

# Bloomfield Colliery

## Community Consultative Committee

Location: Bloomfield Colliery

Time: 10.00 am

Date: 18 November 2024

<b>ATTENDEES</b>	
<b>Name</b>	<b>Organisation</b>
Lisa Andrews (LA)	Independent Chairperson
Janet Murray (JM)	Community Representative
Jack Dwyer (JD)	Community Representative
Dennis Thurlow (DT)	Community Representative
Sarah Hyatt (SH)	Cessnock City Council
Brad Donoghoe (BD)	Bloomfield Colliery
Chris Knight (CK)	Bloomfield Colliery
Thomas Holz (TH)	Bloomfield Colliery
Greg Lamb (GL)	Bloomfield Colliery

<b>Apologies</b>	
Michael Jacobs (MJ)	Community Representative
Gary Hamer (GH)	Maitland City Council

<b>Item</b>	<b>Issue</b>	<b>Action</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Welcome &amp; Introductions</b>	
	The Chair opened the CCC meeting at 10:01AM and provided an Acknowledgment of Country. The Chair welcomed members to the meeting. Introductions were made for Thomas Holz who is replacing Geoff Moore from Bloomfield Colliery.	
<b>2</b>	<b>Apologies – MJ &amp; GH.</b>	
<b>3</b>	<b>Declarations</b>	
	There were no changes to the Chair's previously recorded declarations.	

4	<b>Business Arising</b>																									
	<p>The previous CCC was held on 8 July with the minutes finalised on 26 July. There were 7 action items from that meeting:</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="276 388 1144 856"> <thead> <tr> <th>ITEM</th><th>ISSUE</th><th>RESPONSIBILITY</th></tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>1</td><td>Resend Terms of Reference to CCC members</td><td>LA</td></tr> <tr> <td>2</td><td>Briefing sheet on changes to be included with previous minutes</td><td>LA</td></tr> <tr> <td>3</td><td>Provide Social Impact Assessment Survey to members</td><td>CK</td></tr> <tr> <td>4</td><td>Provide summary of Annual Review to the CCC.</td><td>GL</td></tr> <tr> <td>5</td><td>Update presentation pack with finalised noise assessment.</td><td>CK</td></tr> <tr> <td>6</td><td>Provide presentation on how Bloomfield manages biodiversity offsets</td><td>CK</td></tr> <tr> <td>7</td><td>Share the link to the EIS with the CCC once it is available for comment</td><td>CK</td></tr> </tbody> </table> <p>GL provided a presentation brief of the Annual Review YEM 2024 as per Item 4 above which covered the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Summary of rainfall data for the period;</li> <li>• Compliance noise monitoring within consent criteria;</li> <li>• Image of predictive noise model provided;</li> <li>• All blasting results within EPA criteria;</li> <li>• Image of predictive blasting model provided;</li> <li>• Dust monitoring results were all within allowable limits except for PM2.5 and PM10 on 5/2/24. On 5/2/24 OEH Air Quality Monitoring Network data were raised indicating elevated regional dust levels.</li> <li>• Licenced water discharge results were within EPA limits with a total of 875 ML released.</li> <li>• Licenced groundwater extraction was 332 ML (Entitlement 500 ML);</li> <li>• 6 Ha of rehabilitation completed during YEM 2024 and further 4 Ha prepared for rehabilitation during YEM 2025;</li> <li>• Annual inspection at the Biodiversity Offset Area indicated no weed infestations or wild dog presence;</li> <li>• Three community complaints were received during the period.</li> </ul> <p>JM commented that Buttai residents hear the mining operations more often than they make a complaint. Complaints often made afterwards.</p> <p>CK explained about the monitoring equipment available for use. Suggested calling the hotline on the night is preferable to potentially enable modifications to operations.</p>	ITEM	ISSUE	RESPONSIBILITY	1	Resend Terms of Reference to CCC members	LA	2	Briefing sheet on changes to be included with previous minutes	LA	3	Provide Social Impact Assessment Survey to members	CK	4	Provide summary of Annual Review to the CCC.	GL	5	Update presentation pack with finalised noise assessment.	CK	6	Provide presentation on how Bloomfield manages biodiversity offsets	CK	7	Share the link to the EIS with the CCC once it is available for comment	CK	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Complete - ToR emailed 18/7/24</li> <li>2. Complete - Emailed 18/7/24</li> <li>3. Complete – Emailed 9/7/24</li> <li>4. Presented this CCC meeting</li> <li>5. Complete – Emailed 26/7/24</li> <li>6. Presented this CCC meeting</li> <li>7. To be provided when available</li> </ol>
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	<p>DT noted that the predictive noise enhancement model provided in the presentation shows noise at Louth Park resident but does not hear any mining operations.</p> <p>CK explained that model shows potential risk of noise enhancement based on meteorological forecasts but does not necessarily mean operations will be heard.</p> <p>JM commented that main issue amongst Buttai neighbours is dust on houses.</p> <p>CK provided information on the impacts of smoke from wood fired heaters and referred to a scientific paper characterising dust particles found through sampling/monitoring.</p> <p>DT enquired whether sampling can determine where the dust is coming from. GL responded no.</p> <p>DT asked whether there was testing carried out on the two creeks under Mt Vincent Rd. GL advised no, as it only runs off onto rehabilitation land.</p> <p>DT requested information on the type of grasses are planted – GL advised that it is a mixture.</p>	<p><b>Action: CK to provide CCC with copy of report.</b></p>
<b>5</b>	<b>Correspondence</b>	
	<p>As sent out with meeting notice on 7/11/24.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 18/7/24 – Email to members with the draft minutes for review.</li> <li>• 26/7/24 - Email to members with the finalised minutes with presentation.</li> <li>• 29/7/24 – Emails to and from DT. LA offered for CK to contact him to discuss Modification.</li> <li>• 3/10/24 – Email from MJ querying Action Item from last meeting to inform CCC about EIS exhibition &amp; providing a link. Email forwarded to Bloomfield for information</li> <li>• 3/10/24 – Email to MJ (&amp; ors) advising that link was EPBC referral &amp; not DPHI exhibition of EIS.</li> <li>• 4/11/24 – Notice for comment on Bloomfield IEA.</li> <li>• 7/11/24 – Email to members with the Meeting Notice &amp; Agenda for this meeting.</li> <li>• 12/11/24 – Email to members with video-link for participating in this CCC remotely.</li> <li>• 14/11/24 – Email from consultant advising that comments provided for IEA will be included.</li> </ul>	
<b>6</b>	<b>General update</b>	
	<p>GL provided an update covering the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• One community complaints received since last meeting; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ 8/11/24 - Noise – Buttai</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The biennial grazing monitoring fieldwork completed and waiting on report;</li> <li>• Independent Environmental Audit in progress;</li> <li>• NGRS report submitted;</li> <li>• NSW Resource Regulator conducted a Revegetation Targeted Assessment Program (TAP);</li> <li>• 7 Ha of rehabilitation on tailings dam in progress;</li> <li>• Dog baiting program to be carried out;</li> <li>• Construction of the Kurri Kurri Gas Pipeline in progress.</li> </ul> <p>CK provided a brief overview of the NSW Resource Regulators revegetation TAP.</p> <p>As per Item 6 above, CK provided a presentation on how Bloomfield manages biodiversity offsets.</p> <p>JM commented that it would be preferable if biodiversity offsets were established closer to the mine where the vegetation is being cleared. Regarding the presentation, it was good to see what was being done in establishing offsets on older grazing properties.</p> <p>CK provided brief presentation on a query from a member regarding a question in the Social Impact Assessment survey.</p>	<p><b>Action: Provide overview of IEA at next CCC</b></p>
<b>6</b>	<b>Bloomfield Colliery Continuation Project</b>	
	<p>CK provided a presentation on the Bloomfield Colliery Continuation Project progress since the last CCC meeting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Project referred to EPBC for decision if Continuation Project will be a controlled action;</li> <li>• Meeting held with DCCEEW with further information requested;</li> <li>• Decision from DCCEEW regarding controlled action was expected 13 November;</li> <li>• Further updates provided to NSW Resources (26/10, 7/11), Resources Regulator 21/10.</li> </ul> <p>CK provided additional presentation on the Bloomfield Colliery Continuation Project moving forward:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Awaiting decision from DCCEEW (Cwth) following EPBC referral if Project is a controlled action;</li> <li>• EIS to be submitted to DPHI November / December;</li> <li>• Modification to be submitted under Section 4.55 (2);</li> <li>• Project is required to go on exhibition. (at least 28 days if controlled action). Expected from early January 2025;</li> <li>• DPHI will publish all submissions and request Bloomfield to respond;</li> <li>• Bloomfield will submit Response to Submission Report to address all submissions;</li> <li>• DPHI will assess the Project Modification based on merits having regard to the economic, environmental and social impacts of the</li> </ul>	<p><b>Action: CK to advise CCC when EIS is on exhibition.</b></p>

	<p>modified project and the principles of ecologically sustainable development;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Project will be determined by DPHI (NSW) and DCCEEW (Cwth).</li> </ul>	
<b>7</b>	<b>General Business</b>	
	<p>JM commented about the EPBC referral and the koala habitat trees, stating that she had never seen a koala in the area, however her neighbour said she had seen one on Browns Rd when Daracon were tar sealing.</p> <p>CK advised that a koala survey has been undertaken and whilst none were recorded, feed trees will still be included.</p>	
<b>8</b>	<b>Next Meeting</b>	
	<p>The meeting schedule planned for 2025 were proposed: Monday 10 March, 2 June and 13 October, on site commencing at 10am.</p>	
<b>9</b>	<b>Meeting Close:</b>	
	<p><i>The meeting closed at 11:22am with LA thanking all for their contribution throughout 2024 and wishing members a safe festive season.</i></p>	

#### ACTION ITEMS:

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<b>1</b>	Provide copy of scientific report on dust sampling/monitoring (complete – sent 18/11/24)	CK
<b>2</b>	Provide overview of IEA at next CCC	GL
<b>3</b>	Advice CCC when EIS is on exhibition	CK/LA

Acronyms referred to in minutes:

CCC	Community Consultative Committee
EIS	Environmental Impact Statement
DPHI	Dept of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure
EPBC	Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation
DCCEEW	Dept of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water