

MEETING MINUTES



MEETING:	Dendrobium Community Consultative Committee	
LOCATION:	Wongawilli Room, Illawarra Metallurgical Coal, North Wollongong NSW 2500	
DATE:	17:30, Thursday 15 April 2021	
ATTENDEES:	Independent Chairperson Community Representatives Illawarra Metallurgical Coal Representatives (IMC)	Mike Archer (MA) Jenny Evans (JE) Viv Twyford (VT) Anita Mulrooney (AM) Phil Clunas (PC) Phil Diamond (PD) [online] Ron Zwicker (RZ) [online] Alex Beccari (AB) [online] Noel Lowry (NL) (Wollondilly Shire Council) Liam Stower (LS) Ben Fitzsimmons (BF) Chris Schultz (CS) Anna-May Fauconnier (AMF) Billy Agland (BA)
APOLOGIES:		Phil Grant (PG)

1	PURPOSE
	<p>The purpose of the DCCC is to provide a forum for open discussion between representatives of Dendrobium Mine, the community, the relevant councils and other stakeholders on issues directly relating to the mine's operations, environmental performance and community relations, and to keep the community informed on these matters. The meeting also includes a discussion on the progress of the Dendrobium Mine Extension Project development application.</p>
2	AGENDA
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Acknowledgement of Country • Welcome/Apologies • Declaration of Pecuniary Interests • Acceptance of minutes of last meeting • Business Arising • Approvals Update • Operational Update • Environmental Update • Community Update • Member Updates

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • General Business
	<i>ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY</i>
	We acknowledge the Traditional Owners of the land on which we meet and pay our respects to Elders past, present and emerging.
3	<i>WELCOME / APOLOGIES</i>
	<p>Mike Archer (MA) welcomed all members present to the Regulatory Dendrobium Community Consultative Committee (DCCC) meeting, both in person and online. MA issued an apology for Phil Grant who was not in attendance. AB, RZ and PD joined the meeting online.</p> <p>MA welcomed a new community member to the DCCC, Anita Mulrooney. MA introduced the new Manager Corporate Affairs Illawarra, Liam Stower (LS). MA welcomed Billy Agland to the meeting to present the LW16 end of panel report to the committee.</p>
4	<i>DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTERESTS</i>
	<p>MA declared a pecuniary interest, advising that in his role as Independent Chairperson, he is paid for his time by South32 Illawarra Metallurgical Coal.</p> <p>There were no other declarations.</p>
5	<i>PREVIOUS MINUTES</i>
	<p>VT requested that the distinction between the various Independent Panels be clarified in the previous minutes. The minutes from DCCC meeting (February 2021) were then accepted as a correct record of the meeting. Moved: PD; Seconded; VT</p>
5A	<i>BUSINESS ARISING</i>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ACTION: deliver a noise notification to neighbours advising of compressor use. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ This was completed by the Specialist Community Relations in the weeks prior. • Question on notice: what power line feed the Kemira Valley Coal Loading Facility? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ BF advised that the power for Kemira Valley comes from the 33kv Endeavour Energy Supply.
6	<i>ILLAWARRA METALLURGICAL COAL OPERATIONAL UPDATE</i>
	<p><u>Approvals Update (BF)</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Approvals within existing mining area: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Longwall 18 Subsidence Management Plan. Approved 8 December 2020 ○ Longwall 19 Subsidence Management Plan. Approved 11 March 2021. ○ Longwall 20 Subsidence Management Plan – Further approval required. ○ Longwall 21 Subsidence Management Plan. Approved 19 December 2019 ○ Longwall 22 and 23 Subsidence Management Plan – currently being prepared.

A question was asked by PD regarding changes to the longwall 19 layout following the assessment of the subsidence management plan. BF advised the SMP approval and associated conditions can be viewed online [HERE](#)

Operational Update – AMF

- Longwall (LW) 17 commenced on the 12 December 2020 and has progressed approximately 830 metres.
- LW17 to LW18 changeout is planned to commence in September 2021 with increased road transport haulage to site expected to commence in August.
- Development in MG18 is progressing through some challenging ground conditions. Great work to date by all crews involved.
- Development in the Corrimal Mains had slowed while resources were directed to MG18. This is now ramping up.
- Development in the Bulli Entry Mains has ceased.
- Kemira Valley high voltage outage rescheduled to mid-May 2021.

Environment Update – CS

- Underground water balance has increased following rainfall in March, particularly Area 2.
- LDP 5 flow in March was an average of 7.05 ML/day (max: 9.76 ML/d and min: 4.18 ML/d). Note that max flow was influenced by increased pump out from the Kemira Valley sediment ponds.
- Directional noise monitor is being progressed. Poles have been installed and four monitors are due to be installed before the end of the month.
- Noise monitoring undertaken in February 2021. An exceedance was recorded at R39a (Figtree Farm). A LAeq result of 39 dBA was recorded in the day time (limit 37 dBA).
- The rail noise monitor vandalised on 4 February 2021 has been repaired.
- \$15,000 Penalty Notice received for Kemira Valley event.
- Independent Environmental Audit was accepted by DPIE.

Updated Management Plans

The environment team is undertaking a review of the management plan. The following changes have been highlighted with the

- General
 - Inclusion of additional sections for consistency across Appin and Dendrobium
- Traffic
 - Inclusion of transport routes and road maintenance requirements
 - Inclusion of revised Dendrobium Drivers Code of Conduct
 - Removal of rail references
- Noise
 - Change to restricted night time operational hours by 15 minutes (6.15 to 6 am)

- Inclusion of real time noise monitoring system
- Air
 - Removal of dust deposition gauges and high-volume air samplers and inclusion of optical photometers
 - Combination of air quality and greenhouse gas management
 - A member of the committee asked if there was wind rose data available for Dendrobium. CS advised that we maintain a number of monitoring stations across our sites.

NOTE: environmental data can be viewed online by downloading the [Dendrobium 14 Day Report](#).

End of Panel Report (LW16) - BA

- The key findings of the LW16 End of Panel (EoP) report was presented to the committee.
- The EoP report outlines the measured and observed impacts during the extraction of Longwall 16. The report is a condition of the Dendrobium Development Consent.
- LW16 commenced on 26th February 2020 and was completed on the 4th November 2020.
- LW16 was the eighth panel to be extracted in DA3B.
- LW16 has a total extracted length of 1854 m, a width of 305 m, cutting height up to 3.9 m.
- From Dendrobium Mine operations, IMC paid approximately \$44 Million in Government royalties during the 2019/2020 financial year
- A final copy of the report is available on the South32 website, under Illawarra Coal documents.

Community Update

- Dendrobium has received 15 complaints since the last meeting. The primary reason for complaints were noise related, followed by rail impacts.
- All complaints are responded to within 24 hours, investigated and action taken where required. ***NOTE: community call line (1800 102 210) is resourced 24/7; complaints and enquiries are also able to be submitted via email to illawarracommunity@south32.net***
- Community investment through the Dendrobium Community Enhancement Program (DCEP) continues:
 - Mount Kembla Public School. \$15,000 toward a new school hall to be located where the netball courts currently are. The School should be congratulated on successfully raising \$600k toward the project.
 - Meetings with WCC Executive to develop a community project pipeline continuing.
- Illawarra Metallurgical Coal has provided support to:
 - Mission to Seafarers. \$5,000 toward WIFI boxes to enhance communication between seamen and their families while away from home during the pandemic.
 - Sponsorship of the Illawarra Women's Rugby League competition – tournament sponsors.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> For more information on the DCEP or how to apply, visit https://www.south32.net/our-business/australia/illawarra-metallurgical-coal/documents <p><u>Dendrobium Mine Extension Project Update</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> We are continuing to assess our options for the future of the Project. South32 remains committed to Dendrobium and future mining areas.
7	MEMBER UPDATES
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> PD requested a tour of the catchment for the committee. BF advised that this would be organised as soon as possible. A member asked what the current plans for O'Briens Drift (OBD). BF advised that there were currently no plans for OBD, however council had raised an interest in including the site in the proposed mountain bike trail network.
8	GENERAL BUSINESS
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Windy Gully 96 Candles Ceremony – planning has commenced. New member now included on the committee – welcome Anita Mulrooney WCC and NPWS mountain bike proposal. Complaints regarding the car park have reduced significantly. No feedback on the social network groups. <p>Next Meeting Dates</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 17 June 2021 19 August 2021 21 October 2021 16 December 2021
9	ACTIONS
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> BF to organise a tour of the Sydney Water Catchment and Kemira Valley.
10	MEETING CLOSE / NEXT MEETING
	<p>Meeting close: 19:00</p> <p>Next Meeting: 17 June 2021</p>