



EL 8853

Reduced Annual Community Consultation Report

Site:	Chain Valley Colliery
Prospecting Title Number:	Coal – Exploration Licence (EL) 8853
Original Grant Date:	31 October 2022
Lease Expiry Date:	23 October 2026
Reporting Period:	31 October 2022 – 31 October 2023
Exploration Project Location:	Lake Macquarie LGA
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Executive Summary

Great Southern Energy Pty Ltd (trading as Delta Coal) operate Exploration Licence EL8853, which was granted on 31 October 2022. As the Exploration License area coincided with a current Mining Lease held by Delta Coal (ML 1785) a partial transfer of EL 4444 was completed between Delta Coal and Centennial Myuna Pty Ltd, subsequently EL 8853 was granted to Delta Coal. The Exploration License area is presented in **Figure 1**.

Limited community consultation has been carried out to date due to no on-ground exploration activities occurring in the previous reporting periods and inclusive of this reporting period. A reduced annual community consultation report has therefore been prepared for this reporting period.

Reason for Reduced Consultation

During the reporting period, Delta Coal has undertaken no surface disturbance activities within the EL 8853 area or specific project or exploration work which required consultation with the community.

Consultation Completed in Reporting Period

Consultation routinely undertaken by Delta Coal as part of the Chain Valley Colliery SSD-5465 development consent, is comprised of two basic forms:

- consultation programs specific to particular exploration or project development activities within the individual exploration tenements, where appropriate, with the extent and nature of the program-specific consultation undertaken consistent with the scale and potential impacts of the activity;
- general forms of consultation as a mechanism for facilitating good working relationships with, and education of, the general community; and
- Operation of a Community Consultative Committee (CCC) meeting on a quarterly basis. The CCC for Chain Valley Colliery and Mannering Colliery is combined since 2017, following feedback from committee members.

The Chain Valley Colliery and Mannering Colliery CCC continued to operate in accordance with the *Community consultative committee guideline – State significant projects, June 2023 (NSW Department of Planning)* during the reporting period.

There were four CCC meetings held during the reporting period on 16 November 2022, 15 February 2023, 17 May 2023 and 23 August 2023. Presentations and minutes from each meeting are available on the Delta Coal website (<https://www.deltacoal.com.au/community/community-consultative-committee>).

The Delta Coal website was updated on a monthly basis with monitoring data, management plans, reports, audits as well as complaint and incident details among other items.

The 24/7 community information hotline number (1800 687 260) also remained in place during the reporting period and is displayed prominently and permanently on the website.

Enquiries and Complaints Received in Reporting Period

There were no complaints received during the reporting period. There was one enquiry received to Delta Coal relating to lands within the EL8853 lease area detailed in Table 1.

Date	Enquiry Details	Action Taken
25 November 2022	Phone call received to Delta Coal administration phone number. Resident in Mirrabooka NSW reported a 1.5-2m deep hole on their property, resident suspected oil was sourcing from the property.	<p>Delta Coal prepared a letter for the resident, noting that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• underground mining was occurring within the region at depths of approximately 180m.• All workings being developed in the specific area are first workings only, which are designed to be long-term stable.• No mining induced subsidence had been recorded in the Mirrabooka area, before or after the enquiry. <p>Delta Coal offered to attend the property for an inspection however the property owner was of the opinion that the inspection and meeting was not necessary.</p>

A copy of the Chain Valley Colliery and Mannering Colliery complaints and incidents register is provided on the Delta Coal website (<https://www.deltacoal.com.au/community/complaint-and-incident-register>).

Figure 1 - Exploration Lease 8853 Locality

