

Community Consultative Committee Details

CCC / Project Name:	Tarrawonga Coal	Reporting Period:	2021 (calendar year)
Independent Chairperson:	David Ross	Proponent Contact:	Megan Martin

1. Executive Summary

It was an active year for the CCC with four standard CCC meetings taking place as well as a joint CCC meeting (as part of the Boggabri-Tarrawonga-Maules Creek complex of coal mines) requiring the attention of committee members.

While there has been frustration throughout the past two years, due to the pandemic, the committee has been refreshed with some new members. This has been important for a committee that, historically, has struggled to be able to interest affected community members to join.

2. CCC activities over last 12 months

Despite the pandemic, there continue to be held four committee meetings per year. However, the pandemic has certainly taken its toll on the energy levels of not just this committee, but all committees. That may be an issue that requires further contemplation next year.

A site visit was undertaken and received very well by members. Furthermore, a presentation was given by Tarrawonga mine staff on blasting, overpressure and vibration. That, too, was received very well and in response, many questions were asked by members.

A face-to-face joint CCC was held in May with representation from this committee.

3. Key issues

As part of the review into the key issues discussed throughout 2021 and into 2022, feedback was also sought from CCC members at our August 2022 meeting. These are:

- CCC representation
- Management of blasting
- Disruption and future changes anticipated.

Issue	Actions Taken	Next Steps
CCC representation	Efforts were again made to grow the committee's representation. This was successful in the	The situation will continue to be monitored into the new year and then a decision made as to


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	committee welcoming three further community representatives. Nevertheless, there are still positions available on the CCC for further representation.	whether further advertising / approaches made to maintain the “health” of the committee.
Management of blasting	<p>Due to blasting being about the only form of complaint received by the mine, members were interested to understand how the mine managed blasts including timing and notifications of the public.</p> <p>Two separate presentations on blasting have been provided to the committee (one before and after the new members commenced on the committee).</p>	N/A
Disruption and future changes anticipated	<p>Members have observed that there has been much weather-related disruption over the past few years. They are interested in how the mine manages this.</p> <p>In addition, members wish to consider long-issues associated with the mine’s operations and how that impacts upon the community.</p>	Members will receive appropriate presentations over the next 12 months (see below).

4. Focus for next 12 months

- An array of activities has, pleasingly, been planned for the next 12 months. These include presentations on: managing water during extreme rainfall events; the reforms to the MOP process and how rehabilitation is to be managed; and a presentation on the mine’s end of life, the transitioning of the workforce and the role the community could play in assisting TCM.
- It is anticipated that another site tour will be undertaken in the next 12 months and an array of issues will continue to be explored through 2023, including biodiversity, air quality and noise.
- Finally, while community representation has historically been a challenge, the committee is in its best shape (numbers-wise) that I (David Ross) have seen it in over the course of my six years of chairing the CCC. Nevertheless, I can anticipate that there may be a requirement in the new year to explore further community interest in joining the committee.

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Signature of Chair:	
Date:	11 th October, 2022