

## **Community Consultative Committee Details**

<b>CCC / Project Name:</b>	Boggabri Coal	<b>Reporting Period:</b>	2019 (calendar year)
<b>Independent Chairperson:</b>	David Ross	<b>Proponent Contact:</b>	Peter Forbes

### **1. Executive Summary**

It was an active year for the CCC with four standard CCC meetings and one site visit taking place as well as two joint CCCs (as part of the Boggabri-Tarrawonga-Maules Creek complex of coal mines) 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 the construction of an early learning facility. Due to the drought, the issue of water management has gained great prominence throughout the year.

These issues provided for much discussion and numerous actions and responses throughout 2019.

### **2. CCC activities over last 12 months**

There were four CCC meetings held during the year with the majority of members attending each meeting. Furthermore, for those members who were interested in the biodiversity offsets and rehabilitation, a site visit was arranged during late 2019.

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 late October). These meetings both had presentations from the EPA on issues such as regional air quality and its monitoring.

### **3. Key issues**

As part of the review into the key issues discussed throughout 2019, feedback was also sought from CCC members at our February 2020 meeting. These are:


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

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<b>Issue</b>	<b>Actions Taken</b>	<b>Next Steps</b>
<b>Housing and early learning facility commitments</b>	Questions were raised about progress on delivering the commitments that BCOPL had previously made on housing as well as an early learning facility (ELF).	Updates, particularly on the ELF, were made throughout the year and are anticipated to continue during construction
<b>Water management</b>	With the drought remaining a significant concern for the Boggabri-Maules Creek communities, water remained a key issue with CCC members interested in how much water remains (and how water was shared between the mines)	Water remained a significant concern at the beginning of 2020; however, some good rains early in the new year may have alleviated some of those concerns.  Discussions on water storage and practices, however, are anticipated to continue through time.
<b>Dust and air quality</b>	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 suppress dust whilst minimising water usage.	Good rains early in the new year may have alleviated some of those concerns.  Discussions on dust and air quality, however, are anticipated to continue through time.
<b>Biodiversity and rehabilitation</b>	Offsets, pest and weed control and efforts to assist local koala recovery have all received focus throughout the year, requiring BCOPL to answer an array of questions.	Biodiversity will continue to remain an issue throughout 2020.
<b>Noise and sound power levels</b>	Noise data are presented at each CCC meeting, facilitating much discussion. Furthermore, BCOPL continued to update the CCC on its efforts to reduce sound power levels.	Discussions on these matters will continue into 2020.

#### **4. Focus for next 12 months**

- The committee was pleased with discussions over the year and therefore, were happy to continue in a similar manner throughout 2020.
- Due to one representative no longer attending, a request had been made by the CCC to fill remaining positions on the committee.

Signature of Chair:	
Date:	24 <sup>th</sup> June, 2020