

BLOOMFIELD MINE COMMUNITY CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

MEETING: 16/06/2026

ATTENDEES: Lisa Andrews (LA)	Independent Chairperson
Dennis Thurlow (DT)	Community Representative
Shane Burton (SB)	Community Representative
Chris Dwyer (CD)	Cessnock City Council Representative
Brad O'Donoghoe (BD)	Bloomfield
Chris Knight (CK)	Bloomfield
Thomas Holz (TH)	Bloomfield
Greg Lamb (GL)	Bloomfield
Kate Baartz (KB)	Baartz & Co/Minutes

WELCOME

- The meeting was held on-site at The Bloomfield Group Head Office.
- The Chair formally opened the meeting at 10:03 am.
- The Chair provided an Acknowledgment of Country.
- The Chair introduced new community representative Shane Burton and advised that the appointment had been confirmed by the Department.

APOLOGIES

- Sarah Hyatt (SH), Cessnock City Council
- Greg Hamer (GH), Maitland City Council
- Janet Murray (JM), Community Representative
- Jack Dwyer (JD), Community Representative

DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY AND NON-PECUNIARY INTERESTS

- The Chair covered the required declarations and confirmed that Shane Burton has completed the governance forms. There were no changes to the declarations.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES (RESPONSES TO ISSUES RAISED OR PROVISION OF INFORMATION)

- The Chair noted the previous CCC was held on 24 March 2026, the minutes were finalised on 9 April and sent to members.
- There was an action from that meeting to distribute the current version of terms of reference for members' review. Completed on 27/3/26. This item was moved to general business for further discussion.
- No matters arising.

CORRESPONDENCE

- As what was sent out with the meeting notice on 1 June 2026.

PROPOSERS REPORTS AND OVERVIEW OF ACTIVITIES

- GL advised there was one complaint since the last meeting and it was lodged over the previous weekend from a resident in Metford. The complaint was regarding general

accumulation of dust. A response was provided with information on dust gauge results, compliance with approvals and wind directions.

- CK added that the response included 20 years of results including detail for the last 12 months. The response also explained EPA monitoring with links to the website with further information.
- GL advised the Annual Review Reports are currently being prepared and should be online from next week.

Action: GL to provide website links to LA when available.

GL also advised

- 9 Ha of rehabilitation in S Cut completed, 1 ha more than committed in last year's Forward Program to the Regulator.
- Biennial grazing monitoring underway (seasonal fieldwork).
- The Annual Rehabilitation Report and Forward Program for YEM 2026 has been submitted and is available on the Bloomfield website. A total of 9 hectares was rehabilitated during the period above the commitment of 8 hectares.
- DPHI undertook a proactive compliance inspection of Bloomfield and Abel / Donaldson sites. The DPHI team included the compliance inspector and three Resource Assessment Officers. No issues were raised.

Questions/comments

- DT asks what type of grass was it? With GL advising pasture grasses approved by the Department. There is a broad species range sown.
- SB provided insights on planting from his experience in mine rehabilitation.

Bloomfield Continuation Project Update

CK provided an update on Mod 5 advising the group:

- Response to Submissions Report was submitted in September 2025.
- An additional request for information was received from CPHR & Maitland Council in January 2026 regarding further information requirements on biodiversity.
- Bloomfield responded to CPHR and Maitland Council in February 2026.
- Bloomfield received additional request from CPHR and Maitland Council in late March 2026.
- Bloomfield responded to CPHR and Maitland Council in April.
- No further information requests have been received to date and the modification is currently with Planning under assessment and Bloomfield is hoping to hear something soon.

Questions/comments

- CD advised that Cessnock City Council has received draft conditions of consent about a fortnight ago for the modification. CD explained that after this process is undertaken, additional draft conditions of consent are issued.
- CK explained that Maitland Council has a very different position regarding biodiversity depending on the Council representative.
- LA asked who was the author of the submission was for MOD 5 from Maitland Council regarding biodiversity, as perhaps an invitation could be sent to Maitland Council for them to be the CCC representative.

Action: CK to provide contact details to LA.

- TH confirmed approach to the GM regarding CCC involvement was preferred to ensure staff would be responsive. **LA agreed.**

- LA asked if there was a timeframe for response to draft conditions. CD explained that there was no timeframe given.
- SB anticipated that there should be a response within the month.
- CK advised that Bloomfield was being very responsive to all information requests.
- LA what happened with the dingoes (photos provided by JM at the last CCC)? CK not sure, the baiting program does not specifically target dingoes and is intended generally for wild dogs. SB advised there is a new 1080 and it is very potent.

Action: CK check with LLS to confirm what is being used.

- LA asked if Bloomfield contribute to the program. GL advised that no, Local Land Services (LLS) provide the baits for free and the program is carried out at certain times of year in coordination with LLS, who roll out the program.
- LA asked how weed control was going. GL advised that there has been some growth but this should stem with frost.

GENERAL BUSINESS

TERMS OF REFERENCE

- LA advised the updated Terms of Reference were based on the template from the Department of Planning.
- Only change was to update the membership list.
- LA moved that Terms of Reference be adopted.
- Moved.

Action: LA to finalise and send out with the minutes.

NEXT MEETING

- 10am, 13 October 2026
- Bloomfield Head Office
- Will include a briefing on the Annual Review.
- Declared meeting closed at 10.25am.

SITE TOUR

- A site tour was held post meeting, which included inspection of the Bloomfield Open cut, U-Cut tailings dam and recent rehabilitation over the partly capped tailings dam.

Action items

Item	Action	Responsibility
1	Provide website links to Annual Review Reports	GL to provide to LA
2	Provide contact information for the author of the draft conditions of consent for Bloomfield Mod 5	CK to provide to LA.
3	Confirm type of bait being used for pest control.	CK to follow up with LLS
4	Finalise and distribute Terms of Reference.	LA

Acronyms referred to in minutes

CCC	Community Consultative Committee
EIS	Environmental Impact Statement
DPHI	Dept of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure
IEA	Independent Environmental Audit
DCCEEW	Dept of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water
RTS	Response to Submissions