Tahmoor Colliery Community Consultative Committee
Minutes of Meeting
Thursday 4 June 2026

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

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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		04/06/26
1.2.	Michael welcomed Jason Pietzner, Director from McGrathNicol to provide an update on the liquidation process. All committee members introduced themselves.			
2. Apologies				
2.1.	As per list above.	NOTE		04/06/26
3. McGrathNicol Liquidation Update (presented by Jason Pietzner)				
3.1.	McGrathNicol were approached by Coal Mines Insurance (CMI) as part of the Tahmoor Coal winding up court hearing process in August 2025.	NOTE		04/06/26
3.2.	On 6 March 2026, NSW Supreme Court appointed McGrathNicol as liquidators of Tahmoor Coal to wind up the company and sell the assets.			
3.3.	McGrathNicol arranged limited third-party funding to put the mine into care and maintenance (approximately 13 weeks funding). This allowed for 90 critical roles to remain to keep the mine safe and compliant during the sale process.			
3.4.	Due to the limited funding, McGrathNicol made the difficult decision to issue a large number of redundancies (238), with a portion opting to take unpaid leave rather than a redundancy. Since then, 15 employees on unpaid leave have returned to commence an early works program in preparation for restart. A number of others on unpaid leave have found work elsewhere and decided to take a redundancy.			
3.5.	JP provided a breakdown of the secured creditor debts which will require payment from the sale process for securities to be released. • CM asked how the Wollondilly Shire Council rates debt will be dealt with. JP advised the council rates debt will come out of the sale proceeds as a priority along with the NSW government royalties and land taxes.			
3.6.	McGrathNicol holds a standing weekly meeting with NSW government agencies (Mining, Treasury, EPA, Sydney Water) to provide updates on the sale progress and raise any operational issues.			
3.7.	McGrathNicol are currently engaged in ongoing legal proceedings and related investigations in connection with secured claims by Clydesdale Exploration Limited (CEL) (a GFG business in the UK). CEL have released their security over Tahmoor to permit the sale to proceed and any claims will be the subject of the ongoing legal proceedings in due course.			
3.8.	McGrathNicol commenced a staged sale process for the business and assets shortly after appointment. The process included broad market outreach and an advertising campaign. Stage 1 included receipt of non-binding indicative offers which occurred from March to April. Selected parties were then invited to proceed Stage 2 including due diligence, site visits and confirmed offers. Five parties submitted confirmed offers, with binding offers and terms and conditions due this week.			
3.9.	The selected bidder will be required to undertake regulatory approvals, and either Foreign Investment Review Board (FIRB) approvals or Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (ACCC) approvals pending if they are foreign based or Australian based.			
3.10.	The aim is to have contracts executed by mid-June and essentially finalise the sale process by 31 August 2026 pending the regulatory approvals processes.			
3.11.	No further questions were asked by committee members. MM thanked JP for his time and detailed update of the liquidation process.			
4. Confirmation of Minutes of Previous Meeting				
4.1.	Minutes from Q1 meeting on 5 March 2026 were accepted. Note: Q1 minutes added to the Tahmoor Colliery website.	NOTE		04/06/26

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5. Business Arising from Previous Minutes				
5.1.	*AB to arrange washery tour when operations resume.*	OPEN		
5.2.	*AB to arrange payment of 2025 and 2026 annual committee fund payment.*	OPEN		
5.3.	*AB to contact NAB and discuss account fees.*	OPEN		
5.4.	***Completed & closed*** *– NB to arrange REA access for Bargo RFS as B10 lock has been removed.*	CLOSED		
5.5.	***Completed & closed 04/06/2026*** *- MM, CM & AB to attend NAB Tahmoor Branch on 4 June 2026 to update account signatories.*	CLOSED		04/06/26
5.6.	***Completed & closed 06/03/2026*** *- AB to provide an update to the committee following the wind-up hearing court determination.*	CLOSED		
5.7.	***Completed & closed 23/03/2026*** *- MM to send letter of appreciation to Zina Ainsworth following her retirement.*	CLOSED		
6. Correspondence - update as per the agenda				
6.1.	Court determination – liquidators appointed update – Emailed AB 6/03/2026	NOTE		04/06/26
6.2.	Chair Q1 invoice submitted – Emailed MM 12/03/2026			
6.3.	Tahmoor Coal redundancy update – Emailed AB 13/03/2026			
6.4.	Underground tour photos – Emailed AB 16/03/2026			
6.5.	Draft Q1 meeting minutes sent to Chair for review – AB emailed 19/03/2026			
6.6.	Change of email address for all Tahmoor staff – AB emailed 19/03/2026			
6.7.	Q1 meeting minutes reviewed by Chair – Emailed MM 19/03/2026			
6.8.	Q1 meeting minutes distributed to committee – Emailed AB 20/03/2026			
6.9.	2025 Annual Report and ToR submitted to Dept of Planning – Emailed MM 23/03/2026			
6.10.	Letter of appreciation sent to Zina Ainsworth – Emailed MM 23/03/2026			
6.11.	Thank you response received from Zina Ainsworth – Emailed ZA 23/03/2026			
6.12.	Tahmoor South Newsletter April 2026 – Emailed AB 13/04/2026			
6.13.	Q2 meeting invitation distributed – Emailed AB 15/05/2026			
6.14.	Q2 meeting apology from Robert Faddy-Vrouwe – Emailed RFV 15/05/2026			
6.15.	Q2 meeting apology from Bob Clayton – Phoned BC 27/05/2026			
6.16.	Q2 agenda distributed to committee – Emailed AB 27/05/2026			
6.17.	Q2 meeting apology from Kate Overall – Emailed KO 03/06/2026			
7. Committee Members Reports				
7.1.	**James Johnson** – no updates.	NOTE		04/06/26
7.2.	**Col Mitchell** – no updates, but asked if it's known how many employees are working for other mines? PV advised there are 105 currently working at Tahmoor plus 45 employees on unpaid leave. We recently did a survey of the employees who took a redundancy and 80% confirmed they would return to Tahmoor when it restarts. A number of employees were around retirement age and advised they won't return. Some picked up work at Appin, but majority are currently travelling a long way out of the district and are keen to come back. We are reasonably confident we will regain the workforce required to get the mine restarted.	NOTE		04/06/26
7.3.	MM asked if employees took a redundancy, can they return without forfeiting their redundancy? PV advised because Tahmoor Coal is being wound up through a court appointed liquidation process, the business will cease to exist. This makes the redundancies genuine and workers would be employed by a new entity not Tahmoor Coal.			
7.4.	CM asked about the current coal price. PV advised it's sitting around $240 USD/T.			
7.5.	**Wayne Southwell** – there is concern from Bargo residents whether the mine is going to reopen. If so, will damage to properties still occur? But if the mine doesn't reopen, what will happen to the community as far as growth is concerned? It seems it's a catch 22 scenario. AB acknowledged the concerns raised and confirmed it is the intent of the liquidators to finalise a sale of the mine imminently with the intent of the new owner to restart operations as soon as possible. When longwall mining recommences, some subsidence impacts may be experienced	NOTE		04/06/26

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	and the legislative claims process with Subsidence Advisory NSW is there to assist homeowners.			
7.6.	**Karen Moss** – asked if the wildlife is still getting water from the trough in the Wirrimbirra bushland? AB confirmed the water trough is still being maintained. This was set up as a mitigation measure prior to mining commencing in case there was any water loss impacts in Teatree Hollow Creek.			
7.7.	KM asked with the mining delays, has any extension been granted to the subsidence timeline? AB advised at present the consent permits mining until 31 December 2033. Noting the 18-month delay, which will likely be closer to two years by the time we are in a position to restart, we will likely need to apply for an extension from the Department of Planning. KM asked if the community is notified of extensions? AB confirmed the committee is advised of any modifications to the consent and this is also communicated to any impacted residents.	NOTE		04/06/26
7.8.	**Paul Rogers** – a lot of uncertainty filtering in the community about whether the mine will restart. It's a viable operation and appears a sale outcome should be achieved.	NOTE		04/06/26
8.	**Mining Operations Update** (presented by Peter Vale)			
	• The day after the Q1 committee meeting in March, Tahmoor Coal was placed into liquidation as a result of the Coal Mines Insurance Winding Up application in the NSW Supreme Court. • McGrathNicol were appointed as liquidators, with minimal funding. • In the week following the decision, the workforce was reduced to 90 to keep the mine safe and compliant, and officially placed into "Care and Maintenance". • McGrathNicol are funding the care and maintenance activities through third party funding and running a process to sell the assets of the mine (Tahmoor Coal Pty Ltd is being wound up). • Management focus has been on maintaining the mine in a safe and compliant state, building a restart plan aligned with the sale timing, and assisting McGrathNicol with the sale process. • Each of the bidders has come to the mine to conduct a site visit and the management team have presented the restart plan to provide on overview of what we believe is required to get it going and operating into the future. ◦ WS asked do you know who the proposed bidders are? PV confirmed all the bidders have come to site, so we understand who the interested parties are. • PV showed the committee future mining plan concepts within the Bargo mining lease area that have been presented to bidders which demonstrates there is still plenty of opportunity for expansion.	NOTE		04/06/26
9.	**Environment Update** (presented by Natalie Brumby)			
9.1.	**Water – License Discharge Point 1** • No exceedances for the last quarter. All levels are under our Environment Protection Licence (EPL) threshold and are often meeting the ANZECC Guidelines.			

9.2.	**Environmental Performance**
	• One (1) non-compliance reported in the last quarter for lack of Spring 2025 bi-annual aquatic ecology monitoring due to funding constraints. Resources Regulator issued an Official Caution to Tahmoor Colliery. Autumn 2026 bi-annual aquatic ecology monitoring has been conducted.
	• All dust monitoring within EPA assessment criteria limits.
	• Water Treatment Plant (WTP):
	  ▪ Due to operating costs and limited funding available to McGrathNicol liquidators, the WTP will be shut down for preventative measures from late June/early July until a new owner commences.
	  ▪ The EPA has been notified of the planned plant shutdown.
	  ▪ The current Environment Protection Licence (EPL) limits remain in place.
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	▪ Replacement works are required on the brine line due to scale build up, preventing maximum treatment of mine water.			
10. Myrtle and Redbank Creek Remediation Plan Update (presented by Amanda Bateman)				
10.1. Creek Remediation Works Overview: • Myrtle Creek and Redbank Creek remain in monitoring phase (surface water, groundwater and aquatic ecology) post completion of the remediation works for at least 24 months. • Remediation Progress and Monitoring Report is submitted to the NSW Resources Regulator on a six-monthly basis. (Review of reporting requirement in January 2027).		NOTE		04/06/26
11. Community Update (Presented by Amanda Bateman)				
11.1. Community – Tahmoor South Newsletter • Tahmoor South April newsletter issued to residents and available on Tahmoor Colliery website. June/July newsletter to be issued when new owner announcement is made. **11.2. Community Complaints** • No complaints received last quarter.		NOTE		04/06/26
12. Subsidence claims update (Presented by Amanda Bateman)				
12.1. Residential Claim Status • 8 Tahmoor South claims (7 on hold pending active subsidence) • 1 Tahmoor North LW 32 claim		NOTE		04/06/26

Total number of open claims	9
Preliminary assessment	0
Claims on hold (active subsidence)	7
Under investigation	0
Determination issued	2
Review requested	0
Land & Environment Court Appeal (L&EC)	0

13. TCCCC Finance (Presented by Amanda Bateman)							
13.1. The TCCCC bank balance is currently $33,666.66 statement end 31 March 2026.						NOTE	04/06/26
14. General Business							
14.1. Nil						NOTE	04/06/26
Meeting Closed	***7.00 pm***	**Next Meeting**	***Thursday 3 September 2026***	**Time**	***5:30pm***	**Location**	***Tahmoor Coal Mine***