

Dendrobium Community Consultative Committee

MEETING MINUTES



MEETING:	Dendrobium Community Consultative Committee Working Group (DCCC WG)	
LOCATION:	Wollongong Golf Club	
DATE:	17:30, Thursday 14 April 2022	
ATTENDEES:	Independent Chairperson Community Representatives	Mike Archer (MA) Jenny Evans (JE) Phil Clunas (PC) Phil Diamond (PD) – Dialling in Anita Mulrooney (AM)
	Illawarra Metallurgical Coal Representatives (IMC)	Amanda Silarski (AS) Chris Schultz (CS) Simon Thomas (ST) Valentina Tasevska (VT)
APOLOGIES:		Antony Leone (AL) Sandra Moreno (SM) Phil Grant (PG) Michael Banasik (MB) Wollondilly Shire Council Vivien Twyford (VT)

1	PURPOSE
	The purpose of the DCCC WG is to provide a forum for open discussion between representatives of Dendrobium Mine, the community, the relevant councils and other stakeholders on the Dendrobium Mine Extension Project.
2	AGENDA
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Welcome, Apologies & Declaration of Pecuniary Interests • Business Arising • Dendrobium Mine Extension Project update • Approvals Update • Community Update • Community Perception Survey • General Business
3	WELCOME / APOLOGIES
	<p>Mike Archer (MA) welcomed all members present to the Dendrobium Community Consultative Committee Working Group (DCCC WG) meeting.</p> <p>MA issued an apology for, AL, SM, PG, MB and VT.</p> <p>MA provided Acknowledgement to Country.</p>
4	DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTERESTS

	<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 made at the meeting.</p>
5	PREVIOUS MINUTES
	<p>Meeting minutes of DCCC WG meeting Thursday 24 March 2022 were accepted. Moved AM, seconded PD.</p> <p>Actions from the previous meeting;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kemira Valley Coal Loading Facility date locked in for 19/5/2022 • Catchment Tour date locked in for 16/6/2022 • Liaise with Wollongong Council regarding Community information session dates to avoid conflict with upcoming engagement on the IEMB Trail – Occurring now part of May • Provide DCCC digital copy of DMEP newsletters advising of Community Information Sessions. Once dates are locked in this will be shared. • Provide demonstration of new noise monitoring software – demonstration provided by Chris Shultz during the meeting. • Investigate rail screech as locomotive climbing hill – This is still being investigated. PN are conducting ongoing reviews on all locomotives to identify particularly noisy trains. • Identify suburbs that receive the Dendrobium Newsletters – Unanderra, Cordeaux Heights, Figtree, Mount Kembla, Kembla Heights. • Investigate missing bus light for contractor bus – Issue raised with bus company. Revision of their maintenance strategies and daily equipment inspections undertaken. • Present Community perception survey results – Included in this presentation. • Provide a map of proposed LW19a – Included in this presentation.
5A	BUSINESS ARISING
	No business arising
6	DENDROBIUM MINE EXTENSION UPDATE
	<p>Overview/update</p> <p>ST presented to the group an update on the Dendrobium Mine Extension.</p> <p>Key dates which were subject to change pending progress:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LW18 Commenced on 2 December 2021 • LW18 - 19 Relocation scheduled late early May to early June, 7-8/5/22. Pre-installation commenced in the last 2 weeks. • MG19 developed completed on 12/2/2022. • TG22 development continuing. • TG21 development continuing. • Commenced LW 19A development. • Chain break is expected 27/4/2022. LW changeout to LW19 with some movements to start happening in March, but it won't be to the same scale as the last one. • Pilot vehicles to be used to get around the area. ST raised this with the trucking company. • Pilot vehicles to be used for various movements. • LW18 is close to finish point to take about 1 month roughly May-June, first week of June. • Wet weather/heavy rains have caused some operational impacts during the past month. There was 660mls of rainfall which caused damage to the demountable bath house from the fallen trees. • Note that LW19A is undergoing further exploration to identify prospectivity.

- If the company progresses with it will undergo the usual regulatory approvals and Subsidence Management Plans. This has not yet been approved and waiting for approval.
- Only change since the last meeting is the Submission of the Mod Report for the Dendrobium Area 3 Gas Management Plant – currently under review by DPIE. There are no Community Submissions, just agencies.
- The public exhibition period was Fri 4 March 2022 until Thu 17 March 2022;
- 1 x Objection and 2 x Comments from Agencies (WCC, Endeavour).

ACTION:

- Gary to give feedback on this in the next meeting.

EIS

- The EIS has been finalised and is planned to be lodged with DPIE shortly, late April early May and this may take about 6-8 weeks.
- There have been planned community engagement activities in line with the public exhibition period which include;
 - Local letterbox drop
 - Local community information sessions
 - Virtual room information sessions
 - Industry briefings

AM – Should people attend the information session like the members from the DCCC Community?

MA – Noted that members of the community are not to speak on behalf of the CCC Committee to the Media.

- Underground water balance has increased significantly following record rainfall. Rainfall in Feb was 280mm, March 633mm and April MTD 283mm. Kemira Valley sediment pond overflowed on two occasions in March/April as a result of excessive rainfall.
- LDP5 flow in March was an average of 7.96 ML/day.
- No changes to findings from previous study indicating low bioavailability and bioaccumulation for Brine study at LDP 5 which as been revisited based on increased zinc levels.
- Exceedance of criteria at R39a recorded in February quarterly noise monitoring.
- James Alchin commenced in Specialist Environment role on 21 March 2022.
- Noted that whether or not rail movements should be included in the study of noise and that the construction noise has been excluded from operational noise.
- Noise is to be maintained over the next few months.
- Low portal road is to be completed before 9 months.

ACTION:

Time frame on how much longer this may take before it's been done.

The mine will be in contact with everyone on the outcome of the noise at the property. (Provide PD with an update).

PG – South32 have dismissed the reading and failed to notify them as the landowners.

Rehabilitation

- Rehabilitation reforms were passed on 2 July 2021. The Mining Operations Plans expire on 2 July 2022.
- Rehabilitation of surface facilities.
- Rehabilitation of Long-Term Closure.

Noise Monitoring

- 3 x noise monitoring locations
- Dendrobium Pit Top noise monitoring
- Noise monitoring demo
- Tree fell and knocked over the noise monitor which caused a delay in the noise monitoring.

PD – How are the frequencies deferred and what's been picked up?

CS – It is directional not just picking up any sort of noise only the one from site

Longwall 18 Impacts and Triggers

- Catchment access has been restricted since 21 February 2022 and nobody has been able to go in there
- The map that was presented displays new LW18 Subsidence Impacts highlighted by the red triangles, LW18_006 only new impacts.

Area 3B Swamp 35a Shallow Groundwater

- The site 35a entered LW17 400m buffer zone on 4/5/2021 and was within the buffer in May and June 2021. It entered LW18 buffer on 20 February 2022, will be mined beneath by LW18. The data has not been collected since 17 February due to the water NSW catchment entry restrictions.

Community Complaints

- AS spoke about the community complaints. March had 3 complaints re noise. 2 x relating to the diesel compressor during planned maintenance.
- Grievance complaint was regarding noise from Diesel compressor.
- April – regarding oversize truck on taking up lane space (wideload, this is under investigation).
- There were different compressors hired which made it noiser.

PD – mentioned that Grievance made by Phil, he had sent an e-mail on 14/4/2022.

- Pilot vehicle to be with the trucks when coming down the mountain and up the mountain.
- Cordeaux Road – Road works for two days (next week from 18/4/2022).

PD – Commented on wash out of rail line lot of sandstone etc under the bridge.

ST – This will be raised with the team and will talk to them about it.

Dendrobium Community Enhancement Program

- Next meeting for Dendrobium Community is 21 April 2022.
- Applications under consideration:
 - Mt Kembla Rugby Club Scoreboard
 - Mt Kembla Rugby Club Team Support
 - Figtree AFL Community Club Team Support

Illawarra Metallurgical Coal

- Ngayagang Yanba Project – The project team is currently reviewing opportunities for local Mount Kembla residents to take part in the project.
- The mountain bike proposal remains with Wollongong City Council and NPWS.
- The Social impact comment is in draft and will be released in 2022 with the REF. The commend did highlight the need for a Traffic and Parking Assessment.

PD – Requested if we can organise to get rid of the weeds/yellow flowers in the area at Mount Kembla

AS – South32 are already looking into doing this.

AM – DCEC what is the last update from the school.

AS – Maria from the school will put two applications in at the DCEC and are also looking at a school hall to be built. Maria will be putting in a funding application.

- South32 will take a position of use of our land when we are comfortable the social and environment impacts of the project are understood.
- Thank you to the community for joining us in the Clean Up Australia Day activity last month and we will make this an annual event.
- We are also exploring the opportunity to assist the Mount Kembla Pathway Group on its regular pathway activities, around every second month.

Community Perception Survey

- Computer – aided telephone interviews (CATI) of Illawarra and Macarthur adult residents were conducted between November 15th and December 2nd 2021.
- Phone interviews were conducted with 15 community representatives.
- Overall observation was that they were very engaging and quite measured group of stakeholders. People were fairly easy to recruit and happy to participate.

PD – Does this include the area of Mount Kembla?

AS – Yes it is included.

Do you support continued met coal mining in the Illawarra

The support for met coal remains relatively high – almost 2:1 overall. “Rest of Illawarra” residents the most supportive – almost 3:1. Appin residents less so.

MA – Is there a difference of Dendrobium and Appin who resigned?

AS – Yes there is about 90% difference.

Do you know the difference between thermal and metallurgical coal?

The knowledge of the difference was poor. Only 21% answered correctly and 70% had no idea. At the moment the change of name is in discussion.

How much would you say you trust IMC?

Only 15% said they trusted IMC – against 24% trusting Illawarra Coal in 2017 Ipsos research. Appin residents again the most negative.

PD – South32 should just tell it as it is and people will trust them.

- South32 supply 60% of Dendrobium coal at this stage
- South 32 have management of the terminal.

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GENERAL BUSINESS

- **AS** - Dendrobium Mine’s 20 year anniversary on 28 May 2022 – Planning activities at mine mid-year to celebrate around June 2022.
- **AS** – Still working on the Mountain Bike Track.
- **Kemira Valley Coal Loading Facility Tour: 19 May 2022**

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Catchment Tour: 16 June 2022 • DCCC Working Group: 19 May 2022 • <u>Location for DCCC Meetings:</u> • Long-Term we are looking at Partnership with the Mount Kembla Public School. The school can benefit from the IT/Conference set up. • Short-Term – The best equipped room is at Port Kembla Coal Terminal.
8	<i>ACTIONS</i>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Questions on Notice: • Gary to give feedback on the Dendrobium Mine Approvals Update in the next meeting. • Time frame on the Environment Update, how much longer this may take before it's been done. • The mine will be in contact with everyone on the outcome of the noise at the property. (Provide PD with an update).
9	<i>MEETING CLOSE / NEXT MEETING</i>
	<p>Meeting close: 7:00pm</p> <p>Next Meeting: Thursday 9 June 2022 (Location and time TBC)</p>

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