

Mangoola Open Cut Community Consultative Committee – Annual Report 2021

CCC / Project Name:	Mangoola Open Cut CCC	Reporting Period:	March 2020 to March 2021
Independent Chairperson:	Lisa Andrews	Proponent Contact:	Nathan Lane

1. Executive Summary

Mangoola Open Cut is an open cut coal operation in the Wybong area, 20 kilometres west of Muswellbrook and approximately 10 kilometres north of the township of Denman.

The company operates in accordance with Project Approval 06_0014 (as modified). Run of mine (ROM) coal is extracted at a rate of up to 13.5 million tonnes per annum.

Mangoola Coal is currently seeking approval for the Mangoola Coal Continued Operations (MCCO) Project to continue its current open cut mining adjacent to the north of the existing Mine.

A Community Consultative Committee (CCC) has been operating since 2006 and in 2017 an Independent Chairperson (and alternate) were appointed by the Department of Planning & Environment. The CCC operates in accordance with the Department of Planning & Environment's Community Consultative Committee Guidelines for State Significant Development (January 2019). The committee membership consists of:

- Four local community representatives (it should be noted that one community representative resigned during this reporting period)
- Two Singleton Council delegates
- Two Stakeholder Group representatives (Denman Chamber of Commerce and the Muswellbrook Business Chamber)
- Three company representatives; and
- One Independent Chairperson.

It was recommended by one of the community representatives during this reporting period that additional membership should be investigated to ensure a broad cross section of representation on the CCC. Accordingly, a recruitment campaign was conducted in accordance with the guidelines with the following nominations being approved by DPIE:

- One community representative
- One stakeholder group representative – Denman Chamber of Commerce
- One stakeholder group representative – Muswellbrook Business Chamber.

The meetings are held quarterly in February, May, August & November with attendees receiving a comprehensive presentation from the proponent. Regular site inspections are undertaken. Topics of discussion during the reporting period include:

- Management of COVID-19 on site
- Independent Environmental Audit Findings
- Annual Review
- Company reports
- Mangoola Mine Update
- Mining Operations Plan
- Biodiversity/Conservation Agreements

- Management Plans (review/updates)
- Approvals Update (including variations,
- Environmental Reports
- Noise Monitoring data
- Air Quality data
- Rehabilitation
- Blasting data
- Surface and ground water data
- Weather information (rainfall data, wind directions, etc)
- Biodiversity/Offsets management
- Exploration update
- Drone footage
- Final landforms
- Complaints
- Mangoola Coal Continued Operations Update on development application before DPIE (Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Assessment, Social Impact, noise modelling, etc)
- Voluntary Land Acquisition and Mitigation Policy (MCCO)
- Community Contributions/Sponsorships including Sporty Grant opportunities.

The CCC is an effective communication forum between the community, the Council and the company. It functions well and accordingly, fulfils its objectives under the Department's guidelines.

2. CCC activities over last 12 months

- The committee met in February, May (held via teleconference due to COVID-19 restrictions), August & November 2020 (in Denman Memorial Hall & via tele-conference due to COVID-19 restrictions). CCC members undertook a supervised site inspection of Main Pit Central and rehabilitation areas as part of the August CCC.
- Attendance at the meetings is high, with the occasional apology due to competing commitments of volunteers.
- Members receive an extensive presentation from the proponent regarding its environment monitoring results.
- Members received an extensive presentation from the proponent regarding the proposed Mangoola Continued Coal Operations applications, currently with the Independent Planning Commission for consideration and determination.
- Members benefit from drone footage shown during the presentation of the activities occurring on the mine site and rehabilitation results.
- There were no joint CCC's held.

3. Key issues

Trending topics of committee discussion can be summarised as:

Issue	Actions Taken	Outcome
MCCO	The CCC receives a very comprehensive presentation at each CCC. As well as separate monthly updates via email.	CCC being kept informed of MCCO development application process and the recent referral to IPC

	Newsletters are prepared and delivered to surrounding properties and available to the broader community.	for consideration and determination.
Environmental Monitoring	The proponent provides detailed information of its environmental monitoring on site and its commitment to meeting legislative and regulatory compliance.	Ongoing presentations to CCC.
Anvil Rock Monitoring	Platform and monitoring points established at Anvil Rock and Blast Management Plan has been updated to include the new monitoring points and submitted to DPIE for approval.	Inspection proposed in August 2020 to view works undertaken.
Blasting Activities	Invitation extended to the blasting superintendent to provide a presentation to CCC members on how blasting is planned and undertaken on site.	Proposed presentation to May 2020 CCC.
Local flooding causing road safety issues for users	Concerns raised regarding local causeway being flooded during rain events and road users not aware, therefore travelling on the road then having to stop and reverse backwards. Safety issue.	Chair wrote to Muswellbrook Shire Council raising concerns and requesting appropriate signage be erected at the entry point to the road, informing users of flooding on roads.
Upper Hunter Air Quality Monitoring Networks alerts	During the extended drought and dust storm events, member were advised on how to subscribe to Upper Hunter Air Quality Monitoring Network alerts.	Links provided to CCC members to register for alerts.
Mining Operations Plan	The draft Mining Operations Plan has been referred to agencies and submitted to DPIE for approval.	CCC to be kept updated.
Management Plans	All management plans continue to be reviewed/updated in accordance with regulatory requirements.	CCC kept informed of approval of Management Plans by DPIE.
Bush Fire Preparedness	Mangoola has a formal process in place where it prepares for the bushfire season in relation to water fill points, equipment access in an emergency and other matters.	Liaison with local Rural Fire Service Brigade.
Possible assistance for temperature testing a local aged care facility	Merton Living is an aged residential care and independent living facility in Denman, which is vulnerable to possible health concerns as a result of the pandemic. A community representative has enquired	Mangoola to investigate and respond.

	whether Mangoola could assist with providing a temperature testing station, similar to the one used at the mine's log-in station.	
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4. Focus for next 12 months

The planned activities for 2021 will be guided by the contributions of the CCC members. These activities are likely to include:

- Continued updates on the progression of the MCCO assessment.
- Continued updates provided on monitoring and environmental performance of the open cut mine.
- Regular site inspections, including Anvil Rock.

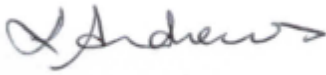
This is an exemplary CCC. The company are dedicated to presenting thorough information to members who are appreciative of this commitment. There are usually two site inspections undertaken every year, however, this was restricted to one in this reporting period due to COVID-19 directives.

It is worth noting that Mangoola Coal (Glencore) were winners of the Excellence in Environmental Management category of the Australian Mining Prospect Awards.

Glencore is proud of the work they are undertaking on site. The feedback from CCC members is very positive.

To the best of my knowledge, there are no outstanding or emerging issues that have not been addressed.

CCC minutes are available on the project website.

Signature of Chair:	
Date:	21 April 2021