

MEETING MINUTES

Dendrobium Community Consultative Committee



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

1	PURPOSE
	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.
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• General Business

	ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY
	We acknowledge the Traditional Owners of the land on which we meet, the Dharawal People, and pay our respects to Elders past, present and emerging.
3	WELCOME / APOLOGIES
	<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 PC, RZ, NL</p> <p>MA welcomed Antony Leone who will be replacing Ben Fitzsimmons as the IMC Community Representative on the DCCC.</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
	The minutes from DCCC meeting (April 2021) were then accepted as a correct record of the meeting. Moved AM ; Seconded; PD
5A	BUSINESS ARISING
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ACTION: Tour of the Sydney Water Catchment <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ <i>Dates will be circulated to the DCCC within the next fortnight.</i> • ACTION: Tour of the Kemira Valley Coal Loading Facility
6	ILLAWARRA METALLURGICAL COAL OPERATIONAL UPDATE
	<p><u>Approvals Update (BF)</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No further updates since the previous meeting. • 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 submitted 16 March 2020. ○ 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. • Dendrobium Mine Extension Project <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Work continues to progress the judicial review which was lodged with the NSW Land and Environment Court in May 2021. ○ <i>NB: South32 is NOT appealing the IPC decision, rather requesting a review of the IPC decision making process by the NSW LEC.</i>

- A committee member asked if there was a firmer timeline on the ultimate outcome of the Project? LS advised that at this stage, South32 is continuing to assess all options, with no firm timeline on an expected decision.

Operational Update – AMF

- Longwall (LW) 17 continues to progress with approximately 500 metres remaining
- We expect to complete LW17 in late August / early September 2021
- Preparation for the longwall change out is planned to commence in late August 2021.
- Despite recent challenging conditions in some of the development areas, progress is improving in each of the development panels.
- Works have commenced along the Lower Portal Road.
- *NB: The intent of Lower Portal Road is to provide a safe and serviceable secondary means of access / egress of the Dendrobium drift portal. The road is currently in poor condition and this upgrade will support continued access to the drift portal. It is not part of the mine extension project.*
- A committee member suggested that the communications around the Lower Portal Road works should provide some further context on the need and extent of the work.
- Another member highlighted that a recent tour of the proposed work area provided good context to assist in their understanding of the planned works.
- LS noted that an offer to inspect the proposed work area was made to the residents through the recent letterbox drop.

Environment Update – CS

- Underground water balance has increased following rainfall in March and April.
- LDP 5 flow in May was an average of 8.15 ML/day (max: 9.49 ML/d and min: 2.30 ML/d).
- Directional noise monitoring system is being progressed. All five monitors have been installed. Software set up continues.
- Noise monitoring undertaken in May 2021. There were no identified breaches of the conditions of consent.
- ISO 14001 audit undertaken. No non-conformances identified.
- Management plan updates:
 - Traffic – updated and approved. To be uploaded to South32 webpage.
 - Noise – updated and approved. To be uploaded.
 - Bushfire – reviewed and available on the South32 webpage.
 - Lighting and Visual Amenity – reviewed. To be uploaded.
 - Air – Approved. EPL variation to be progressed. High volume samplers and depositional dust gauges will be removed once variation received. Optical photometers have arrived.
 - Waste, Water, Landscape – currently under review.

- A community member asked how the significance of the recorded impacts were determined (i.e. Level 1, 2, 3). CS advised that impact significance was generally detailed in the relevant Trigger Action Response Plan.

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

Community Update

- Dendrobium has received 21 complaints regarding our operations since the last meeting. The primary concern raised was noise related.
- 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**
- Additional bus runs initiated to help alleviate traffic concerns.
- LS informed that IMC has triggered a “Grievance” process in order to find a resolution to a particular community member’s complaints/concern. This allows for a mutually respectful solution to formalise all concerns under a “Grievance” with the assistance of a 3rd party independent facilitator.
- Community investment through the Dendrobium Community Enhancement Program (DCEP) continues:
 - Funds committed to projects in FY2021 \$248,724.
 - Applications approved:
 - Mount Kembla Pathway Group. \$3,000 toward maintenance materials
 - Shade structure at the Western Suburbs Pool due to commence shortly
 - Opportunity for a new member to join the DCEC.
- For more information on the DCEP or how to apply, visit <https://www.south32.net/our-business/australia/illawarra-metallurgical-coal/documents>
- LS discussed a review of the current community engagement practices at IMC, requesting ideas on how to improve from member of the DCCC.
- A committee member suggested that the DCCC could play an important role in facilitating more informal communication on DCCC discussions with the local community. This willingness was echoed by other members of the DCCC.
- MA requested that ideas be provided by the members to himself and LS.

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MEMBER UPDATES

- A committee member raised concerns about the proposed mountain trials planned for the Mount Kembla area. The committee would like this added to the DCCC agenda.
- PD thanked the DCEP for the recent funds in support of the Pathway group.
- A committee member raised concerns about the Mysorethorn on IMC land. CS to discuss with the logistics team on potential solutions to manage any infestations on IMC property.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A committee member asked if IMC was continuing to manage feral deer through its properties. CS advised that deer management continues regularly through IMC lands.
8	GENERAL BUSINESS
	<p>Next Meeting Dates</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 19 August 2021 • 21 October 2021 • 16 December 2021
9	ACTIONS
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tour of the Catchment and Kemira Valley
10	MEETING CLOSE / NEXT MEETING
	<p>Meeting close: 18:40</p> <p>Next Meeting: 19 August 2021</p>

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