

## CHAIN VALLEY COLLIERY and MANNERING COLLIERY

<b>Venue:</b>	Chain Valley Colliery Board Room		
<b>Date:</b>	20/08/2025	<b>Time:</b> 14:00	
<b>Participants:</b>	<p> <b>Margaret MacDonald-Hill (MMH) – Chair</b>  <b>Laurie Williams (LW) – Community</b>  <b>John Oakes (JO) – Community</b>  <b>Andrew Whitbourne (AW) – Community</b>  <b>Ian Carr (IC) – Community</b>  <b>Richard Miller (RM) – Community</b>  <b>Douglas Way (DW) – Community</b>  <b>Lachlan McWha (LM) – Delta Coal</b>  <b>Kerrie Davis (KD) – Delta Coal</b> </p> <p> <u><b>Apologies:</b></u>  <b>Neil Wynn (NW) – Community</b>  <b>Lesley Parker (LP) – Community</b>  <b>Central Coast Council</b>  <b>Karen Mason – Lake Macquarie City Council</b>  <b>Joshua Cornford (JC) – Delta Coal</b> </p>		
<b>WELCOME</b>	MMH declared the meeting open at 14:04pm and welcomed all.		
<b>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST</b>	<p>MMH declared no change in her interests from previous meetings.</p> <p>No change in previously declared interests from members present.</p>		
<b>CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES</b>	The minutes of the May 2025 meeting were confirmed as distributed and moved by JO and seconded by DW.		

<b>BUSINESS ARISING</b>	<p>Two items as business arising from the previous meeting were addressed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Voluntary Grant Funding dates – applications open as of 12 August and closing 14 September 2025.</li> <li>• Delta Coal to raise concerns with regard to acknowledgement of the source of VPA funding to applicants. Delta raised these concerns with Central Coast Council and reviewed wording on the fund website and social media posts.</li> </ul>
<b>CORRESPONDENCE</b>	<p>Details of correspondence were discussed regarding:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 14/5/25 – emails LM/MMH to CCC – link to VPPS BESS</li> <li>• 15/5/25 – emails MMH/Central Coast Council – 2025 grant funding round</li> <li>• 21/5/25 – email MMH to CCC – 2025 anticipated grant funding round</li> <li>• 16/7/25 – emails LM/MMH to CCC – 2025 grant funding dates</li> </ul>
<b>DELTA COAL OPERATIONAL UPDATE</b>	<p>LM provided an operational update on the mine operations. Notably:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Partial secondary extraction in HB-E3 panel and HB-E2 panel.</li> <li>• First workings completed HB-East 1 Panel, secondary extraction to commence.</li> <li>• Continuation of workings through MA2 (heavily faulted area).</li> <li>• Continued first workings in East Mains.</li> <li>• Production 1 May 2025 to 31 July 2025 was 248,800 t ROM Coal.</li> </ul>
<b>APPROVALS UPDATE</b>	<p>LM Advised:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Current mining approvals and environmental licenses held by Delta Coal were outlined. All licences and approvals remained the same from the previous meeting with the exception to an amendment to the Miniwall S5 and Northern Pillar Area Extraction Plan.</li> <li>• Update provided on consent consolidation including most recent correspondence with the Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure.</li> <li>• A brief outline was provided of Delta's proposed minor modification to the Mannering Colliery Project Approval M06_0311, proposed to permit minor volumes of coal transport to the Vales Point Power Station stockpile. The project was pending consultation with Central Coast Council.</li> </ul>

ENVIRONMENTAL INCIDENTS	LM discussed the following environmental incidents detailed in the presentation, which occurred since the February Committee meeting:			
	Site	Date	Type	Details
	Chain Valley	18 May 2025	Water Quality Exceedance	Exceedance of TSS limit at EPA Point 27 (spillway) during NSW East Coast severe weather event.
	Chain Valley	5 June 2025	Potential Noise Limit Exceedance	Evening monitoring result of “46-47 dB(A)” at monitoring location R22, potentially exceeding the 46 dB(A) limit. The potential exceedance was reported to the NSW EPA and NSW DPHI. Follow-up monitoring confirmed it was not an ongoing exceedance.
	MC	21 May 2025	Depositional Dust	Exceedance of maximum increase to depositional dust levels in a month period at DG1 and DG4 at Mannering Colliery.  Deemed to be unrelated to mine operations.
	CVC	22 July 2025	Depositional Dust	Exceedance of maximum increase to depositional dust levels in a month period at DDG002 at Chain Valley Colliery.  Deemed to be unrelated to mine operations.
ENVIRONMENTAL PERFORMANCE	LM provided an update of Delta Coal environmental performance: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Discharge Water Volume – CVC and MC discharge volumes and rainfall volumes presented.</li><li>• Discharge Water Quality – CVC and MC Discharge water quality presented.</li><li>• Depositional Dust Monitoring – CVC and MC depositional dust results for quarter presented.</li><li>• PM<sub>10</sub> and PM<sub>2.5</sub> Monitoring – Monitoring results for PM<sub>10</sub> and PM<sub>2.5</sub> presented for period.</li><li>• Noise Monitoring – CVC and MC noise monitoring results presented for the period.</li></ul>			

<b>COMMUNITY COMPLAINTS</b>	LM provided an update on community complaints received by Delta Coal operations: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No community complaints for CVC or MC since previous CCC meeting.</li> <li>• No community enquiries.</li> </ul>		
<b>GENERAL BUSINESS</b>	LM briefly highlighted changes to EPL licence conditions with regard to greenhouse gas management, currently published for public consultation. LM to provide link for new guidelines seeking public consultation with minutes.  No other general business arising.  Potential site tour, weather permitting, at November meeting.		
<b>NEXT MEETING</b>	Next meeting time: 14:00 (2 pm) – 12 <sup>th</sup> November 2025.  MMH thanked everyone for their participation and contributions. MMH declared meeting closed at 14:55 (2:55 pm).		
<b>ACTIONS ARISING FROM MEETING</b>	Action	Action Owner	Proposed Delivery Date
	Link to new EPA guidelines on greenhouse gas emissions  Potential site tour	LM/MMH  LM	With distribution of draft minutes to CCC  November meeting.