

Dendrobium Community Consultative Committee Minutes (Final)

Meeting Dendrobium Mine Community Consultative Committee **Date** 29 August 2024

Time 5:30pm

Venue Dendrobium Mine, Dendrobium Nebo Room

Independent Chair Deborah Palmer

Franca Facci, Community Representative
 James Newton, Community Representative
 Jenny Evans, Community Representative
 Phil Clunas, Community Representative
 Phil Diamond, Community Representative
 Simon Thomas, GM³
 Chris Schultz, GM³
 Rod Mapstone, GM³
 Yvonne Walker, Minutes

Apologies

Anita Mulrooney, Community Representative
 Phil Grant, Community Representative
 Cr Michael Banasik, Wollondilly Shire Council
 Ron Zwicker, Wollongong City Council

Item	Action item	Responsibility
1	Follow up DPHI re attendance at October meeting	DP
2	Advise possible dates for tour of WC1 and Gas Drainage Plant	CS / ST
3	Check with Pacific National if there is a way to minimise the use of brakes while descending adjacent to Cordeaux Road, to reduce the unpleasant odour	ST
4	Organise logistics team to check rail bridge debris again	ST
5	Follow up on advice from DPHI and review the CCC's TOR in line with DPHI's guidelines and include as an agenda item at the October meeting	DP
6	Send a copy of email received 14/8/2024 to JN and FF	DP
7	Show a map of the current approved lease at the next meeting	ST
8	Split up the map of lease boundaries into "Areas" for the next meeting	ST
9	Determine whether there is scope for the site visit to include a swamp before (and then after) mining underneath it commences.	CS
10	Provide an update on the approved project arising from the NRAR Enforceable Undertaking	CS

Item	Discussion Point
1.	<p>Welcome and Acknowledgement of Country</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Chair welcomed all CCC Members and gave an Acknowledgement of Country. The Chair thanked everyone for attending and appreciated their attendance. Two new members were welcomed to the CCC: Franca and James.
2.	<p>Apologies</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Anita Mulrooney, Community Representative

- Phil Grant, Community Representative
 - Cr Michael Banasik, Wollondilly Shire Council
 - Ron Zwicker, Wollongong City Council (had attempted to join online)
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3. **Declaration of interests**

- The Chair declared a pecuniary interest, advising their time as Independent Chairperson, is paid for by GM³. YW is paid as minute taker by DP.
 - The Chair requested any updates on pecuniary or non-pecuniary interests. There were no other declarations made at the meeting.
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4. **Endorsement of previous minutes**

Meeting minutes of DCCC from 6 June 2024 were endorsed as a fair and accurate summary of the meeting, with one minor change:

- Minutes to reflect that the meeting date was rescheduled to 29 August 2024.

Moved: PD Seconded: PC

5. **Business arising from previous minutes**

- Item 1: Representative of DPHI to attend meeting. DP advised that representative unable to attend this meeting.

Action 1: DP to follow up re possible attendance in October.

- Item 2: Visit to WC21 and Gas Drainage Plant. Scheduled for 28 August 2024 but cancelled due to hazardous wind conditions. Possible dates TBA, likely late September. Committee members requested possible dates during school holidays.

Action 2: CS to advise some possible dates.

- Item 3: Advise the CCC on the modified width of LW23. 210m

- Item 4: Investigate with Pacific National the material used in their train brakes. ST advised HA30 friction material is used – a non-asbestos, non-metallic, composite railway brake material which is moulded onto a steel backing plate for on-tread train braking. This material is used on all main line operations in Australia, as it has a high friction level and is particularly suitable for operations where brake noise is a consideration.

Action 3: ST to check if braking can be reduced while descending near Cordeaux Road.

- Action Item 5: ST to organize inspection of debris on rail bridge. The cleanup was completed during LW relocation shutdown. PD indicated the debris is still there.

Action 4: ST to check and report back.

- Action Item 6: DP to review current guidelines and the committee's terms of reference and track any changes that appear to be required under the new guidelines. The committee's terms of reference are quite long and deviate from the DPHI terms of reference. DP has contacted DPHI to seek advice.

Action 5: DP to follow up on advice from DPHI and review the CCC's TOR in line with DPHI's guidelines and include as an agenda item at the October meeting

6. **Correspondence**

- Email 14/8/2024 from RM re approval of the modification for third party coal processing.

Action 6: DP to send a copy of this email to JN and FF.

- Email 28/8/2024 advising site visit to be postponed due to hazardous winds.

7. Company and other reports

7.1 Operations update

Sale update provided by RM

- On 29 February 2024, South32 announced that it had entered into a binding agreement to sell IMC to an entity owned by Golden Energy and Resources Pte Ltd and M Resources Pty Ltd (GM³)
- Following the satisfaction of certain conditions, the sale was successfully completed on 29 August 2024. The business will operate as the newly-formed GM³.
- An email will be sent 30 August 2024 introducing GM³ to the CCC.
- South32 has agreed to provide transitional services to GM³ for up to six months following completion of the transaction.
- GM³ has been appraised of the community and the external environment in which Dendrobium operates. The new CEO has first-hand exposure to the Illawarra.

Operations update provided by ST.

- LW19A was completed in June 2024.
- LW22 commenced production on 10 August 2024.
- Development is continuing at MG21A, Corrimal Mains, and Pioneer Mains.
- Car park remediation work (micropiles) was completed on 19 June 2024.
- KV Stockpile wall permanent repairs commenced in January. Construction is close to completion.
- Gas Drainage Plant at VS2/3 was commissioned in April.

Action 7: ST to show a map of the current approved lease at the next meeting.

Action 8: ST to split up the map of lease boundaries into "Areas" for the next meeting.

7.2 Approvals

Approvals update provided by ST.

- [Longwall 19A Subsidence Management Plan](#) (SMP) approved 11 August 2023.
- [Longwall 21 SMP approved 19 December 2019](#).
- Longwall 21A SMP submitted 16 November 2023.
- [Longwall 22 and 23 SMP approved 20 December 2022](#) – variation application for LW23 submitted 14 May 2024.
- [Dendrobium Area 3 Gas Management Plan](#) – approved by DPE (now DPPI) 8 July 2023.

7.3 Environment

Environment update provided by CS.

- Underground water balance has slightly increased due to recent rainfall events, with increased volume in Areas 2 and 3A
- LDP 5 flow in July was an average of 8.07ML/day (max: 9.28ML/d and min: 4.6ML/day), which is higher than reported in May.
- Advisory letter received from the EPA regarding foam observed in American Creek.
- Traffic Management Plan ([link](#)) and Air Quality and Greenhouse Gas MP ([link](#)) approved. Available on GM³ website.
- Sediment pond clean out undertaken.
- Meeting held with EPA to discuss discharge of brine at LDP5. The modelling report provided

by IMC has been reviewed and additional sediment sampling is planned by the EPA.

- EPL 3241 variation issued to include requirement for monitoring cobalt at LDP5.
 - Annual Review in preparation. Annual Return submitted.
 - Water balance and LDP 5 discharge graphs shown and discussed.
 - Longwall 19A Triggers and Impacts graph shown and discussed.
 - Area 3A Swamp 148 Groundwater Trigger graph shown and discussed.
 - Area 3C Swamps 154, 155 and 156 Groundwater Baseline Data graph shown and discussed.
- Action 9: CS to determine whether there is scope for the site visit to include a swamp before (and then after) mining underneath commences.**

7.4 Projects

Projects update provided by RM.

Third Party Coal Processing

- In October 2023, IMS submitted [Modification Applications](#) for Dendrobium Mine Development Consent (DA 60-03-2001) and the Appin Mine Project Approval (PA 08_0150) to allow the receipt and processing of Russell Vale ROM coal at the Dendrobium CPP.
- On 9 August 2024 the modification was approved.

Natural Resources Access Regulator (NRAR) [Enforceable Undertaking](#)

- IMC has had detailed discussions with WaterNSW, ILALC and NRAR to prepare a final community project proposal, which was submitted to NRAR on 26 July 2024.
- The Project focuses on Wingecarribee Shire Swamp Rehabilitation.
- Incidental surface water licencing for Dendrobium is now in place.
- This has only very recently been approved so more detail will be made available.

Action 10: RM to provide an update of the approved project.

7.5 Community

Community update provided by RM.

Complaints

- 2 x traffic – one in relation to a truck using Gibsons Road instead of Cordeaux Road, and the second in relation to a truck failing to stop at Slows Corner.
- 1 x noise – vacuum truck.

FY2024 Complaints

- 18 x noise (12 rail).
- 2 x environment.
- 4 x traffic.

Community Investment

Illawarra Metallurgical Coal

- On 31 July 2024 we joined the community in remembering the victims of the Mount Kembla Mine Disaster 122 years ago.

DCEP

- Approximately \$160,000 invested, including:
 - Kembla Heights Bowling Club
 - Illawarra Drug Awareness
 - Figtree Football Club
 - Mount Kembla pathway

- Mount Kembla Public School
- Unanderra Hearts Soccer Club
- All Saints Church
- Nareena Hills Public School
- Wests Hockey Club.

8. **General business**

8.1 Recruitment of new CCC Community representatives

- 5 applications were received. All applicants who were not selected have been contacted.

8.2 Other business

- PD: There are concerns within the community about Kembla Heights, which is owned by GM³, in relation to zoning, maintenance of properties, and potential sale. PD requested to see the map of local ownership. The map has been shown and discussed in previous committee meetings.
- JN: Concern about the mine allowing a mountain biking "black run" to go through its land, and what this will mean in terms of traffic and other impacts on the local community.
Response to both concerns: While the sale raises questions within the community and what the owner will do, GM³ is not able to speak to those questions yet.
- PC: ABC News covered a story about methane emissions from North Cliff Colliery. Does GM³ have any comment?
Response: CS advised that GM³ is progressing planning for rehabilitation of the site.
- PC: If Dendrobium ceased to operate in 2030, where would alternative coal be available?
Response: This is really a question for the businesses that are using it.

9. **Next meeting**

Next Meeting: Thursday 10 October 2024 (Dendrobium Nebo Room)

Time: 5.30pm

Meeting closed: 7:10pm

Apologies noted for the next meeting: FF and JE.
