



# BENGALLA MINE

## COMMUNITY CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE

### Minutes of Meeting No. 132

**Location:** Bengalla Mining Company Boardroom and Via Microsoft Teams

**Date:** Wednesday 25th November 2020

**Present:**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Affiliation</b>
Malcolm Ogg	Chairperson
Llewlyn Bates	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 (MSC)

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**Meeting opened: 3.15pm**

- 1. APOLOGIES:** Nil
- 2. DECLARATION OF ANY PECUNIARY AND NON-PECUNIARY INTERESTS:**  
JM- Mitigation measures being done to his home
- 3. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**  
Moved by: L Bates Seconded by: J Moore
- 4. OTHER BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES/ACTION LIST**  
Action 1- Send a gift and letter to Dennis Burton and thank him for his participation in the CCC. Action Complete  
Action 2 - Arrange for the CCC to go to the dragline. Action Complete  
Action 3 - Arrange for an inspection and maintenance of the dust gauge on JM's property. Action complete  
Action 4 - Presentation at the next meeting on the HDWV 5-year program. Presentation given by CW.  
Action 5 - Provide a presentation on the new air quality monitoring network. Presentation given by CW.
- 5. CORRESPONDENCE**  
04.09.2020 – Fiona Hartin to CCC Members Minutes from the previous meeting  
04.09.2020 - Fiona Hartin to CCC Members- Invitation to dragline and Pit Tour.  
04.09.2020 - Fiona Hartin to Malcolm Ogg- Advertisement for CCC Member.  
21.09.2020 - Fiona Hartin to Malcolm Ogg- Draft of the CCC Newsletter featuring Malcolm Ogg.  
23.09.2020 - Fiona Hartin to Sharon Pope- Advertisement for CCC Member to be added to the MSC website.  
19.10.2020 - Fiona Hartin to CCC Members- Bengalla Mine Mining Operations Plan C Amendment.

12.11.2020 - Fiona Hartin to Malcolm Ogg – Enquiry regarding if any CCC applications were received.

25.11.2020 - Pre-meeting Summary Papers, Agenda and Minutes from the previous meeting emailed or sent to the CCC Members.

## 6. REPORTS FROM CCC COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES

Report from Jonathan Moore

- Discussion regarding the upcoming fire season and BMC's continued offer of assistance regarding Rural Fire Service (RFS) use of Bengalla Mine (Bengalla) water fill points and the availability of BMC fire truck.

Report from Llewlyn Bates

- Thank you for the dragline, pit and farm-land tour. Comment on how good the land is looking at Logues Lane.
- Mount Pleasant Mine new railway line - Overton Road. Are the trees being cleared on Bengalla Joint Venture land and is this part of the MACH Energy Australia Pty Ltd rail project? Answer- yes this is work commenced by Daracon to enable the rail project.

Report from Sharon Pope

- Sharon shared details of the Muswellbrook bypass project and link to MSC's website for comment.

## 7. ENVIRONMENTAL MONITORING RESULTS

Environmental monitoring review for August, September and October 2020 (the Reporting Period).

- Air Quality:
  - No elevated 24-hour PM10 results were reported during the Reporting Period.
  - At the end of the Reporting Period the PM1 and PM2 year-to-date averages were equal to and below the annual average criteria (PM10 25µg/m<sup>3</sup> from 1 January to 31 December), respectively.
  - At the end of the Reporting Period the PM3 and PM4 year-to-date averages were above the annual average criteria (PM10 25µg/m<sup>3</sup> from 1 January to 31 December).
  - At the end of the Reporting Period the HV1, HV2, HV3 and HV4 year-to-date averages were below the annual average criteria (TSP 90µg/m<sup>3</sup> from 1 January to 31 December).
  - At the end of the Reporting Period the HV6 year-to-date average was above the annual average criteria (TSP 90µg/m<sup>3</sup> from 1 January to 31 December).
- Noise Management:

- For the reporting period, Bengalla complied with all noise criteria at all monitoring locations.
- Blast Monitoring:
  - Bengalla was compliant with the blast criteria.
- Water Usage:
  - Rainfall received during the Reporting Period was slightly below the long-term average for August, slightly above the long-term average for September and above the long-term average for October 2020.
  - Year to date to the end of the Reporting Period Bengalla has recorded 653mm of rain.
  - BMC did not discharge to the Hunter River during the reporting period.
  - BMC has extracted 224 megalitres of water in the 2020/2021 water year (as at November 2020).
- Progressive Rehabilitation:
  - BMC has completed approximately 14 hectares of new High-Density Woody Vegetation (HDWV), approximately 60 hectares of HDWV over existing rehabilitation areas and approximately 7 hectares of Class IV and V pasture during 2020.
- Complaints:
  - During the reporting period 14 complaints received.
- Environmental incidents: 0
  - During the reporting period Bengalla had 0 internal reportable incidents.

## 8. **COMMUNITY REPORT**

Community slides presented including a summary of the community partnerships and community events.

## 9. **CCC NEWSLETTER IDEAS**

Discussed themes for upcoming newsletters. These included - bush fires, drought, dust mitigation measures, rehabilitation, programs such as dog baiting, water, tube stock, data, summary of events and sponsorships, scholarships, work experience and vacation work, apprentices/trainees, special community projects and the farmland.

Next meeting to be held on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> February 2021 at 3.00pm

Meeting closed at 5:15pm

### **Attachments:**

- Meeting Presentation slides

## **ACTION LIST**

### **Meeting No. 131 – Wednesday 25th November 2020**

<b>ITEM NO.</b>	<b>ITEM</b>	<b>ACTION BY</b>
1	Review of data from 1 January 2015 Wyndham Arms Road dust gauge and nearest located compliance dust gauges. Incorporate a slide of historical results into the next CCC environmental monitoring presentation.	PM
2	Follow up regarding RFS fire trucks access to Bengalla fire hydrants.	CH/FH
3	Complete the 2020 Annual CCC Report.	MO
4	Provide copy of Dragline presentation to all CCC members.	FH