

## CHAIN VALLEY COLLIERY and MANNERING COLLIERY

<b>Venue:</b>	Chain Valley Colliery Board Room		
<b>Date:</b>	14/05/2025	<b>Time:</b> 14:00	
<b>Participants:</b>	<p> <b>Margaret MacDonald-Hill (MMH) – Chair</b>  <b>Lesley Parker (LP) – Community</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>Neil Wynn (NW) – Community</b>  <b>Douglas Way (DW) – Community</b>  <b>Joshua Cornford (JC) – Delta Coal</b>  <b>Lachlan McWha (LM) – Delta Coal</b>  <b>Kerrie Davis (KD) – Delta Coal</b> </p> <p> <u><b>Apologies:</b></u>  <b>Central Coast Council</b>  <b>Karen Mason – Lake Macquarie City Council</b> </p>		
<b>WELCOME</b>	MMH declared the meeting open at 14:00pm 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 February 2025 meeting were confirmed as distributed and moved by LW 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 Planning Agreement grants review – MMH provided a printed table of the value of approved projects under the VPA and accumulated VPA funding as reported within the Chain Valley Colliery Annual Review. The committee had no further queries on the topic.</li> <li>Within the previous meeting members of the committee raised concern that when the VPA grants were being distributed that there was minimal acknowledgement of the source of the funding by the grant issuer (Central Coast Council) and that some members felt that the Council was ‘taking credit’ for the grants. LM investigated the committee members concerns and noted that on the grants website, that the Chain Valley Colliery community fund appeared to be appropriately referenced, and that Delta Coal was not intending to further address the item with Council. The item was closed out with no further proposed action.</li> </ul>
<b>CORRESPONDENCE</b>	<p>Details of correspondence was included in the agenda. MMH advised one additional to that sent with the agenda:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1/5/2025 – Email Central Coast Council to MMH – VPA Expenditure.</li> </ul> <p>No further discussion.</p>
<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-East 3 panel commenced in period.</li> <li>First workings underway in HB-East 1 Panel.</li> <li>First workings completed in HB-East 4</li> <li>Partial secondary extraction in HB-West 1 panel.</li> <li>Commenced first workings in East Mains</li> <li>Production 1 Feb 2025 to 30 Apr 2025 was 263,924 t ROM Coal.</li> </ul> <p>LM provided detail on a name change from Great Southern Energy Pty Ltd to Delta Power &amp; Energy (Chain Valley Colliery) Pty Ltd as well as the Delta Coal website (formerly deltacoal.com.au) being revised and updated to deltapae.com.au.</p>
<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 a minor update to EPL 1770 and EPL 191 to reflect the change in the registered business name.</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 scoping work and early consultation with the Central Coast Council for a modification to the Mannering Colliery Project Approval M06_0311, proposed to permit minor volumes of coal transport to the Vales Point Power Station stockpile.</li> </ul>

<b>ENVIRONMENTAL INCIDENTS</b>	LM discussed the following environmental incidents detailed in the presentation, which occurred since the February Committee meeting:		
	<b>Site</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Type</b>
	<b>Details</b>		
Chain Valley	26/3/25 & 29/4/25	Depositional Dust Exceedance	At DDG002 & DDG004 attributed to contamination unrelated to mine operations.
	27/4/25	Water Quality Exceedance	At EPL 1770 TSS during high intensity rain event.
<b>ENVIRONMENTAL PERFORMANCE</b>	<p>LM provided an update of Delta Coal environmental performance:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Non compliances to EPL and/or relevant approval conditions for the reporting period (1 February 2025 – 30 April 2025).</li> <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>	<p>LM provided an update on community complaints received by Delta Coal operations:</p> <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>SITE PROJECTS</b>	LM provided an update of environmental projects completed being undertaken in the period, including planned dredging in the upcoming months of the primary sedimentation dam at CVC.		
<b>GENERAL BUSINESS</b>	<p>General discussion on proposal for battery energy storage system at power station.</p> <p>Query on next round of VPA grant applications timing..</p>		
<b>NEXT MEETING</b>	<p>Next meeting time: 14:00 (2 pm) – 13<sup>th</sup> August 2025.</p> <p>MMH thanked everyone for their participation and contributions. MMH declared meeting closed at 14:58 (2:58 pm).</p>		
<b>ACTIONS ARISING FROM MEETING</b>	<b>Action</b>	<b>Action Owner</b>	<b>Proposed Delivery Date</b>
	Anticipated timing for 2025 VPA Grant opening. .	MMH	21/5/25

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