



BENGALLA MINE

COMMUNITY CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE

Minutes of Meeting No. 125

Location: Bengalla Boardroom
Date: Wednesday 27 February 2019
Present:

Name	Affiliation
Malcolm Ogg	Chairperson
Dennis Burton	CCC member
Jonathan Moore	CCC member
Llewellyn Bates	CCC member
Craig White	Bengalla Mining Company (Environment and Approvals Superintendent)
Laurel McGinnity	Bengalla Mining Company (Senior Environmental Advisor)
Fiona Hartin	Bengalla Mining Company (Community Relations Specialist and PA to the GM)
Genelle Scotts	Bengalla Mining Company (Community Relations Specialist) seconded

Meeting opened: 3.00pm

- 1. APOLOGIES:** Cam Halfpenny Bengalla Mining Company (General Manager)
- 2. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**
Moved by: Jonathan Moore Seconded by:
- 3. OTHER BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES/ACTION LIST**

Action 1 – Bengalla to present to the next CCC a way forward on the changes to be made to the process of the approval of minutes from CCC meetings. Ongoing presentation and draft presented by CW. CW Awaiting email confirmation of changes.

Action 2- Bengalla to provide meeting dates as a meeting request to all Bengalla CCC members – Action Complete.

Action 3 – Bengalla to update the CCC at the next meeting with the new proposed locations of the air quality monitors - Action complete.

Action 4 – Bengalla to organize a tour of the Dams for the CCC members when the Dams are near completion. Ongoing - Fiona to liaise with CCC members closer to the date and organize a tour prior to the August meeting.
- 4. DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST**
Nil. Discussed and decided that Declaration of Pecuniary Interest would be moved forward in the agenda and discussed after apologies in future meetings.
- 5. CORRESPONDENCE**
Pre-meeting Summary Papers and draft Newsletter emailed or sent to the CCC Members

6. CCC GUIDELINES

Review of 'Draft Minutes' procedure.

Craig White explained that he has received guidance from the Department of Planning and Environment (DPE) regarding application of the CCC Guidelines to CCC meetings. The DPE indicated the Guidelines are able to be varied by the Committee regarding conduct of meetings and meeting processes.

JM indicated preference to read the draft minutes and then to make correction(s) to the draft minutes which can then be confirmed at the next CCC meeting.

MO agreed that 5 days to have minutes completed is not realistic.

The proposal is draft minutes to be completed in 2 weeks. Draft minutes to be placed at the 2 libraries and forwarded to CCC members. Corrections to draft minutes to be emailed to Fiona 4 weeks from receipt of the draft minutes. The edited draft minutes to be emailed to CCC members within two weeks of receipt of comments. The draft minutes will then be adopted at the next meeting.

7. REPORTS FROM CCC COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES

Report from Jonathan Moore

- Jonathan referred to an announcement on ABC radio regarding a discussion by experts on exports of coal declining. JM asked what is Bengalla's take on this comment? Are exports declining or stable? CW explained that Bengalla Mine (Bengalla) ROM and saleable coal will likely increase in 2019 and that the market for thermal coal is currently strong.
- JM asked about the price of coal. Is Newcastle port operating at a maximum? CW explained that Bengalla production levels are likely to remain at the same or increased level for some time.
- JM commented that dairying is a hard industry to be in. He is concerned about the visual impact when driving along Bengalla Road. Bengalla needs to show that agriculture and mining can coexist well. Can Bengalla take on board that the dairy needs to look visually better managed, as people comment? CW explained that there is an agreement in place for the dairy farmer to leave. Cattle trucks arrived today. Bengalla are looking at a program of renewal and at new agricultural uses for the agricultural land.

Report from Llewellyn Bates

- Llewellyn asked how much water is being pumped from the Hunter River per year? LM replied in the last financial year just under 1800 megalitres.
- LB commented that Bengalla appears to be moving West quickly after crossing Dry Creek. Is this the case? CW explained that the rate of progress to the west is consistent with our approvals.
- LB asked what is happening with Mount Pleasant Rail. The space looks constrained and busy. CW indicated that the Mt Pleasant Mine (Mt Pleasant) rail is to be removed by 31 October 2022 to enable Bengalla to continue. CW to bring a slide presentation to the next meeting to explain the process in detail.
- LB asked if Bengalla attended the mowing along Wybong Road/Overton Road? CW responded that maintenance of the reserves was undertaken jointly between Bengalla and Mount Pleasant. Council permission was granted to BMC to

maintain Wybong Road and Overton Road reserves. JM and LB are very pleased with how it looks.

Report from Malcolm Ogg

- Malcolm asked as the mine is moving to the SW, will the land not under mining impact be leased out for agricultural purposes? E.g. the farming flats. CW responded that the use of the land surrounding Bengalla is currently under review with the intention of establishing an agricultural use.

8. MONITORING RESULTS

Environmental monitoring review for period November, December 2018, January 2019 was presented by Laurel McGinnity.

- Air Quality
 - PM₁₀, TSP and dust depositional compliance monitoring data was presented.
 - Elevated 24-hour PM10 results were measured during November 2018 for PM4, December 2018 for PM3 and PM4, and January 2019 for PM1, PM3 and 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.
 - Craig White noted that during 2019 there will be new air quality monitoring locations around Bengalla. These locations are currently under negotiation with the land owners. Craig also noted that in the proposed Bengalla Capital Budget for 2019 there is capital allocation to buy new monitors subject to Bengalla Joint Venture approval that can measure PM_{2.5} which is a new requirement under the Development Consent.
- 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 November, December and January was below the long-term average trend. Water sourced from the Hunter River during November, December and January was approximately 73 ML, 64 ML and 161 ML respectively.
- Progressive Rehabilitation:
 - During 2018 4 Ha of rehabilitation was completed. During 2019 landform shaping and geofluv implementation over part of the existing rehabilitation area will occur.

- Complaints:
 - During the reporting period 5 complaints were received.
- Environmental incidents:
 - During the reporting period Bengalla had 15 environmental incidents.

9. CCC NEWSLETTER ARTICLES

Community slides presented including an update of the Bengalla Homestead renovation.

- The February 2019 newsletter was approved by the Committee.
- JM was pleased with the environment initiatives presented and the informing of the community regarding actions to manage dust.
- Suggested articles for the May 2019 newsletter: No suggestions put forward at this time

10. GENERAL BUSINESS

- JM asked for it to be minuted that he finds it hard to accept that an expert has made an assumption about a resident a kilometre away that they will not be affected by dust. CW responded that the Bengalla air quality modelling can predict the dust increment at a resident. A summary from the Bengalla air quality model will be presented at the next meeting.
- MO suggested that all the work that has been done to the Homestead and its history be presented on Bengalla's website. GS explained that a new website is being developed. The future use of the Homestead is under consideration.

Next meeting to be held on Wednesday 22 May 2019 at 3.00pm

Meeting closed at 5:40pm

Attachments:

- Meeting Presentation slides

ACTION LIST

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ITEM NO.	ITEM	ACTION BY
1	Mount Pleasant Rail presentation slide by CW at next meeting	CW
2	Could CCC members do a perimeter excursion driving along Wybong Road and past Mount Pleasant MO DB	FH
3	Declaration of Pecuniary Interests to be moved to agenda item number 2.	FH
4	Bengalla to organise a tour of the Dam for the CCC members when Dam is near completion. (prior to August meeting) FH	FH
5	Present Bengalla air quality model summary at the next meeting CW	CW