



Community Consultative Committee Meeting Minutes

CHAIN VALLEY COLLIERY and MANNERING COLLIERY

Venue:	Chain Valley Colliery Board Room		
Date:	15/11/2023	Time: 14:09	
Participants:	<p>Margaret MacDonald-Hill (MMH) – Chair</p> <p>Laurie Williams (LW) – Community</p> <p>Lesley Parker (LP) – Community</p> <p>John Oakes (JO) – Community</p> <p>Andrew Whitbourne (AW) – Community</p> <p>Ian Carr (IC) – Community</p> <p>Bob Brooks (BB) – Community</p> <p>Nicholas van Bezouwen (NvB) – Delta Coal</p> <p>Lachlan McWha (LM) – Delta Coal</p> <p>Joshua Cornford (JC) – Delta Coal</p> <p>Pieter Van Rooyen (PVR) – Delta Coal</p> <p><u>Apologies:</u></p> <p>Neil Wynn (NW) – Community</p> <p>Cr Christine Buckley (CB) – Lake Macquarie City Council</p> <p>Central Coast Council</p>		
WELCOME	MMH declared the meeting open at 14:09pm and welcomed all.		
DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST	<p>MMH declared no change in her interests from previous meetings.</p> <p>No change in previously declared interests from members present.</p>		
CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES	The minutes of the August 2023 meeting were confirmed as distributed and moved by LW and seconded by JO.		
COMMITTEE TERMS OF REFERENCE	<p>The committee accepted the Terms of Reference presented by MMH.</p> <p>The committee agreed and individually signed Code of Conduct and Declaration of Interest forms, returning the forms to MMH.</p>		

BUSINESS ARISING	LM provided an update on the actions from the last meeting.		
	Action		Update
	Update on the Chain Valley Colliery Consent Consolidation Project		Discussed on slide 11.
CORRESPONDENCE	<p>MMH discussed correspondence undertaken in the period, consisting of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1/11/2023 – Email from MMH to the committee regarding the committee Terms of Reference and updated Department of Planning and Environmental Code of Conduct and Declaration of Interest 		
DELTA COAL OPERATIONAL UPDATE	<p>LM and PVR provided an operational update on the mine operations. Notably:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Production panels relocated from W5. Production in Northern Mining Area continued in HB-Mains and E2 panel. MA1 drivage continues with first workings. Production 1 May 2023 to 31 July 2023 was 260,000 t ROM Coal. Presented the forecast mine plan (draft) for 2023 to 2026 calendar years in the Northern Mining Area, MA-1 and Chain Valley Bay. 		
APPROVALS UPDATE	<p>LM Advised:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Current mining approvals and environmental licenses held by Delta Coal were outlined, including the variation of EPL 1770 in October 2023. Update provided on consent consolidation including DPE referring the project to an independent expert advisory panel for mining and information provided to the panel. 		
ENVIRONMENTAL INCIDENTS	LM discussed the following environmental incidents occurring in the period between 1 May 2023 to 31 July 2023:		
	Site	Date	Incident / Non-compliance Type
	CVC	04 August – 04 September 2023	<p>Exceedance to the maximum total increase in deposited dust level at DDG001. The 12 month rolling average result remains below the annual limit of 4g/m² /month.</p> <p>Cause of the incident was contamination of the dust gauge.</p>

ENVIRONMENTAL PERFORMANCE	<p>LM provided an update of Delta Coal environmental performance:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discharge Water Volume – CVC and MC discharge volumes and rainfall volumes presented. • Discharge Water Quality – CVC and MC Discharge water quality presented. • Depositional Dust Monitoring – CVC and MC depositional dust results for quarter presented. • PM₁₀ and PM_{2.5} Monitoring – Monitoring results for PM₁₀ and PM_{2.5} presented for period. • Noise Monitoring – CVC and MC noise monitoring results presented for the period. • Subsidence Monitoring – CVC bathymetric scan data presented for September 2023. 		
COMMUNITY COMPLAINTS	<p>LM provided an update on community complaints received by Delta Coal operations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No community complaints for CVC or MC since previous CCC meeting. • No community enquiries. 		
ENVIRONMENTAL PROJECTS UPDATE	<p>LM provided an update on environmental projects being undertaken at the site:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mannering Colliery settlement pond desilting commenced. • APZ understory management around MC Coal Stockpile in September. • CVC Mine Cottages Rehabilitation Progression. 		
GENERAL BUSINESS	<p>AW queried whether the operating life of Delta Coal would be extended if Vales Point Power Station will operate until 2033. PVR noted that there would be adequate coal reserves to extend the life of the mine to support a potential VPPS life extension to 2033.</p> <p>LP queried if the Eraring Power Station will extend it's life of mine beyond the 2025, PvR noted Delta Coal is unaware beyond public releases on the proposed Eraring Power Station operating timeframe. General discussion was held on the potential for Eraring Power Station to continue operations.</p>		
NEXT MEETING	<p>Next meeting time: 14:00 (2 pm) – 14 February 2024.</p> <p>MMH thanked everyone for their participation and contributions and wished all a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. MMH declared meeting closed at 14:55 (2:55 pm).</p>		
ACTIONS ARISING FROM MEETING	Action	Action Owner	Proposed Delivery Date
	Nil.		