

Community Consultative Committee Details

CCC / Project Name:	Boggabri Coal	Reporting Period:	2018 (calendar year)
Independent Chairperson:	David Ross	Proponent Contact:	Peter Forbes

1. Executive Summary

It was an active year for the CCC with four standard CCC meetings and one extraordinary meeting taking place as well as some other regional meetings requiring the attention of committee members.

There are some issues, which have been the focus of the CCC over the past few years. These include biodiversity, noise, air quality and housing commitments made by the mine. Due to the drought, the issue of water management has gained great prominence throughout the year, resulting in Boggabri Coal (BCOPL) organising for an expert to present on groundwater.

These issues provided for much discussion and numerous actions and responses throughout 2018.

2. CCC activities over last 12 months

There were four CCC meetings – plus one extraordinary meeting for a proposed modification to the mine's approval - held during the year with the majority of members attending each meeting. Where members could not attend, alternates (and at times, observers) attended. Furthermore, for those members who were interested in the biodiversity offsets and potential koala habitat, a site visit was arranged during 2018.

Due to the coal mine being located within the Boggabri-Tarrawonga-Maules Creek complex of coal mines, two joint CCCs were also held (in May and November). These meetings both had presentations from the EPA on issues such as regional air quality and its monitoring.

Finally, the CCC members were asked to give feedback on drafts of:

- The southern rehabilitation strategy; and
- The draft BTM water strategy.

3. Key issues

As part of the review into the key issues discussed throughout 2018, feedback was also sought from CCC members at our November 2018 meeting. These are:


- Housing commitments
- Water
- Dust and air quality
- Biodiversity offsets and rehabilitation
- Noise

Issue	Actions Taken	Next Steps
Housing commitments	Questions were raised about progress on delivering the commitments that BCOPL had previously made on housing as well as an early learning facility.	Was responded to in a CCC meeting in early 2019
Water management	Water monitoring data are presented at each CCC meeting, allowing for discussion. A presentation was also given by external experts on groundwater and the mine's impact on groundwater (August).	With the drought remaining a significant concern for the Boggabri-Maules Creek communities, water remains a key issue with CCC members interested in how much water remains (and how additional sources of water may be accessed)
Dust and air quality	Air quality data are presented at each CCC meeting, facilitating much discussion. However, due to the drought continuing to be a significant concern for the community, the mine continued to update the CCC on its efforts to manage dust whilst minimising water usage.	It is anticipated that this will continue to remain a key issue while the drought remains in place.
Biodiversity and rehabilitation	Offsets, potential koala habitat and bush tucker have all received focus throughout the year, requiring BCOPL to answer an array of questions. Furthermore, CCC members had the opportunity to understand the issues in more detail by attending a site visit or exploring the possibility of a bush tucker sub-committee.	Biodiversity will continue to remain an issue throughout 2019.

Noise and sound power levels	Noise data are presented at each CCC meeting, facilitating much discussion. Furthermore, BCOPL have continued to update the CCC on its efforts to reduce sound power levels.	Discussions on these matters will continue into 2019.
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4. Focus for next 12 months

- Planned Activities that have been discussed include site visits to observe changes in the pit and rehabilitation efforts.
- Emerging issues include the importance of managing the organisation's social licence and how BCOPL would manage the declining demand for coal

Signature of Chair:	
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