

Community Consultative Committee Details

CCC / Project Name:	Tarrawonga Coal	Reporting Period:	2018 (calendar year)
Independent Chairperson:	David Ross	Proponent Contact:	John Hamson

1. Executive Summary

It was an active year for the CCC with four standard CCC meetings taking place as well as some other regional meetings requiring the attention of committee members. Due to the drought, the associated issues of water capacity at the mine, dust management and local access to mine water points came up regularly throughout the year. These issues provided for much discussion with the mine responding to a number of questions and actions, as requested.

The CCC, while populated by committed civic leaders, continues to struggle with finding enough affected community people interested to join the CCC.

2. CCC activities over last 12 months

There were four CCC meetings held during the year with a number of members attending each meeting. However, as there have only been three to four community members on the CCC, it does not take much for the meeting to be held with only two community members available.

Due to the coal mine being located within the Boggabri-Tarrawonga-Maules (BTM) Creek complex of coal mines, two joint CCCs were also held (in May and November) with there always being representation from this CCC at the joint CCC. These meetings both had presentations from the EPA on topics like air quality.

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

- The draft biodiversity management plan;
- The draft blast plan; and
- The draft BTM water strategy.

Furthermore, the CCC was notified of the ability to comment on a modification for continuation of the 4Mtpa road haulage of coal from the mine.

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:

- Water
- CCC representation
- Dust

Issue	Actions Taken	Next Steps
Water	<p>Due to the drought continuing to be a significant concern for the community, the mine responded to a number of questions about water storage capacity and water management practices.</p> <p>Monitoring data provided for each CCC meeting.</p>	<p>A presentation was provided on this in February 2019; however, as the drought continues, unfortunately it is anticipated that CCC members will reasonably continue to enquire about storage capacity, how much is available and how this may impact upon the security of WHC positions</p>
CCC representation	<p>Efforts were made during the year to increase the number of community members on the CCC</p>	<p>It is anticipated that increasing representation will remain a challenge for the committee throughout 2019</p>
Dust	<p>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.</p>	<p>It is anticipated that this will continue to remain a key issue while the drought remains in place.</p>
Fire services and access to mine water	<p>Efforts were made by the BTM complex of mines to map their water storage points and work with local RFS branches to ensure that local fires could be managed as effectively as possible.</p>	

4. Focus for next 12 months

- Planned Activities that have been discussed include holding a site visit.
- Emerging issues include how to communicate or promote the achievements of the mine staff.
- Finally, representation will continue to remain a challenge for the committee.

Signature of Chair:	
Date:	27 th May, 2019