53 AM  
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**Subject:** Fwd: draft Re: South32 Community Queries

Hi Mel,

Up until yesterday I'd had no response from South32 on this matter, just a reply from a now former CLC member whom I'll leave anonymous for now - I'll assume you've seen Greer's email and my response.

If you could raise this and the matters listed below at the next CLC meeting, that would be great.

- a) what are the financial arrangements that South32 have, or have had, with CLC members either directly through the CLC or separate to the operations of the CLC. Is there any consideration for conflict of interest with CLC members having financial arrangements with South32 and their ability to properly represent the interests of the community?
- b) I sent an email on the 18th Oct asking "Can South32 confirm that they have been re-clearing rehabilitated areas on Mt Saddleback?

Further, can South32 also confirm that some areas are being cleared/re-mined for the third time? "

This email remains unanswered.

- c) further to the previous point I'd also like to know i) how much of the Mt Saddleback area remains unmined? ii) how much of Mt Saddleback's original vegetation has been retained iii) what area of Mt Saddleback is currently cleared? and iv) how much of this is re-cleared rehabilitation?

- d) In the interests of transparency and ensuring a robust dataset, can South32 provide information regarding what number and/or percentage of PHT (potential habitat tree) records were collected according to the guidelines of the "Revised Draft Referral Guidelines for the three threatened Black Cockatoo Species: Carnaby's Cockatoo (Endangered), Baudin's Cockatoo (Vulnerable) and Forest Red-tailed Black Cockatoo (Vulnerable)"

<https://www.dcceew.gov.au/sites/default/files/env/consultations/1a21997c-5542-4cd6-ace9-561865bbff29/files/draft-revised-referral-guideline-black-cockatoos.pdf>.

In Table 2 (pg 17) within that guideline document, the relevant row (Jarrah Forest) suggests the following timing for surveys of Black Cockatoo breeding habitat;

Baudin's Black Cockatoo: Oct-Jan

Carnaby's Cockatoo: July to late Feb/early March

Forest Red-tailed Black: Anytime of the year, with peaks in April-June and Aug-Oct

It's interesting (and alarming) to note that

i) Phoenix (2021; Appendix G4 of the ERD) collected data "between 3-14 May 2021, outside of the peak breeding season of the three threatened black cockatoo species"; and

ii) Phoenix (2023; Appendix J3 of the RtS) also collected data "over 2 weeks in May 2023" outside of the peak breeding season for Baudin's and Carnaby's.

Was this data collected by Phoenix in May 2021 and May 2023 used to inform breeding habitat assessment?

e) Does South32 acknowledge the limitations of their methodology regarding PHT surveys? As stated in Biostat (2021; Appendix G1 ERD) "Assessment of PHT, the number of hollows and the size of hollows is difficult from the ground and generally under-estimates the number of PHT and the number of hollows in trees (Harper et al. 2004; Rayner, Ellis & Taylor 2011; Stojanovic et al. 2012; Whitford 2001)".

South32 do not appear to have recognised this limitation in any of their other ERD or RTS documentation?

f) In Appendix A6 of the RtS, pg 2, column 4, the DCEEW response includes the statement that:

"DCEEW also notes that throughout the Habitat Assessment tables, the scores are justified by acknowledging that certain areas provide potential breeding, foraging and roosting habitat and is important habitat, but is not critical for the species. DCEEW disagrees with this justification as the Recovery Plan for the CBC states critical habitat can be summarised as:

- *Eucalyptus Woodlands that provide nest hollows used for breeding, together with nearby vegetation that provides feeding, roosting and watering habitat that supports successful breeding;*
- *Woodland sites known to have supported breeding in the past and which could be used in the future, provided adequate nearby food and/or water resources are available or are re-established; and*
- *In the non-breeding season the vegetation that provides food resources as well as the sites for nearby water and night roosting that enable the cockatoos to effectively utilise food resources.*

Further, the Recovery Plan for the Forest Black Cockatoo (Baudin's Cockatoo and Forest Red-tailed Black Cockatoo summarise critical habitat as:

- *Habitat critical for survival of *Calyptorhynchus baudinii* and *C. banksii* naso: The habitat critical to survival and important populations of Forest Black Cockatoos comprises all Marri *Corymbia calophylla*, Karri *Eucalyptus diversicolour* and Jarrah *Eucalyptus marginata* forests, woodlands and remnants in the south-west of Western Australia receiving more than 600 mm of annual average rainfall."*

I cannot see any acknowledgement or response to this statement by South32 within that document. Does South32 acknowledge that their proposed expansion, and their current operations, impacts critical habitat for Black Cockatoos (as defined within the relevant recovery plans) and as such, operates directly against the stated recovery actions of the three threatened Black Cockatoo species?

Regards

Brenden

On Wed, Nov 13, 2024 at 4:25 PM Melanie Durack <[melanie.durack@peel-harvey.org.au](mailto:melanie.durack@peel-harvey.org.au)> wrote:

Hi Brenden

Not sure if you have heard back from South32, however I have asked for this to be tabled as an agenda item at the meeting next week along with the concerns which have come to me around the works occurring at the Hotham River.

Cheers

Mel

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of this land and pay our respects to all Elders past and present*

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**Subject:** Re: South32 Community Queries

Good Afternoon

Can South32 and the South32 CLC provide any comment on whether they believe the South32 CLC is operating according to its terms of reference (as attached). If so, was the CLC advised by South32 of the "geotechnical investigations" at the site of their proposed Hotham River bridge crossing and was any attempt made to communicate this to the broader community?

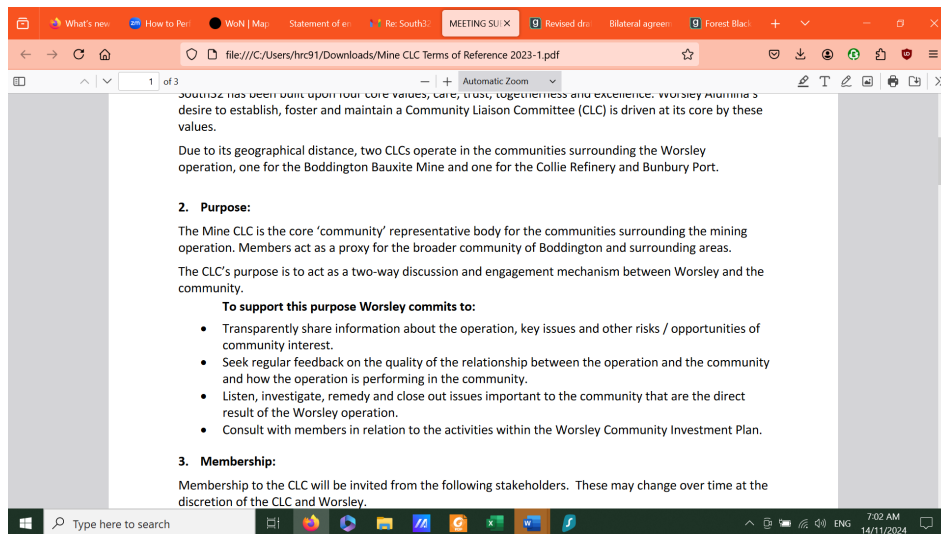
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Dear Greer,

Thankyou for your response. Prior to your email yesterday, I'd only had one reply from a now former CLC member who stated "I am no longer on the CLC of South32 as I felt we were only told a very small part of what was happening and the truth was held back" and "I have not even been able to get any response to issues I have raised with South32 on their community line".

As you've stated " The CLC's role is to facilitate two-way communication and engagement between Worsley and the local community". I think, within the CLC terms of reference, the couple of lines following that statement are of particular interest to this discussion; and I believe where the South32 CLC is failing to operate according to its terms of reference.



South32 do not seem to be willing or able to transparently share information, largely because they are aware they lack social licence and a large part of the community do not want to see the continued destruction of our local environment that goes hand in hand with your company's operation.

I'd be interested to hear the opinion of the other "community" members of the CLC... not just the official line of South32. Can you please ensure this is discussed at the upcoming CLC meeting - I will be following this up with CLC members independently.

Regards  
Brenden

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On Wed, Nov 13, 2024 at 7:28 PM Worsley Community  
<[worsleycommunity@south32.net](mailto:worsleycommunity@south32.net)> wrote:

Dear Brendan

Thank you for your email regarding the Hotham River bridge crossing.

We believe we are operating under the CLC Terms of Reference. While we did not inform the CLC or the broader community of the Hotham River works, we have previously discussed with the CLC Hotham River Crossing, also known as Dilyan's Crossing and will be providing an update at the CLC meeting on 19 November.

As mentioned in our August meeting, the CLC serves as a representative body for the communities around the mining operation. Members act as proxies for the wider Boddington community and surrounding areas. The CLC's role is to facilitate two-way communication and engagement between Worsley and the local community. While we do not provide detailed and in-depth operational information, we share general updates about Worsley.

Kind Regards

Greer

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