

WAMBO COAL COMMUNITY CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT FOR YEAR 2018-2019

Wambo Coal Community Consultative Committee Details

CCC / Project Name:	Wambo Coal	Reporting Period:	March 2018 to March 2019
Independent Chairperson:	Lisa Andrews	Proponent Contact:	Peter Jaegar

1. Executive Summary

The Wambo Coal Mine is located in the Hunter Valley about 15 kms west of Singleton, near the village of Warkworth. The mine is bounded by several coal mining operations to the north and east, agricultural activities associated with Wambo Creek and Wollombi Brook to the south and Wollemi National Park to the southwest.

The mine originally commenced operations in 1969 and its project operations involve the Wambo open cut, multi-seam longwall mining in the South Bates Underground Mine (Whybrow Seam) progressing to the Wambo Seam and South Wambo Underground Mine.

In addition, an application for the United Wambo Open Cut Coal Mine joint venture project has recently been referred to the Independent Planning Commission for consideration. This project, which is located approximately 16kms west of Singleton, proposes to expand and integrate open cut mining operations at the existing Wambo Coal Mine and the United Colliery to allow for the extraction of an additional 150Mt.

The Wambo Coal Community Consultative Committee (CCC) operates in accordance with the Department of Planning & Environment's Community Consultative Committee Guidelines for State Significant Development (January 2019). The committee was established following the mine's approval and the membership consists of:

- Four community representatives (noting the passing of one of the original CCC members and stalwarts of the community, Ron Fenwick in December 2018)
- One Singleton Council delegate
- Three company representatives; and
- One Independent Chairperson.

Three meetings are held each year, April, August and December, with attendees receiving a comprehensive presentation from the proponent. Topics of discussion during the reporting period included:

- Current operations and long wall plans
- Rehabilitation areas
- Subsidence Remediation Trials
- Compliance & performance criteria summaries
- Environmental Monitoring Results
- Reports and Management Plans
- 2018 Annual Review
- Cultural Heritage Management Plan
- Complaints received and handling procedure
- Community support and sponsorship program

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 April, August and December 2018 and April 2019.
- A site inspection of the train loadout facility is planned for August 2019.
- Attendance at the meetings is high, with the occasional apology due to other commitments.
- There were no joint CCC's held.

3. Key issues

Trending topics of committee discussion can be summarised as:

Issue	Actions Taken	Outcome
Noise	The company operates in accordance with its approved Noise Management Plan. All noise complaints are recorded and staff take appropriate action at the time they are reported.	Noise complaints are presented at each CCC.
Dust	The company operates in accordance with its approved Air Quality Management Plan. With the expansion of the project's mining activities, into new areas, additional dust impacts are being experienced.	Dust monitoring results are presented at each CCC. With the drought conditions and regional storm events, dust continues to raise concern with the community. Mitigation and management measures have been revised and implemented.
Water	Ground water modelling and monitoring of aquifers are being reviewed and reported to CCC.	Regular presentations are provided.
Cultural Heritage Management	CCC members are interested in gaining more information on how artefacts are surveyed, recorded and stored.	A training session is being arranged for CCC members.
Joint Venture with Wambo & United	Extensive briefings are provided at each CCC meeting regarding the Glencore/Peabody joint venture application currently before the IPC.	The CCC will be kept informed of the considerations and outcome for this project.
Potential Pastoral Impacts	Concerns raised that the pastoral activities of Glencore's agricultural arm, Colinta Holdings is	Keep CCC informed. Colinta Holdings have

	having on the Denman Sales Yard due to sale of Colinta's cattle outside the area.	been invited to present at a future CCC to explain their current operations.
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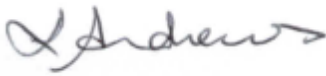
4. Focus for next 12 months

The planned activities for 2019 will be guided by the contributions of the CCC members. These activities are likely to include:

- A site inspection in August 2019 of the train loadout facility.
- Continued updates on environmental monitoring of the site.
- Continued updates on Community Support Program.
- Continued updates on the United Wambo Coal Open Coal Project.
- Understand Colinta Holdings beef cattle operations and its potential impact on prices and activities at the Denman Sales Yard.
- Keep CCC abreast with groundwater monitoring.

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

CCC minutes and presentations are available on the website.

Signature of Chair:	
Date:	30 April 2019