

# Bloomfield Colliery

## Community Consultative Committee

Location: Bloomfield Colliery

Time: 10.04 am

Date: 13 October 2025

<b>ATTENDEES</b>	
<b>Name</b>	<b>Organisation</b>
Lisa Andrews (LA)	Independent Chairperson
Jack Dwyer (JD)	Community Representative
Dennis Thurlow (DT)	Community Representative
Chris Dwyer (CD)	Cessnock Council
Brad Donoghoe (BD)	Bloomfield Colliery
Chris Knight (CK)	Bloomfield Colliery
Thomas Holz (TH)	Bloomfield Colliery
Greg Lamb (GL)	Bloomfield Colliery
Sharon Turnbull (ST)	Bloomfield Colliery ( <i>minute taker</i> )

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

<b>Item</b>	<b>Issue</b>	<b>Action</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Welcome &amp; Introductions</b>	
	The Chair opened the CCC meeting at 10:04AM and provided an Acknowledgment of Country. The Chair welcomed members to the meeting, introducing Cessnock Council's new delegate – Chris Dwyer.	
<b>2</b>	<b>Apologies – GH, JM, &amp; MJ.</b>	
<b>3</b>	<b>Declarations</b>	
	There were no changes to members' previously recorded declarations.	<b>LA acknowledged that CD has completed the relevant governance forms.</b>

<b>4</b>	<b>Business Arising</b>										
	<p>The previous CCC was held on 02 June 2025 with the minutes finalised on 16 June 2025. There were 2 action items from that meeting:</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="277 396 1141 648"> <thead> <tr> <th>ITEM</th><th>ISSUE</th><th>RESPONSIBILITY</th></tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>1</td><td>Supply details of the Bloomfield Foundation's contribution to the community.</td><td>CK</td></tr> <tr> <td>2</td><td>DT, JM, and MJ will be added to the distribution list for the Bloomfield Newsletter.</td><td>ST</td></tr> </tbody> </table> <p>LA advised that JM was a late apology today due to an injury sustained that morning. MJ has emailed LA to advise that he is an apology today and due to work commitments has tendered his resignation. MJ knows of someone that is interested in nominating as a community representative and has provided details to LA.</p>	ITEM	ISSUE	RESPONSIBILITY	1	Supply details of the Bloomfield Foundation's contribution to the community.	CK	2	DT, JM, and MJ will be added to the distribution list for the Bloomfield Newsletter.	ST	<p>1. Completed</p> <p>2. Completed</p> <p><b>Action: LA to send nomination forms through to interested party.</b></p>
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1	Supply details of the Bloomfield Foundation's contribution to the community.	CK									
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<b>5</b>	<b>Correspondence</b>										
	<p>As sent out with meeting notice on 25/09/25.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>6/6/25 – Email to members with the draft minutes for review.</li> <li>16/6/25 - Email to members with the finalised minutes, presentation &amp; Bloomfield community investment report.</li> <li>4/7/25 – Email to members advising that the YEM 2025 Annual Report has been submitted to DPHI.</li> <li>8/8/25 – Email to members advising of the Acquisition: Former Yancoal Mining Assets</li> <li>17/9/25 – Email to members advising of Response to Submissions for MOD 5 available on Major Projects website.</li> <li>25/9/25 – Email to members with Meeting Notice &amp; Agenda for this meeting.</li> <li>9/10/25 – Email to members with reminder for this meeting.</li> <li>9/10/25 – Email from CD with completed governance forms.</li> <li>12/10/25 – Email from MJ resigning from CCC due to work commitments. Acknowledged and thanked for his service on the committee.</li> </ul>										
<b>6</b>	<b>General update</b>										
	<p>GL provided a presentation brief of the Annual Review YEM 2025 as per Item 4 above which covered the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Plan 1 showing all BF environmental monitoring sites.</li> <li>Rainfall for the year &gt;1000ml which is above average.</li> <li>There were no reportable noise incidents.</li> <li>GL provided an explanation of the noise forecasting model used onsite which provides daily forecasts of potential noise enhancement at ½ hour intervals.</li> <li>BF had 25 blasts over the year. An example of a blast forecasting model was shown, which is used to help predict conditions favourable for blasting. This is also provided at ½ hour intervals for each daily forecast. There was 1 blast complaint for noise &amp; vibration. To</li> </ul>										

	<p>address this BF has now installed a monitor near complainant's house.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Monitored air quality results are well under development consent requirements. The site utilises both dust gauge and high volumetric samplers (Hi-Vols). Dust track monitoring is additionally used internally within the site, and operations can shut down if conditions start exceeding any air quality criteria.</li> <li>• Surface and ground water management was compliant with no exceedances of criteria.</li> <li>• 7 ha of rehabilitation was completed during YEM 2025 within the tailings dam area. The tailings dam is still being utilised for tailings but with some areas undergoing capping and rehabilitation. An 8 ha area near John Renshaw Drive is being prepared for rehabilitation to be completed in YEM 2026.</li> <li>• Biodiversity Offset Monitoring report shows no feral dogs, only foxes and deer identified on motion sensor cameras.</li> <li>• No community complaints were received since the last CCC meeting.</li> <li>• Another dog baiting program will be organised shortly. Dog baiting will be undertaken around the Bloomfield site in coordination with the Abel Colliery site, sometime in November.</li> <li>• National Pollution Inventory (NPI) report has been submitted</li> <li>• National Greenhouse and Energy Reporting Scheme (NGERS) report is in progress and will be submitted by end of October 2025.</li> <li>• Biannual Rehabilitation monitoring will be undertaken shortly and completed by end of the year.</li> </ul>	
<b>6</b>	<b>Bloomfield Colliery Continuation Project</b>	
	<p>CK provided a presentation/update on the Bloomfield Colliery Continuation Project progress since the last CCC meeting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bloomfield has submitted the Response to Submission Report to address all submissions from the public and Government Agencies which were received during exhibition of the EIS.</li> <li>• DPHI's assessment of the Response to Submissions is still being undertaken. No further information has been requested by DPHI or other agencies at this stage.</li> <li>• CD advised that Cessnock Council has sent their acknowledgement of the RTS.</li> </ul>	
<b>7</b>	<b>Donaldson / Abel Project</b>	
	<p>TH advised that Yancoal and Bloomfield signed an Asset Sale Agreement in August. This included the Donaldson and Abel sites in the Maitland area, along with an area including the Camberwell Village near Singleton.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Abel Mine has been in Care and Maintenance since ~2015/2016.</li> <li>• Bloomfield will assume the responsibility for the rehabilitation for the Donaldson/Abel sites.</li> <li>• These sites border Bloomfield's landholdings (if the transaction settles, Bloomfield will have landholdings from the New England Highway at Ashtonfield across to just south of John Renshaw Drive)</li> </ul>	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Bloomfield will look to close the Abel Mine but there is still a lot of work to be done before that could happen.</li> <li>Yancoal own many properties within and around the Camberwell Village, which were purchased as part of its Ashton Mine and for another development consent which lapsed in 2022. Land around Camberwell Village does not have a current development consent to mine this area. Bloomfield require land around Camberwell to support the RCN continuation project and needs to move the New England Highway through part of the land currently owned by Yancoal.</li> <li>Though the agreement has been signed by both parties it is still subject to standard regulatory approvals and transfer needs to take place. It will take time to settle. Completion may happen before Christmas but possibly Q1 next year.</li> <li>DT clarified that Bloomfield is not going to mine on the land shown in pink in the Donaldson &amp; Abel sites. CK explained that open cut mining had occurred previously at the Donaldson site and that the Abel approval was for underground mining.</li> <li>DT asked where Wendy Bowman's land is on the map in relation to the Camberwell Village. TH confirmed that it is adjacent to the new land acquisition.</li> <li>DT asked if the Crown land on the map is to be mined. TH advised that the Crown land has its own regulatory conditions and that there is no development consent to mine the Crown land at Camberwell.</li> <li>TH advised that as JM was absent from this presentation that another time can be arranged to provide an update.</li> </ul>	<b>Action: Invite JM to discuss presentation with Bloomfield staff.</b>
<b>8</b>	<b>General Business</b>	
	<p>LA suggested to change CCC meeting day to a Tuesday. This makes the Meeting Schedule for 2026 as follow:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>10 March 2026</li> <li>16 June 2026</li> <li>13 October 2026, commencing at 10am.</li> </ul>	<b>Agreed.</b>
<b>9</b>	<b>Next Meeting</b>	
	The next meeting is planned for Tuesday, 10 March 2026 at 10 am.	
<b>10</b>	<b>Meeting Close:</b>	
	The meeting closed at 10:58 am, with LA thanking members for their attendance.	

#### ACTION ITEMS:

ITEM	ACTION	RESPONSIBILITY
<b>1</b>	Organise a time for JM to go through the Yancoal / Bloomfield land acquisition.	LA
<b>2</b>	Send nomination form to interested party	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