



BENGALLA MINE

COMMUNITY CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE

Minutes of Meeting No. 127

Location: Bengalla Boardroom
Date: Wednesday 28 August 2019
Present:

Name	Affiliation
Malcolm Ogg	Chairperson
Dennis Burton	CCC member
Jonathan Moore	CCC member
Cam Halfpenny	Bengalla Mining Company (General Manager)
Craig White	Bengalla Mining Company (Environment Superintendent)
Peter Madden	Bengalla Mining Company (Environmental Advisor)
Fiona Hartin	Bengalla Mining Company (Community Relations Specialist)
Sharon Pope	Muswellbrook Shire Council

Meeting opened: 3.10pm

- 1. APOLOGIES:** Llewlllyn Bates, Noel Downs
- 2. DECLARATION OF ANY PECUNIARY INTERESTS:** Nil
- 3. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**
Moved by: Jonathan Moore on behalf of Llewlllyn Bates Seconded by: Dennis Burton
- 4. OTHER BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES/ACTION LIST**
Action 1 – Water carts on Wybong Road- trial during dusty/winter periods. CW described Bengalla’s current stance on maintaining roads with respect to water on roads. For further discussion with Muswellbrook Shire Council required.

Action 2-- When winds are beyond a certain level what occurs? On specific days when the wind levels are high what is done? Report back to the CCC – CW gave a presentation at the meeting. Action Complete.

Action 3 – Bengalla to organize a tour of the Dams for the CCC members when the Dams are near completion. Action Complete
- 5. CORRESPONDENCE**
Pre-meeting Summary Papers, agenda and draft Newsletter emailed or sent to the CCC Members.
Emails sent to the CCC chairperson and members asking are they available for a dam tour prior to the next meeting. Email from Jonathan commending the CCC newsletter.
- 6. CCC GUIDELINES**
Remove from the agenda

7. REPORTS FROM CCC COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES

Report from Jonathan Moore

- JM- the community discussion is around Mangoola and the planned extension to the NW. It has caused a lot of concern as it is moving closer to Wybong. Wybong residents say the modelling is unacceptable and are upset about the modelling. Noise- only some people are affected, and some are not. The contour of noise is confusing. Some are surprised they are living outside the noise contour.
- Dust is the major concern for people living close to mines. With the new mining proposal, it states “No-one is going to be affected by dust.” JM says he has been vocal about the effects of dust. Very few people are going to be in a zone of acquisition and they are unable to sell their property as the property value is reduced.
- 1st September is the start of the fire season. It has been moved forward by one month. What does Bengalla do to prepare for the firefighting season or assist with the community? CH says we have a fire tender and happy to work together in whatever way we can and engage with Wybong. JM asked for a time to look at our services
- Wild dog baiting- JM Mt Arthur and Mt Pleasant has a wild dog issue. JM says they have had dog attacks recently. JM asked Peter if Bengalla would be involved in wild dog baiting? Peter Madden has been to the Wild Dog meetings in Muswellbrook and Rouchel. Bengalla gives a donation to the lands service for the Wild Dog baiting program. CW suggested we would reach out to Mt Pleasant and work in with them.

Report from Dennis Burton

- As dust increases so does the residue in tanks and on solar panels.
- Local employment. CH says Bengalla focusses on employing locals. Approximately 88% of employees are local. We also have a fatigue management policy.

8. ENVIRONMENTAL MONITORING RESULTS

Environmental monitoring review for period May, June, July 2019, was presented by Craig White.

- Air Quality
 - PM₁₀, TSP and dust depositional compliance monitoring data was presented. Discussed that the criteria has decreased from 30ugc to 25ugc.
 - Elevated 24-hour PM10 results were measured during May 2019 for PM4, June 2019 for PM4, and July 2019 PM4. Bengalla investigated the elevated PM10 results and provided the expert reports to the DPE. DPE have advised acceptance of the conclusions in the experts reports and will take no further action at this time.
 - During the reporting period, the HV6 annual rolling average has continued to trend above the long-term TSP criterion. This is as predicted in the Bengalla Continuation of Mining Project Environmental Impact Statement.
- Noise Management:

- For the reporting period, Bengalla complied with all noise criteria application at all monitoring locations.
- Blast Monitoring:
 - Bengalla had no recorded blasts over the upper limit criteria.
- Water Usage:
 - Rainfall received during the reporting period May, June and July was below the long-term average trend. Bengalla did not discharge any water during the reporting period. Bengalla extracted 125ML in July 2019.
- Progressive Rehabilitation:
 - If seeding is to occur during 2019 on the shaped land form it will likely be a cover crop.
- Complaints:
 - During the reporting period 14 complaints were received.
- Environmental incidents:
 - During the reporting period Bengalla had 0 environmental incidents.

9. COMMUNITY REPORT

Community slides presented including a summary of the Community Partnerships and community events, as well as the upcoming Bengalla Community Open Day.

10. CCC NEWSLETTER IDEAS

Brief report from a community organisation and their involvement with Bengalla. Has it improved something? What has come out of that? Environmental issues- training we have done, how to respond to dust, issues relating to fighting fires, how Bengalla is responding. Fire management plan. Fire-fighting truck. How we will use it?

Next meeting to be held on Wednesday 27 November 2019 at 3.00pm

Meeting closed at 4:39pm

Attachments:

- Meeting Presentation slides

ACTION LIST

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ITEM NO.	ITEM	ACTION BY
1	Water carts on Wybong Road- trial during dusty/winter periods- Consult with Muswellbrook Shire Council	CW/CH
2	What is Bengalla's fire-fighting capability? How can we assist with local rural fires? Arrange a time for JM to inspect	CW

	Bengalla's firefighting equipment.	
3	Wild dog Baiting- Work in with Mount Pleasant for a successful outcome	CW