Tahmoor Colliery Community Consultative Committee
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Name	Role
Attendees	
Michael Muston (MM)	Independent Chairperson
James Johnson (JJ)	Community Representative
Nicole Pearce (NP)	Community Representative
Col Mitchell (CM)	Community Representative
Karen Moss (KM)	Community Representative
Ibrahim Muharrem (IM)	Wollondilly Shire Council Representative
Peter Vale (PV)	Tahmoor Coal Representative
Amanda Bateman (AB)	Tahmoor Coal Representative (minute taker)
Zina Ainsworth (ZA)	Tahmoor Coal Representative
Tom O'Brien (TO)	Tahmoor Coal Representative
Tam Robertson (TR)	Tahmoor Coal Representative (minute taker)
Georgia Mellick (GM)	Subsidence Advisory NSW (online)
Rhea Stevenson (RS)	Subsidence Advisory NSW (online)
Apologies	
Paul Rogers (PR)	Wollondilly Shire Councillor
Bob Clayton (BC)	Community Representative
Wayne Southwell (WS)	Community Representative
Robert Faddy-Vrouwe (RFV)	Resources Regulator
Greg Kininmonth (GK)	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		05/09/24
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		05/09/24
2.2.	NP is part of the Dharawal Elders Circle.			
3. Apologies				
3.1.	As per list above.	NOTE		05/09/24
4. Coal Mine Subsidence Compensation Amendment Bill 2024 presentation (Subsidence Advisory)				
4.1.	Georgia Mellick, Principal Manager Strategy & Policy and Rhea Stevenson, Senior Advisor Community & Stakeholder Engagement from Subsidence Advisory NSW introduced themselves.			
4.2.	ZA asked can the committee receive a copy of the presentation slides. GM advised they would consider this, but most of the information is publicly available, and we can send some links after the meeting. ***GM to send email with information and links following presentation.***	**GM**	**06/09/24**	05/09/24
4.3.	The presentation covered the following key items: • An overview of Subsidence Advisory NSW and their functions and legislation. • Information to address the committee's pre-submitted questions. • Encourage feedback on the upcoming consultation on the approved procedures.			
4.4.	Subsidence Advisory NSW is the government agency responsible for supporting property owners living in areas where subsidence from underground coal mining may occur. The agency sits within the Department of Customer Service. The core functions are to manage all compensation claims for mine subsidence damage to support property owners throughout the process.			
4.5.	Subsidence Advisory regulate development in mine subsidence districts across NSW to help protect homes and buildings from potential mine subsidence damage.			
4.6.	They operate a 24-hour emergency hotline for members of the public to report subsidence safety issues.			
4.7.	Some questions were submitted on compensation being provided for different building sizes, where people could find the legislation or if there is a step-by-step guide that could be made available. GM advised the following: • Most of this information is available on the Subsidence Advisory website and there are step-by-step guides for property owners to know how to lodge a claim or lodge a building application. • There is a team of customer service officers and an office phone line available from 8.30am to 4.30pm Monday to Friday to assist with any questions or concerns. • The Coal Mine Subsidence Compensation (CMSC) legislation is publicly available online. • Compensation is based on the like-for-like principle and monetary compensation is based on the value to restore a property to its condition prior to subsidence impacts. This is currently outlined in the approved procedures on the website.	NOTE		05/09/24
4.8.	Subsidence Advisory are not responsible for mining approval or regulation in NSW. • Mining approval sits within Department of Planning, Housing & Infrastructure (DPHI). • Land use maps and exploration sits within Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development. • Safety and compliance sit with the NSW Resources Regulator.			

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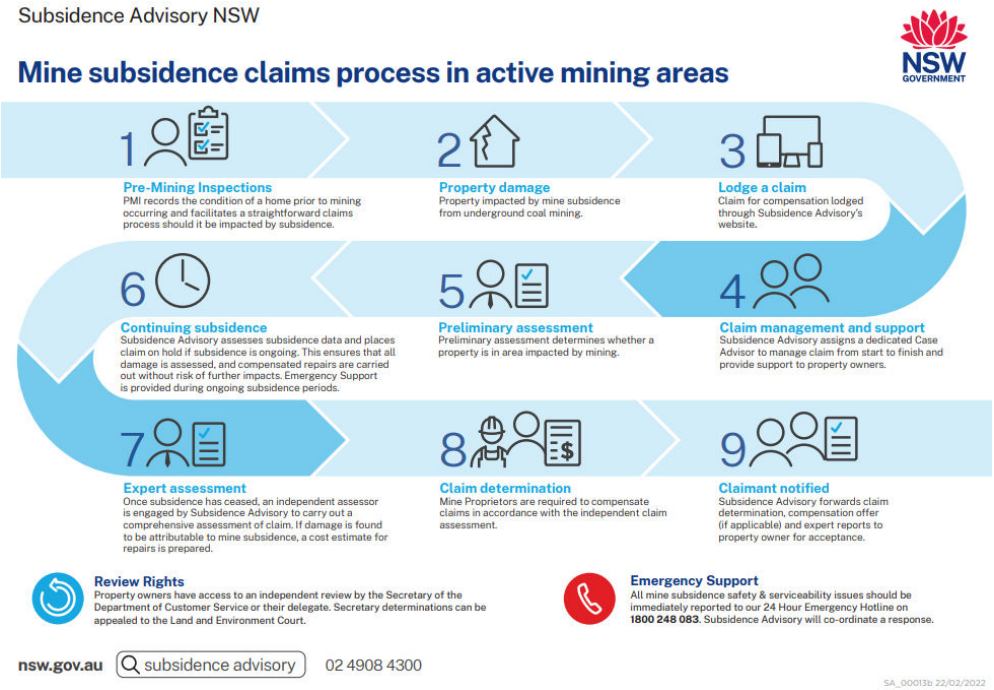
- Environment Protection Licences sit with the Environment Protection Authority (EPA).
- Health impacts sit with NSW Health.

4.9. Some questions were submitted about waterway rehabilitation, potential damage considered by the Independent Planning Commission (IPC) and drop in slopes. These questions should be directed to the NSW Resources Regulator or DPHI.

4.10. Subsidence Advisory carry out letterbox flyer drops to make residents aware of the compensation process once mining approvals are in place.

4.11. Active coal mining areas are areas where registered collieries have current underground mining leases or authorisation for coal mining underground. Tahmoor Coal's operations are considered an active mining area.

4.12. Infographic provided to clarify the steps in the current claims process, which is available on the website. These processes may slightly change with the upcoming review of the approved procedures.



4.13. There was a question submitted about a former ICAC inquiry and the former Mine Subsidence Board.

- The Act was first introduced in 1928 then updated in 1961 to expand its functions.
- In 2016 there was an ICAC inquiry and the previous Mine Subsidence Board and the 1961 Act were reviewed.
- The recommendations of the ICAC inquiry were then implemented.
- One recommendation was the establishment of Subsidence Advisory NSW.
- This also led to the *Coal Mine Subsidence Compensation Act 2017* (CMSC Act) which took effect on 1 January 2018.
- It is common in NSW for new legislation to be reviewed five years after its ascent. That forms the basis of the recent review to determine if the policy objectives of the Act remain valid.
- From 2022 to 2023, a statutory review of the Act was conducted as per section 59 of the Act. Public consultation ran for nine weeks to January 2023. Feedback review recommendations were developed, and this informed a statutory review report.
- Public consultation on the amendment bill ran from March to April 2024.
- The amendment bill was passed in parliament on 8 August 2024.

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	4.14. Public consultation on the approved procedures for mine subsidence claims will be open from **19 September to 17 October 2024** on the Have Your Say website.
	• The approved procedures deal with all stages of the compensation claims process under the legislation.
	• Key stages of the claims process that are included in the approved procedures are:
	  ○ conducting pre-mining inspections in active mining areas
	  ○ claim lodgement requirements and process
	  ○ assessment of damage
	  ○ compensating for claims damage.
	• Subsidence Advisory encourage everyone to submit their feedback during the consultation process.
	• ZA asked what the public consultation process is, is it online or face to face. GM advised the public consultation is done via the Have Your Say website where members of the public can provide a written submission or complete a survey online. The approved procedures and new documents and factsheets will be available online to read.
	• NP asked is there any way elderly residents can complete a submission or survey offline. GM advised that written submissions can be accepted via email or posted to the Subsidence Advisory office.
	4.15. GM ran through the amendment bill key changes including:
	• Provision to residential tenants for accommodation and relocation expenses arising from subsidence damage. This is not a common situation and this recommendation was mainly brought in specific to historical coal mining areas where shallow mining has occurred.
	  ○ A question was submitted if an emergency or safety direction is issued to a coal mine to remediate a safety concern and the owner refuses access to the coal mine, will Subsidence Advisory carry out the safety repairs. GM advised that Subsidence Advisory typically instruct the coal mine company to carry out safety repairs, however they do oversee this process.
	• New provision under section 27 will provide Subsidence Advisory the power to make payment from the fund to public authorities to repair infrastructure.
	• Increased penalties in line with CPI for existing offences in the Act. The Act provides Subsidence Advisory with enforcement tools to effectively oversee and enforce compliance with the legislation.
	• NP asked for commercial leases and businesses, are they also covered like tenants for relocation costs. GM advised that compensation under the Act is limited to damage to structures, so business loss is not dealt with under this legislation. But any tenant or owner of any type of property that needs to relocate due to subsidence damage is covered under this legislation.
	4.16. GM ran through the key changes to the approved procedures:
	• The approved procedures have been separated into two documents, Claims in Active Mining Areas and Claims in Non-active Mining Areas to simplify each process.
	• There will be a non-digital claim lodgement option. Previously all claims had to be lodged online via the website which caused some accessibility issues.
	• A no cost additional review process will allow reconsideration of a claim assessment outcome. The Secretary Review option remains unchanged.
	• Roles and responsibilities of Subsidence Advisory and mining companies will be clarified.
	• Mandatory Pre-Mining Inspections (PMI) will be required in active mining areas to ensure that properties are fairly compensated.
	• Mandatory PMI zones will be set by Subsidence Advisory where underground coal mining is expected to occur.
	• Subsidence Advisory will manage the PMI process, arrange the inspections and recover costs from the relevant mining company. Subsidence Advisory many engage independent
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	contractors to complete PMIs. The PMI template will be available for review during the public consultation period. PMI Reports will be provided to property owners. • Subsidence Advisory will be establishing a comprehensive PMI notification and engagement process to ensure residents are effectively notified of PMI requirements. o A question was submitted about if the PMI would identify if any infrastructure requires strengthening or mitigation work prior to subsidence. GM advised no, the PMI is simply to record the condition of a property prior to mining. Mining companies may have other safety inspections they need to carry out as part of their consent conditions. o A question was submitted about will there be any penalty fines if homeowners refuse a PMI. GM advised no, but it may impact eligibility to claim for mine subsidence damage. o NP asked what happens if a property sustains damage that is outside of the PMI mandatory zone. GM advised that anyone in NSW can lodge a claim regardless if they are in a mine subsidence district or mandatory PMI zone. It would just be a slightly different claim assessment process as there wouldn't be a PMI to reference. o If there are residents who wish to have a PMI completed and are not located in the mandatory PMI zone, they can lodge an enquiry and it will be considered based on their location to underground mining areas. o IM asked do PMIs extend to public assets like roads. GM advised no, they are limited to residential properties. IM asked what the process is to cover public assets. AB advised that mine operators are required to develop specific management plans for public assets and commercial properties as part of the extraction approvals. This includes engineering assessments and geotechnical assessments with the development of the management plans. • A question was submitted around if builder's quotes can be submitted for compensation. GM advised that owners can seek quotes and submit them, but they will not be considered for the claim assessment. There is the no cost claim review that may deal with quotations. • A question was submitted if a house is destroyed from subsidence, who purchases the property. Under the new legislation, Subsidence Advisory may direct a mining company to purchase property where there are extenuating circumstances such as ill health or extensive property damage. Subsidence Advisory may also purchase the property directly and recover the costs from a mining company. Note, this is not a common situation that occurs. • Some questions were submitted around mining companies reviewing claim reports and non-disclosure agreements. o GM advised the review of claim reports is dealt with in the approved procedures. o Subsidence Advisory determines all claims and will issue the Deed of Release. o There is a requirement to disclose claim details to prospective purchasers. o There is a legal provision in the current approved procedures and this will also be reflected in the updated version which is allocated for owners to seek legal advice. o NP asked does the damage get noted on the property title that there was a claim. GM advised no it doesn't and it's not something that Subsidence Advisory is able to do. o GM advised that property owners and potential purchasers can submit inquiries to Subsidence Advisory at no cost to find out if there are any accepted claims on a property. o CM raised concerns with the buyer beware approach to claims on properties and what alerts newcomers to the area that this is a mine subsidence district. GM commented that the NSW Planning Portal is publicly available to search any property in NSW and find out if its located in a mine subsidence district and what	NOTE		05/09/24

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	Surface Development Guidelines apply to the property and that would provide information on the type of subsidence risk. ○ NP asked does Subsidence Advisory pay cash to the homeowners or pay for the repairs. GM advised monetary compensation is provided to homeowners. ○ MM asked is there anything in the Deed of Release that requires the property owner to carry out the work that they have received compensation for. GM advised that if the owner does not carry out the work, they need to disclose that to future purchasers. ○ If there are any concerns around this process, Subsidence Advisory encourage submissions during the public consultation period. • Another change in the legislation will require mining companies to provide information to Subsidence Advisory. This would include identification of properties located in the subsidence impact zone, impact timeframes and survey data. This will be critical in informing the PMI process. • The legislative changes will come into effect on proclamation and a date for that will be set in the coming months. • Following public consultation feedback, a consultation paper and the final approved procedures will be published on the Subsidence Advisory website. It is expected that the proclamation date and approved procedures will commence at the same time, likely early next year. • Once mandatory PMI zones are set, property owners requiring PMIs will be notified. • NP asked what percentage of claims are lodged and what is the percentage that are accepted. GM advised she didn't have this information for the meeting but suggested to send an email to Subsidence Advisory to seek this information. • NP asked will Subsidence Advisory be providing a leaflet to all residents, so they know there is a consultation process happening. GM advised a factsheet and infographic will be available on the Have Your Say website for everyone to review but there are no plans for a letterbox drop at the moment. There will be some public notices in newspapers and on social media. • MM asked is it possible for Tahmoor to put something in the next community newsletter. AB advised we will include some information in the September edition to inform the local community of the public consultation period. • ZA asked Subsidence Advisory could it be considered to do a letterbox drop as it is a very important topic for the local community and not a lot of people read the newspaper these days. GM advised it isn't routine practice that is undertaken for consultation, but we will consider it. • NP asked is Subsidence Advisory still accepting claims and do they go under the old system or the new system. GM advised that claims can still be lodged any time and they will be processed under the current legislation and approved procedures until the proclamation date of the new legislation and approved procedures. **4.17.** MM thanked GM and RS for their presentation and encouraged the committee to submit any further questions to Subsidence Advisory. **4.18.** The committee had an open discussion about monetary compensation to settle claims and the duty to disclose to purchasers. MM asked the committee if they would like to do a collective submission or individual submissions. CM suggested the committee utilises some of the funds available and engage a solicitor to investigate what can be done to put accepted claims on the property title. NP suggested contacting Steve Baker who has experience with the mine subsidence legislation. ***MM to contact Steve Baker to discuss assisting with a committee submission to address the buyer beware issues with the claim settlement process.***	NOTE **MM**	 **13/09/24**	05/09/24 05/09/24
5. Confirmation of Minutes of Previous Meeting				
5.1.	Minutes from Q2 meeting on 6 June 2024 were accepted.	NOTE		05/09/24

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	Note: Q2 minutes added to the Tahmoor Colliery website.			
6.	**Business Arising from Previous Minutes**			
6.1.	AB to arrange an underground tour for committee members – to be scheduled in 2025.	OPEN		
6.2.	Outstanding declaration of interests and code of conduct forms to be completed by PR.	OPEN		
6.3.	AB to coordinate an inspection for the Dharawal Aboriginal Elders to visit the heritage rock shelter (Teatree Hollow 2013.1) ***Closed, NP to arrange with AB if required.***	CLOSED		
6.4.	NP to provide AB with the contact details of the Aboriginal Elder who would like to participate in the Koala and Tasmanian Devil opening event at Australian Wildlife Sanctuary scheduled for Friday 27 September. ***Closed, contact details provided.***	CLOSED		
6.5.	Members to consider ideas to promote the committee to the community. ***Closed, contact emails now listed in the monthly newsletter.***	CLOSED		05/09/24
6.6.	AB to arrange a creek remediation tour. ***Closed, tour conducted late July.***	CLOSED		
6.7.	AB to share a copy of the Deed of Release proforma template with the Q2 meeting minutes – ***Closed, Deed proforma sent with minutes on 25/06/24.***	CLOSED		
6.8.	AB to provide a breakdown of the accepted versus rejected claims for Western Domain with the Q2 meeting minutes. ***Closed, provided with minutes on 25/06/24.***	CLOSED		
6.9.	Subsidence Advisory NSW to present at September Q3 meeting to provide an overview of the Coal Mine Subsidence Compensation Act changes. ***Closed, presenting at start of meeting.***	CLOSED		
7.	**Correspondence - update as per the agenda**			
7.1.	Final Q2 meeting agenda issued – Emailed by AB 06/06/2024			
7.2.	Draft Q2 meeting minutes sent to chairperson – Emailed by AB 24/06/2024			
7.3.	Q2 meeting minutes reviewed by chairperson – Emailed by MM 25/06/2024			
7.4.	Q2 meeting minutes & documents distributed to committee – Emailed by AB 25/06/2024			
7.5.	Quarterly CMAP Progress Report June 2024 – Emailed by AF 27/06/2024			
7.6.	Tahmoor South Newsletter #6 June 2024 – Emailed by AB 27/06/2024			
7.7.	Chairperson Q2 invoice – Emailed by MM 28/06/2024			
7.8.	Tahmoor South-West Exploration Program commencing – Emailed by AB 28/06/2024			
7.9.	Modification 3 (LW S7A) DPHI Public Exhibition commencing – Emailed by AB 04/07/2024			
7.10.	Creek tour dates sent to committee for selection – Emailed AB 09/07/2024			
7.11.	KM confirmed creek tour availability – Emailed KM 09/07/2024			
7.12.	JJ confirmed creek tour availability – Emailed JJ 11/07/2024			
7.13.	Follow up for creek tour sent to committee – Emailed AB 17/07/2024			
7.14.	BC sent apologies for creek tour – Emailed BC 17/07/2024			
7.15.	WS confirmed creek tour availability – Emailed WS 17/07/2024	NOTE		05/09/24
7.16.	NP confirmed creek tour availability – Emailed NP 17/07/2024			
7.17.	MM re-confirmed creek tour availability – Emailed MM 18/07/2024			
7.18.	Creek tour confirmed for 31/07/2024 – Emailed AB 18/07/2024			
7.19.	Tahmoor Coking Coal apprenticeship applications open – Emailed AB 25/07/2024			
7.20.	Tahmoor South Newsletter #7 2024 – Emailed by AB 06/08/2024			
7.21.	Subsidence Advisory confirmed attendance at Q3 meeting & requested items from the committee prior to meeting – Emailed by RS 13/08/2024			
7.22.	Request for SA to present at start of meeting sent to Chairperson – Emailed AB 13/08/2024			
7.23.	Chairperson confirmed SA can present first at Q3 meeting – Emailed MM 13/08/2024			
7.24.	SA request for questions/items for SA to discuss sent to committee – Emailed AB 13/08/2024			
7.25.	JJ provided questions for SA presentation – Emailed JJ 13/08/2024			
7.26.	Response to questions sent to JJ – Emailed AB 13/08/2024			
7.27.	Request for Q3 agenda items – Emailed AB 22/08/2024			
7.28.	KM provided questions for SA presentation – Emailed KM 28/08/2024			

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	7.29. Response to questions sent to KM – Emailed AB 28/08/2024 **7.30.** NP provided questions for SA presentation – Emailed NP 28/08/2024 **7.31.** Response to questions sent to NP – Emailed AB 28/08/2024 **7.32.** Collated questions provided to SA in preparation for presentation – Emailed AB 28/08/2024 **7.33.** Collated questions sent to committee for reference – Emailed AB 28/08/2024 **7.34.** NP provided additional questions for SA presentation – Emailed NP 28/08/2024 **7.35.** Clarification sought from NP on additional questions – Emailed AB 28/08/2024 **7.36.** BC confirmed the questions sent to SA – Emailed BC 28/08/2024 **7.37.** Q3 meeting agenda distributed – Emailed AB 28/08/2024 **7.38.** DH Q3 meeting apology – Emailed DH 05/09/2024 **7.39.** KM provided additional questions for SA presentation – Emailed KM 05/09/2024 **7.40.** Additional questions forward to SA for meeting – Emailed AB 05/09/2024 **7.41.** Response to questions sent to KM – Emailed AB 05/09/2024	NOTE		05/09/24
8. Committee Members Reports				
8.1.	**James Johnson** – no updates or issues raised	NOTE		05/09/24
8.2.	**Col Mitchell** – no updates or issues raised	NOTE		05/09/24
8.3.	**Nicole Pearce** – no updates, all questions related to Subsidence Advisory presentation	NOTE		05/09/24
8.4.	**Karen Moss** – no updates, all questions related to Subsidence Advisory presentation	NOTE		05/09/24
8.5.	**Ibrahim Muharrem** – no updates or issues raised	NOTE		05/09/24
9. Mining Operations Update – Mine Update (presented by Peter Vale)				
9.1.	**Mine Update:** • Longwall production has exceeded budget targets since the commencement of longwall S3A. Coal Handling Prep Plant (CHPP) operating performance has been optimised to deal with the thinner seam and higher dilution, allowing higher throughput. • Development performance has been consistent, on the back of good gas drainage results which have allowed unrestricted mining. • Application for additional longwall South 7A submitted in May. Feedback received, reviewing responses. • Investigations into carbon emission reduction strategies ongoing, with focus on Ventilation Air Management (VAM) as well as conversion of extracted gas to electricity. • Coal price in the last 3 months has fallen from around $240/t to just below $200/t USD. Excess supply and falling steel production in China are the key drivers.			

9.2.	**Tahmoor South Mine Plan:**
	• Mining of Longwall S3A commenced in May 2024 and has progressed 887m.
	• Development mining in Maingate for Longwall S4A (MG4A panel) (first workings, no subsidence)
	• Development mining of ventilation roadways – to reduce ventilation pressure and facilitate removal of ventilation shaft saving $11M (first workings, no subsidence)
	• Development mining in South 2 Mains to progress towards "B" series longwall blocks (first workings, no subsidence)
	• Development mining in Maingate for Longwall S5A (MG5A panel) (first workings, no subsidence)
	  ○ CM asked when will the maingate for Longwall S4A be finished. PV advised we are aiming to have it finished before the completion of Longwall S3A in December 2024.
	  ○ NP asked if any more faults had been found during the mining of Longwall S3A. PV advised there have been no further faults but Longwalls S3A and S4A have both been shortened due to the fault at the start of these longwalls.
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10. Tahmoor South (presented by Amanda Bateman)				
10.1. Longwall South 3A • LW S3A subsidence levels are tracking below predictions. • Currently monitoring: o Teatree Hollow Creek and the Aboriginal heritage rock shelter o Main Southern Railway Line o Australian Wildlife Sanctuary & Dingo Sanctuary o MKD Machinery o Remembrance Driveway o Caloola Road (Remembrance Dr end) o Utility services along Remembrance Dr **10.2. Subsidence observations** • Subsidence notification event on the railway for observed track movement. • Early indication of movements detected via sensors and during daily inspections, monitoring increased accordingly. • 40km speed limit restriction imposed to manage potential change. • Movements ongoing, planned repair on 14 September during ARTC rail possession. o NP commented that the trains had not been operating a number of times over the past 2 months and buses were replacing trains. AB confirmed the track movement only occurred last week and does not prevent trains from operating, they just operate at a reduced speed limit through this section. Subsidence movements have not been the cause of any train interruptions this year. • Telstra direct buried cable subsidence strain trigger reached. Fibre optic cable was uncoupled to mitigate ongoing subsidence. • There are two known faults where the movements have occurred on the railway track and fibre optic cable. o NP asked where the known faults are positioned. ***AB to provide an aerial map showing the faults with the minutes.*** **10.3. Gas main mitigation works** • Gas main uncoupling works completed at the targeted mitigation location along Remembrance Driveway easement (opposite Caloola Road junction). • The streamline worksite will remain in place from August to November 2024. • This planned mitigation is for the subsidence effects of Longwall S3A mining on the gas main. • Uncoupling the gas main pipe allows the pipe to move freely in the trench as any ground strains increase. • This is a common mitigation measure coordinated with the asset owners and council. **10.4. Environmental observations:** • No observed subsidence-related impacts to the Aboriginal heritage rock shelter, geotechnical features (dams & steep slopes), ecology - terrestrial & threatened ecology, threatened flora and fauna. • Surface water level and flow changes within last quarter confirmed to be due to mining influences: o Level 2 – TT2, TT3, TT9, TT12, TT13 o Level 3 – TT3, TT11, TT12 ▪ IM asked what the changes observed. AB advised the changes are decreased water flow and reduced water levels. • Groundwater level changes observed at following bores: o Level 2 – P53C, P55C, P56C o Level 3 – P55B, TBC032 (131 m) • Groundwater – surface water interaction changes observed:		**AB**	**19/09/24**	05/09/24

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	○ Level 2 – P53C, P55C ○ Level 3 - P55B • Declines in groundwater level at some bores may be associated with extraction activities, however some recovery has started to occur. • All triggers are in line with predictions identified in Tahmoor South EIS and Extraction Plan. • Relevant government agencies notified. • More detailed surface water investigation completed in six-monthly reports (due early October 2024). • Following completion of all impacting longwalls, a rehabilitation strategy will be developed if required in consultation with relevant government agencies. ○ IM asked how low the water level has been going as a percentage of flow. AB advised this level of detail will be available in the six-monthly subsidence report which will be provided to the committee in the coming weeks. ZA commented that the water levels in some areas are at the lower level. ○ ***IM requested a specific update about the water level changes at the next meeting.***	**ZA**	**05/12/24**	05/09/24
10.5. Proposed Modification 3 (Longwall S7A)	• Public exhibition for Mod 3 was held by Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure (DPHI) in July. • Two special interest group submissions received. • Currently in the process of responding to public and agency submissions.			
11. Environment Update (presented by Tom O'Brien)				
11.1. Water – License Discharge Point 1	• No exceedances for the last quarter. All levels are under our Environment Protection Licence (EPL) threshold and meeting the ANZECC Guidelines. • IM queried why the Recreation Water Guideline targets are not displayed. TO explained that the Water Treatment Plant water quality has been designed to meet or exceed the ANZECC and Inland Fresh Waterways guidelines which are more stringent than the Recreation Water Guideline requirements. ZA further advised that we are directed by the NSW Environment Protection Authority (EPA) to report against these specific standards. • IM asked is it possible to have the Recreation Water Guideline targets displayed on the graphs to have further context at the next meeting. ***TO to action.*** • IM asked is there comparison data available for the receiving waterways upstream and downstream of the discharge point. ***TO to action and share at next meeting***.	**TO** **TO**	**05/12/24** **05/12/24**	05/09/24 05/09/24
11.2. Environmental Performance	• Water Treatment Plant - commissioning ongoing, fine-tuning processes and operation of plant. Achieving excellent water quality results to date. • No environment incidents to date for 2024. • No noise exceedances for the last quarter. • Warning letter issued by Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure (DPHI) for moving donated material from Tahmoor Coal to Council's Bargo Waste Centre quicker than specified in the consent.			
11.3. Depositional Dust	• Deposited dust levels continue to be below the Development Consent assessment criteria target levels of 4mg/m2 per month.			

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12. Myrtle and Redbank Creek Remediation Plan Update (presented by Amanda Bateman)

12.1. Creek Remediation Works Overview:

	Schedule	Completed	In Progress	Remaining
Myrtle Creek – Pools	7 Pools	7	0	0
Redbank Creek – Pools	15 Pools	14	1	0
Redbank Creek - Rock Bars	6 Rock Bars	6	0	0

- Myrtle Creek remediation schedule completed and in monitoring phase.
- Redbank Creek schedule to be completed by end of September 2024.
- Committee members attended creek inspection in July/August 2024.

12.2. Redbank Creek update

- Remediation Pool RR16:
  - Grout curtain wall 50m wide x 18m depth in four stages using expandable grout compound to seal fracture network.
  - Stages 1 to 3 completed to 12m below ground level.
  - Stage 4 being partially completed, targeting a low area of permeability (8m section).
  - Return of surface water demonstrating early indication of success.
  - Completion and site rehabilitation scheduled for end of September 2024.

12.3. Monitoring update

- Surface water and groundwater levels – monitoring ongoing at least 24 months past remediation.
- Aquatic ecology:
  - Autumn 2024 monitoring using Standard River Assessment System (AUSRIVAS) completed.
  - **Myrtle Creek:** All remediated sites showing good to moderate indicative recovery level. AURIVAS band B recorded at Pools 10, 11, 12a, 20 and band C at Pools 14 and 18, with reference site Pool 30 scoring band B.
  - **Redbank Creek:** All remediated sites showing excellent to moderate indicative recovery level except for Pool 37 (dry). AURIVAS band A recorded at Pool RR26, band B at Pools RB5, RB6, RR19 and band C at Pools 28 and RR11, with reference site Pool RR33 scoring band C.
  - IM asked if any interesting species had been seen during the monitoring. AB advised we don't have this information on hand, but this will be published in the next CMAP quarterly report and distributed to committee members.
  - IM commented that council conducts eDNA monitoring where Myrtle Creek meets Nepean River and in Tea Tree Hollow Creek. Council will keep Tahmoor Coal updated if any interesting species are found.

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13. Community Update (Presented by Amanda Bateman)

13.1. Community Complaints

- 1 complaint received last quarter regarding truck movements along Charlies Point Rd Bargo.

Month	Community Complaints
Jun 2024	0
Jul 2024	0
Aug 2024	1

Time Location Date	5.05pm to 6.54pm Tahmoor Coking Coal – 2975 Remembrance Drwy Bargo 5 September 2024	Minute Taker		AB
		Who	When Req'd	Date Raised
13.2. Community – Tahmoor South Newsletters • Tahmoor South Newsletters for June & August issued to residents. • Key updates included: ○ Remembrance Driveway Bargo gas main mitigation works commencing. • Upcoming September edition will include the 'Have your say' information from Subsidence Advisory NSW about the claim compensation approved procedures. There will also be a competition to win 5 tickets to Owloween at the Australian Wildlife Sanctuary. **13.3. Community Sponsorships:** • Australian Wildlife Sanctuary Koala Rehabilitation Centre - $49,500 grant to build the rehab centre at AWS. • Illuminate Festival - $10,000 sponsorship for the Media Broadcast partner (20-22 September) • Owloween - $10,000 to support the 2-night Owloween event at AWS (25 & 26 October). • 2024 Great Cycle Challenge - $1,000 donation to Awesomekids4kids team. • Women In Mining Leadership Workshop - $1,000 donation towards the workshop in Wollongong. **13.4. Tahmoor Sportsground – coal wash reject use** • Council approached Tahmoor Coking Coal in July seeking 12,000 m2 of coal wash reject to use for the Tahmoor Sportsground Car Park Project. • This is a great initiative with Council to repurpose coal reject. • Great feedback received from Council and are seeking to continue use of reject for future projects where appropriate. • CM asked if there was any cost to council for the coal reject. AB advised it was donated material. CM suggested it be included as a good news story in the next community newsletter. AB confirmed it will be included. **13.5. Bargo Sportsground – planning agreement** • Tahmoor Coking Coal is providing $3.375M for the upgrade of Bargo Sportsground through a Planning Agreement with Council. • Council has appointed Otium Planning Group as the consultant to commence the Master Plan design. • Council will hold a public exhibition period for the Master Plan once prepared. • Master Plan to be finalised by June 2025.	NOTE		05/09/24
14. Subsidence claims update (Presented by Amanda Bateman)				
14.1. Residential Claim Status • 3 Tahmoor North LW 32 claims • 7 Western Domain claims • 1 Tahmoor South claim (on hold) • 1 claim finalised in the last quarter Total number of open claims: 11 Preliminary assessment: 0 Claims on hold (active subsidence): 1 Under investigation: 2 Determination issued: 7 Review requested: 0 Land & Environment Court Appeal (L&EC): 1	NOTE		05/09/24

Tahmoor Colliery Community Consultative Committee
Minutes of Meeting - Conference Room 1 – 2975 Remembrance Dr Bargo
Thursday 5 September 2024

Time Location Date	5.05pm to 6.54pm Tahmoor Coking Coal – 2975 Remembrance Drwy Bargo 5 September 2024	Minute Taker		AB
		Who	When Req'd	Date Raised
15. TCCCC Finance (Presented by Amanda Bateman)				
15.1.	The TCCCC bank balance is currently $39,418.66 statement end 28 March 2024. Note, end of Financial Year statement not yet received.	NOTE		05/09/24
16. General Business				
16.1.	IM advised that council has a Biosecurity Officer funded by DPHI. They have been given direction to inspect weed lines and council queried if there could be a joint inspection with Tahmoor Coal or could Tahmoor Coal provide a Weed Management Plan. ***TO to provide a copy of our Weed Management Procedure to IM.***	**TO**	**19/09/24**	
16.2.	KM asked if there are any bushfires in future, does Tahmoor Coal have an action plan. AB confirmed we have a Bushfire Management Plan in place. JJ asked if there are any plans to remove the black wattle along the front of the coal mine site as it is such a fuel source for fire and plant trees less susceptible to igniting. TO advised it is something we are looking into, but the black wattle also dies off quite quickly. IM commented that council are trying to work more closely with our First Nations community to undertake cultural burns and suggested Tahmoor Coal give consideration to this approach where appropriate on any large land parcels.	NOTE		05/09/24

Meeting Closed	*6.54 pm*	Next Meeting	*Thursday 5 December 2024*	Time	*5:00pm*	Location	*Vaby's Restaurant Picton*