Tahmoor Colliery Community Consultative Committee
Minutes of Meeting – 2975 Remembrance Driveway Bargo NSW 2574
Thursday 5 June 2025

| Name | Role |
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| **Attendees** | |
| Michael Muston (MM) | Independent Chairperson |
| Nicole Pearce (NP) | Community Representative |
| Wayne Southwell (WS) | Community Representative |
| Col Mitchell (CM) | Community Representative |
| Karen Moss (KM) | Community Representative |
| Bob Clayton (BC) | Community Representative (online) |
| Ally Dench | Wollondilly Shire Councillor (alternative) |
| David Henry (DH) | Wollondilly Shire Council Representative |
| Peter Vale (PV) | Tahmoor Coal Representative |
| Amanda Bateman (AB) | Tahmoor Coal Representative (minute taker) |
| Zina Ainsworth (ZA) | Tahmoor Coal Representative |
| Natalie Brumby (NB) | Tahmoor Coal Representative |
| **Apologies** | |
| Paul Rogers (PR) | Wollondilly Shire Councillor |
| James Johnson (JJ) | Community Representative |
| Subsidence Advisory NSW | Representative |
| Greg Kininmonth (GK) | Resources Regulator |
| Robert Faddy-Vrouwe (RFV) | Resources Regulator |
| Kate Overall | Resources Regulator |

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| **1. Welcome and Introductions** | | | | |
| **1.1.** | Michael Muston is the Independent Chairperson. He acknowledged the Traditional Owners of the land on which we met and paid respects to their Elders, past and present. | NOTE | | 05/06/25 |
| **2. Declarations of Interest** | | | | |
| **2.1.** | MM is paid by Tahmoor Coal to facilitate the TCCCC in accordance with Department of Planning & Environment (DPE) CCC Guidelines. | NOTE | | 05/06/25 |
| **2.2.** | NP is part of the Dharawal Elders Circle. | | | |
| **3. Apologies** | | | | |
| **3.1.** | As per list above. | NOTE | | 05/06/25 |
| **3.2.** | Cr Ally Dench attended from Council on behalf of Cr Rogers and confirmed that Cr Benn Banasik will be the alternative representative going forward. | | | |
| **4. Confirmation of Minutes of Previous Meeting** | | | | |
| **4.1.** | Minutes from Q1 meeting on 6 March 2025 were accepted.<br>Note: Q1 minutes added to the Tahmoor Colliery website. | NOTE | | 05/06/25 |
| **5. Business Arising from Previous Minutes** | | | | |
| **5.1.** | AB to provide Longwall S7A map with 20mm subsidence zone – ***Closed, distributed with Q1 meeting minutes***. | CLOSED | | 05/06/25 |
| **5.2.** | AB to arrange an underground tour for committee members – to be scheduled in 2025 when mining operations resume. | OPEN | | |
| **6. Correspondence - update as per the agenda** | | | | |
| **6.1.** | Response sent to KM questions sent through for Q4 meeting – Emailed AB 06/12/2025 | NOTE | | 05/06/25 |
| **6.2.** | Requested update from Subsidence Advisory NSW on submission – Emailed MM 07/03/2025 | | | |
| **6.3.** | Chair Q1 invoice submitted – Emailed MM 07/03/2025 | | | |
| **6.4.** | Subsidence Advisory NSW response provided to Chair – Emailed SA NSW 10/03/2025 | | | |
| **6.5.** | Q1 meeting minutes sent to Chair for review – Emailed AB 10/03/2025 | | | |
| **6.6.** | Q1 meeting minutes reviewed by Chair – Emailed MM 11/03/2025 | | | |
| **6.7.** | Tahmoor South Newsletter March 2025 – Emailed AB 11/03/2025 | | | |
| **6.8.** | Committee member social media conduct escalated to Chair – Emailed AB 11/03/2025 | | | |
| **6.9.** | Chair addressed committee member conduct breach – Emailed 11/03/2025 | | | |
| **6.10.** | Q1 meeting minutes distributed to committee – Emailed AB 19/03/2025 | | | |
| **6.11.** | Subsidence Advisory NSW legislation update distributed – Emailed AB 31/03/2025 | | | |
| **6.12.** | Q2 2025 meeting invitation distributed to committee – Emailed AB 12/05/2025 | | | |
| **6.13.** | Tahmoor South Newsletter May 2025 – Emailed AB 14/05/2025 | | | |
| **6.14.** | PR apology for Q2 meeting – Emailed PR 14/05/2025 | | | |
| **6.15.** | JJ apology for Q2 meeting – Emailed JJ 15/05/2025 | | | |
| **6.16.** | Subsidence Advisory NSW legislation update distributed – Emailed AB 19/05/2025 | | | |
| **6.17.** | Q2 meeting agenda distributed – Emailed AB 27/05/2025 | | | |
| **6.18.** | Modification 3 (LW S7A) approved – Emailed AB 29/05/2025 | | | |
| **6.19.** | AD attending Q2 meeting for WSC – Emailed AD 02/06/2025 | | | |
| **6.20.** | Subsidence Advisory NSW approved procedures distributed – Emailed AB 03/06/2025 | | | |
| **7. Committee Members Reports** | | | | |

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| **7.1.** | **Col Mitchell** – no issues raised but commented there is community concern around what it is happening with Tahmoor Mine. | NOTE | | 05/06/25 |
| **7.2.** | **Bob Clayton** – no update but commented some people have asked what it is happening with Tahmoor Mine. | NOTE | | 05/06/25 |
| **7.3.** | **Nicole Pearce** asked the following questions:<br>• In relation to the Modification 3 approval for Longwall S7A and the current delays with mining operations, how long will this push out the completion of all longwalls in Tahmoor South? ZA advised the Tahmoor South Conditions of Consent only permit mining until 31 December 2033. NP asked will that date extend with the current closure of the mine? ZA confirmed the consent date cannot extend unless Tahmoor Coal applied to the Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure (DPHI) in the future for approval.<br>• Are there any future consent modification approvals planned? ZA advised not at this stage.<br>• Are workers getting assistance and emotional support from the company? ZA advised Tahmoor Coal has an Employee Assistance Program (EAP) that is open for all workers, employees and their families to utilise.<br>• How many workers remain onsite working? PV advised it depends on what our needs are but enough are coming in to keep the mine site safe and compliant each day. | NOTE | | 05/06/25 |
| **7.4.** | **Karen Moss** asked the following questions:<br>• As SIMEC owe a lot money, do you pay interest to council for overdue rates or is there a special exemption in place? PV confirmed the same rules apply to Tahmoor Coal as they do everyone else.<br>• As SIMEC owes money for royalties and have sold the coal, do you pay interest on the unpaid royalties to NSW government? PV advised these are sensitive commercial related matters between the business and state government and are not appropriate for discussion with the general public. | NOTE | | 05/06/25 |
| **7.5.** | **Wayne Southwell –** no update or issues raised, just seeking to understand what is going on. | NOTE | | 05/06/25 |
| **7.6.** | **Ally Dench** – The Wollondilly Shire Council Community Strategic Plan consultation has been completed and a report is expected in June. Council will be looking to adopt the Community Strategic Plan which will set the delivery program for the next four years. | NOTE | | 05/06/25 |
| **7.7.** | **David Henry**<br>• Last month council adopted the Sustainability Strategy with aim to be Net Zero by 2050.<br>• DH thanked Tahmoor Coal for the Modification 3 approval notification and advised that council is keen to stay across the mitigation measures for emissions which have featured in some media articles recently. | NOTE | | 05/06/25 |
| **8.** | **Mining Operations Update** – Mine Update (presented by Peter Vale) | | | |
| **8.1.** | **Mine Update:**<br>• Since the last meeting in March, not much has progressed. We have continued with reduced operations in parts of the mine since early December 2024.<br>• In February 2025, the workforce was advised that no further work was possible, and they were to remain at home on standby, on full pay which is still the case. There is no weekly bonus or overtime for workers, but they are still paid shift allowances.<br>• The information we have received from the broader business since February is that the funding is very close. Part of the delay is that the funding they were originally seeking from a third-party supplier came with conditions that were unable to be met.<br>• The business is now chasing funding in a different manner by selling assets in other countries to try to fund the restart of Tahmoor Mine. | NOTE | | 05/06/25 |

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| | • It is likely that the funding we receive from the sale of the business assets will be insufficient for full resumption of operations so we will be looking at a partial resumption as they chase further funding.<br>• GFG is in consultation with NSW government about royalties and other outstanding dues and we remain in consultation with all our creditors.<br>• Appin Colliery has been employing over the last couple of months and some of our employees are taking up these opportunities due to the uncertainty with Tahmoor. The longer we remain on standby, the more challenging a restart becomes with reduced workforce numbers.<br>• We continue to keep the underground environment compliant and safe with a small number of workers coming in every shift 24 hours a day.<br>• A few weeks ago, we brought the entire workforce in for a BBQ and to remind everyone about the Employee Assistance Programs we run. We understand this is very stressful and difficult time and hope it will be resolved soon.<br>▪ WS asked will operations commence with the longwall or development when things resume? PV responded that it will likely be the longwall initially.<br>▪ WS asked is there any coal left to train to the port? PV advised the last of coal was trained to the port last week and there is nothing left.<br>▪ BC asked at what point does Tahmoor Coal run out of money and can no longer pay workers to remain at home on full pay and keep the operation going? PV advised we are getting support from the greater GFG business which is what is keeping us going. GFG is a large corporation and has parts of the business operating successfully.<br>▪ MM asked with all the tariff and trade matters globally, is that likely to add another level of complexity that will make it harder or is the coal market and business isolated from that? PV responded that it is somewhat isolated to a degree, but these global matters will have some effect, whether positive or negative on the price of coal. In the end, coal price drives our profitability. Coal price is holding around $190 USD per tonne.<br>▪ WS asked is there a set time before you lose your licence to mine? PV responded, no the mining leases remain in place and extension renewals can be lodged as needed.<br>▪ NP asked has there been any interest for someone else to buy the mine? PV responded that at a point in time earlier in the year it was announced Tahmoor Mine was for sale and there was a lot of interest. Those parties have remained interested, despite the fact the business withdraw the sale option following the South Australian steelworks business going into administration. NP further asked has GM-3 expressed any interest in purchasing the mine? PV advised he is unable to disclose information about potential interested parties but there has been genuine interest from both Australian and overseas companies.<br>**8.2. Tahmoor South Mine Plan (no change from March 2025 meeting):**<br>• Longwall S4A – 80% of longwall equipment installed.<br>• Maingate for Longwall S5A (MG5A panel) (first workings, no subsidence).<br>• Ventilation roadways – to reduce ventilation pressure and facilitate removal of shaft (first workings, no subsidence).<br>• South 2 Mains to progress towards "B" series longwall blocks (first workings, no subsidence).<br>• Main roadway progression towards Maingate for Longwall S6A (MG6A panel) (first workings, no subsidence). | NOTE | | 05/06/25 |
| **9. Tahmoor South** (presented by Amanda Bateman) | | | | |

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| **9.1. Modification 3 (Longwall South 7A) approved**<br>• Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure (DPHI) approved Mod 3 on 26 May 2025.<br>• Additional longwall panel (LW S7A) will be extracted after A series longwalls (mid-2027).<br>• Updated conditions of consent on website.<br>• Consent permits mining until 31 December 2033.<br>  ○ AD asked what did the modification entail or just the additional one longwall? ZA confirmed just the one additional longwall S7A which will take around 9 months.<br>  ○ DH asked will there be an update of the existing management plans? ZA confirmed all management plans will be updated factoring in the longwall S7A.<br>  ○ MM asked did the study area stop after S7A due to the proximity to Picton Weir? PV responded that there is large geological fault that runs near Bargo River in this area which was the main factor.<br>  ○ NP asked is there something for Sydney Water on Remembrance Drive near Wellers Road bridge as there are always workers there? ZA responded they are doing mitigation works for the town water pipeline in preparation for future subsidence.<br>**9.2. Longwall South 4A update**<br>• Aiming to commence mining in late July 2025.<br>• Subsidence monitoring upon commencement of S4A:<br>  ○ Charlies Point Road<br>  ○ Great Southern Road<br>  ○ Remembrance Driveway<br>  ○ Yarran Road<br>  ○ Bargo Cemetery<br>  ○ Main Southern Railway<br>  ▪ DH asked is Remembrance Driveway a state-owned road? AB advised its council owned.<br>  ▪ MM asked if subsidence monitoring is continuing at present? AB confirmed monthly railway surveys are still being conducted and reported to the regulator. Street surveys ceased 3 months after the longwall was completed which is standard practice but will recommence with S4A.<br>  ▪ NP raised that a new cemetery is planned for the vacant land opposite Wirrimbirra, are they allowed to progress that when there are restrictions on residents building and renovating their properties whilst in the subsidence area? AB advised that Subsidence Advisory NSW should be contacted for further information. They are the approving agency for all development in the mine subsidence district. Tahmoor Coal has no authority for development approvals. This sits solely with Subsidence Advisory NSW and council. At times we may be asked to provide the expected timing of mining and predicted subsidence, but that is our only input. To date, no contact has been made with us regarding this property.<br>  ▪ KM asked is Norma Close in Bargo going to experience any subsidence? AB responded no, it is located outside of the 20mm predicted subsidence zone for all longwalls. | NOTE | | 05/06/25 |
| **10. Environment Update** (presented by Natalie Brumby) | | | | |
| **10.1. Water – License Discharge Point 1**<br>• No exceedances for the last quarter. All levels are under our Environment Protection Licence (EPL) threshold and are often meeting the ANZECC Guidelines.<br>• The Environment Protection Authority (EPA) limits following the commissioning of the Water Treatment Plant are yet to be set. | NOTE | | 05/06/25 |

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| | ○ NP asked if the environmental monitoring still required even when the mine is not operating? NB responded yes, it is a requirement that we continue all environmental monitoring regardless of operations.<br>**10.2. Environmental Performance**<br>• No environmental incidents in the last quarter.<br>• All dust monitoring within EPA assessment criteria limits.<br>• Water Treatment Plant (WTP):<br>▪ Maintaining operations during financial constraints.<br>▪ Commissioning ongoing and fine-tuning processes. Achieving excellent water quality results.<br>▪ Finalisation of the contract continuing, this does not affect water quality results.<br>○ MM asked when the contract is finalised, is the intention for Tahmoor to run the WTP or have a contractor maintain it? PV confirmed we will have a contractor manage the WTP operation. | | | |
| **11. Myrtle and Redbank Creek Remediation Plan Update** (presented by Amanda Bateman) | | | | |
| **11.1. Creek Remediation Works Overview:**<br>• Myrtle Creek remediation schedule completed in August 2022.<br>• Redbank Creek schedule completed in November 2024.<br>• Both creeks are in monitoring phase post completion of the remediation works - monitoring includes surface water level, groundwater levels and aquatic ecology.<br>• Autumn aquatic ecology survey planned in June 2025.<br>• Progress reports to the NSW Resources Regulator are submitted bi-annually following completion of Myrtle and Redbank Creek CMAP. | | NOTE | | 05/06/25 |
| **12. Community Update** (Presented by Amanda Bateman) | | | | |
| **12.1. Community – Tahmoor South Newsletters**<br>• Tahmoor South Newsletters for March and May issued to residents and available on Tahmoor Colliery website.<br>**12.2. Community Investment Program and events:**<br>• Tharawal Local Aboriginal Land Council - $2,000 donation for the NAIDOC Family Fun Day to be held in July 2025.<br>**12.3. Community Complaints**<br>• No complaints received last quarter. | | NOTE | | 05/06/25 |
| **13. Subsidence claims update** (Presented by Amanda Bateman) | | | | |
| **13.1. Residential Claim Status**<br>• 6 Tahmoor South claims (5 on hold pending active subsidence)<br>• 1 Western Domain claim<br>• 1 Tahmoor North LW 32 claim<br>• 1 claim finalised in the last quarter | | NOTE | | 05/06/25 |

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| Total number of open claims | 8 |
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| Preliminary assessment | 0 |
| Claims on hold (active subsidence) | 5 |
| Under investigation | 1 |
| Determination issued | 1 |
| Review requested | 1 |
| Land & Environment Court Appeal (L&EC) | 0 |

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| **14. TCCCC Finance** (Presented by Amanda Bateman) | | | | |
| **14.1.** The TCCCC bank balance is currently $33,786.66 statement end 31 March 2025. | | NOTE | | 05/06/25 |
| **15. General Business** | | | | |
| **15.1.** Request for Subsidence Advisory NSW to attend September Q3 meeting to explain the changes to the claims compensation Approved Procedures being implemented in July 2025. | | | | |
| • Committee members voted to extend an invitation to Subsidence Advisory NSW to attend the next meeting. | | | | |
| • ***Action MM to email Subsidence Advisory NSW requesting their attendance at the next meeting.*** | | **MM** | **13/06/25** | |
| • NP asked is Subsidence Advisory going to do anything for the community or hold a public information day to explain the new process? AB advised to contact Subsidence Advisory directly to request what the community rollout plan will be. If the community is seeking a public information day, it is best for everyone to advocate for this directly. | | NOTE | | 05/06/25 |
| • ***Action MM to write to local MP Judy Hannan and Wollondilly Shire Council seeking their assistance for Subsidence Advisory NSW to hold a public information day about the new claims process.*** | | **MM** | **13/06/25** | |
| **15.2.** BC asked if Tahmoor Mine is still accepting community grant applications. PV advised we are doing our best to continue supporting our longstanding partnerships where we have yearly commitments. New requests are still being considered but generally remain on hold until there is a way forward for Tahmoor. | | | | |

| Meeting Closed | *6.20 pm* | Next Meeting | *Thursday 4 September 2025* | Time | *5:30pm* | Location | *Tahmoor Coal Mine* |
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