

# Bloomfield Colliery Community Consultative Committee

Location: Bloomfield Colliery

Time: 11.10 am

Date: 16 October 2023

<b>ATTENDEES</b>	
<b>Name</b>	<b>Organisation</b>
Lisa Andrews (LA)	Independent Chairperson
Dennis Thurlow (DT) <i>*via video-conferencing</i>	Community Representative
Greg Lamb (GL)	Bloomfield Colliery
Brad Donoghue (BD)	Bloomfield Colliery
Chris Knight (CK)	Bloomfield Colliery

<b>Apologies</b>	
Jack Dwyer (JD)	Community Representative
Michael Jacobs (MJ)	Community Representative
Geoff Moore (GM)	Bloomfield Colliery
Janet Murray (JM)	Community Representative

<b>Absent</b>	
Sue Page	Cessnock City Council
Will Brown	Maitland City Council

<b>Item</b>	<b>Issue</b>	<b>Action</b>									
<b>1</b>	<b>Welcome and Introductions</b>										
	The Chair opened the CCC meeting at 11:10 am and welcomed Chris Knight (Bloomfield Representative) to the meeting.										
<b>2</b>	<b>Apologies</b>										
	Jack Dwyer, Geoff Moore, Michael Jacobs & Janet Murray										
<b>3</b>	<b>Declaration of Interests</b>										
	LA advised that there were no changes to her previous declaration, she is an approved Independent Chairperson with the Department of Planning and Environment, appointed by the Secretary to chair this CCC and engaged by Bloomfield.										
<b>4</b>	<b>Business Arising from Previous Minutes</b>										
	Last meeting held on 19/06/23. The minutes from that meeting were finalised and sent 3/07/23. There were three action items from that meeting:										
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	<p>(Complete – 19/6/23)</p> <p>3 GL to provide a hard copy of the Annual Review to DT. (Complete)</p>	GL
<b>5</b>	<b>Correspondence</b>	
	<p>As sent out with the meeting notice on 4/10/23:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>19/6/23 - Email from GL with the Environmental, Social, Governance (ESG) Framework Survey. Forwarded on to members the same day for completion.</li> <li>23/6/23 - Email to members with the draft minutes for review.</li> <li>3/7/23 - Email to members with the finalized minutes.</li> <li>7/7/23 - Email to members with the link to the Bloomfield Colliery Annual Review located on the project website.</li> <li>14/7/23 - Email to members with notification of the proposed DA modification.</li> <li>4/10/23 – Email to members with the Meeting Notice &amp; Agenda for this meeting.</li> </ul>	
<b>6</b>	<b>Reports</b>	
	<p>GL provided an update covering the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No community complaints since last meeting.</li> <li>The 2022/23 Annual Review submitted and available on the Bloomfield website: <a href="#">Microsoft Word - Bloomfield Annual Review 2022-23 Draft v3 (bloomcoll.com.au)</a></li> <li>Annual dog baiting program undertaken September / October in consultation with Local Land Services. DT enquired about effect on other animals with GL responding that it was his understanding that it only affected mammals.</li> <li>Scoping document submitted to Dept of Planning for proposed DA Modification.</li> <li>The 2022-2023 NPI report completed and submitted.</li> <li>The 2022-2023 NGERS report to be completed and submitted by the end of October.</li> <li>Biennial rehabilitation monitoring to be undertaken in December.</li> <li>Construction of the Kurri Kurri Gas Pipeline to commence in November. Questions were asked by DT in relation to location. GL explained distribution network from Chichester Dam as well as the heritage listed reservoir on the mine site.</li> </ul>	
	DT enquired if the heritage management plan for the Buttai Reservoir is available.	GL to provide a link to the HHCMP
	<p>CK provided an update on progress of the DA Modification:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Scoping Report was submitted and has been approved by DPE for the proposed DA Modification. DPE Major Projects website like: <a href="#">Modification 5 Bloomfield Colliery Continuation Project   Planning Portal - Department of Planning and Environment (nsw.gov.au)</a></li> </ul>	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Scoping Report provides an overview of the proposed continuation of the approved project area and identifies the matters for future assessment to support a modification application.</li> <li>It outlines the studies to be undertaken in the EIA.</li> <li>The modification would extend the life of the site to end of 2035.</li> <li>Production would be reduced from 1.3 Mtpa ROM coal to 0.9 Mtpa.</li> <li>All other aspects, including hours and employment, will remain the same.</li> <li>The EIA expected to be submitted to DPE in March 2024, when it will be placed on public exhibition for comment.</li> </ul>	CK to inform CCC when DA goes on exhibition
	DT commented that it is preferable to restore any cleared areas to the pre-existing EEC vegetation community (spotted gum/ironbark, etc). CK replied that any clearing will be offset under regulatory biodiversity offset scheme. Rehabilitation will be in accordance with approved final land use is a mix of grazing and native vegetation. The community will have an opportunity to comment on the EIA when it is submitted to DPE.	
<b>7</b>	<b>General Business</b>	
	DT enquired as to timing of proposed Dust Deposit Gauge at his property and whether the results will be available. GL responded that Bloomfield is waiting for Dept of Planning to approve amended Air Quality Monitoring Plan. All dust results will be on Bloomfield website. LA advised that she would hold over her presentation of the Department of Planning's revised CCC guidelines to the next meeting.	
<b>8</b>	<b>Meeting Schedule</b>	
	Next meeting scheduled for 19 February 2024 at 11 am.	

*Meeting closed at 11.46 am with LA thanking all for their participation.*

**ACTION ITEMS:**

ITEM	ISSUE	RESPONSIBILITY
1	Provide link to Historic Heritage Conservation Management Plan	GL
2	Inform CCC when DA for Continuation Project goes on exhibition	CK

**Acronyms referred to in minutes:**

CCC	Community Consultative Committee
DPE	Department of Planning and Environment
EIA	Environmental Impact Assessment
HHCMP	Historic Heritage Conservation Management Plan
NPI	National Pollutant Inventory
NGERS	National Greenhouse Emissions Reporting Scheme
ROM	Run of mine