BLOOMFIELD MINE COMMUNITY CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

MEETING: 13/10/2026

ATTENDEES:	Lisa Andrews (LA)	Independent Chairperson
	Dennis Thurlow (DT)	Community Representative (phone)
	Shane Burton (SB)	Community Representative
	Jack Dwyer (JD)	Community Representative (online)
	Chris Dwyer (CD)	Cessnock City Council representative
	Brad O'Donoghoe (BD)	Bloomfield Group
	Thomas Holz (TH)	Bloomfield Group
	Greg Lamb (GL)	Bloomfield Group
	Sima Williamson (SW)	Bloomfield Group
	Kate Baartz (KB)	Baartz & Co/Minute Taker

WELCOME

- The meeting was held on-site at The Bloomfield Group Head Office.
- The Chair formally opened the meeting at 10:07am.
- The Chair provided an Acknowledgment of Country.
- Introductions were made.

APOLOGIES

- Janet Murray (JM), Community Representative
- Chris Knight (CK), Bloomfield Group

ABSENT

- Greg Hamer (GH), Maitland City Council

DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY AND NON-PECUNIARY INTERESTS

- The Chair covered the required declarations. There were no changes.

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

- The Chair noted the timing of the previous CCC, held on 16 June 2026, the actions that arose, and that the minutes were finalised on 7 July 2026.
- Actions arising are summarised below:

Item	Action	Responsibility
1	Provide website links to Annual Review Reports	GL to provide to LA COMPLETE: 8 JULY 2026
2	Provide contact information for the author of the draft conditions of consent for Bloomfield Mod 5 at Maitland City Council	TH to provide to LA. HELD OVER
3	Confirm type of bait being used for pest control.	GL to follow up with LLS HELD OVER
4	Finalise and distribute Terms of Reference.	LA COMPLETE: 7 July 2026

CORRESPONDENCE

- As what was provided with the Meeting Agenda sent on 30/9/26.

ANNUAL REVIEW REPORT

- GL advised that since the previous meeting, the Annual Review Report has been submitted and provided a summary of key points. GL showed a map of the various monitoring locations including groundwater, dust, noise and blast.
- **WATER:** Explained YEM 2026 (April to March) reporting period, 1164mm of rain 200mm above average.
- **NOISE:** Explained noise monitoring undertaken, no reportable incidents. All results were compliant with consent criteria, no noise complaints. Showed an extract of the predictive noise model and explained how the modelling is used to manage operations.
- **BLAST:** 19 blasts for the period, no blasts exceeded overpressure or ground vibration limits. Explained the exceedances and allowable frequencies. No complaints during the year. Showed an extract of the predictive overpressure models and how this is used to manage blasts.
- **DUST:** Explained dust monitoring gauges and recorded annual averages. Dust deposition gauges readings provided from 2009-2026. Explained annual averages, daily readings and allowable limits. Run every six days.
- **WATER:** Explained survey water discharge monitoring into the Four Mile Creek, there were 26 discharge events with 1,905 megalitres discharged. There was one reportable incident in May 2025 which coincided with a significant rain event. It was report to the EPA with no action taken.
    - Explained monthly surface water monitoring of Four Mile Creek, Wallis Creek and their tributaries the monitoring results.
    - Water extraction licence with a 500 ML entitlement, extracted 389 ML
    - Explained groundwater monitoring schedule and results.
- **REHABILITATION**: 9.3 hectares of rehabilitation completed which was above the 8ha committed, also 4.5 ha of tailings dam capped. GL noted rehabilitation would benefit from some rain.
    - YEM27 rehabilitation will be near the tailings dam.
- **BIODIVERSITY**
- 40 ha offset area has been established consisting of remnant vegetation at Congewai, bordering Watagan State Forest.

Question

- DT asked what kind of rehab was completed and GL confirmed it was grazing for cattle with grass being the best thing to protect the soil.
- DT asked if there was any wildlife. GL responded, mainly kangaroos, wombats, etc - no feral animals (dogs/foxes).
- Community complaints
    - No complaints in YEM26, first time since monitoring began in 2009.

PROPONENTS REPORTS AND OVERVIEW OF ACTIVITIES

GL provided an overview of activities from the last meeting and explained:

- No complaints during the period
- Submitted YEM 26 Annual Review Report
- 2025 NPL completed and submitted
- 2025/2026 NGERS report in progress

- Biennial grazing monitoring underway
- NSW EPA site inspection carried out in September with no issues raised.
- Dog baiting program to be undertaken in October coordinated by Local Land Services, GL explained there were 15 sites and SB noted that is was puppy season, which is why they want to do it now.

BLOOMFIELD MODIFICATION

TH provided an update on the modification:

- Approved by planning on 9 July 2026
- Post-approval activities have commenced
- Preparation and lodgement of updated management plans
- Biodiversity offset credit transactions are underway
- EPBC approval was determined on 6 October 2026.

Questions

- SB asked how long the approval is for, with TH advising - to December 2035.
- CD asked is there any liaison with Council required for updating/reviewing the Management Plans. TH advised that CK will undertake consultation as needed with LA suggesting that the Traffic Management Plan would likely be one to consult about.
- DT asked if there were any items that required clarification or restrictions. TH advised the application was approved for the mining and disturbance requested with conditions.
- DT asked about rehabilitation and TH advised that is will be grazing land. TH also explained under the approval there are five stages of disturbance, and the focus is stages 1 and 2, with stages 3, 4, & 5 to occur later.
- SB asked how big is the credit and TH advised there were 330 odd koala credits, with the detail set out in the conditions.

Action: CK to provide an update on the Bloomfield Mine conditions of consent at the next meeting with a focus on various Management Plans required, rehabilitation and staging.

Action: LA to send out link to updated approval.

GENERAL BUSINESS

Nil

NEXT MEETING

Agreed meeting schedule for 2027:

- 16 March, 15 June, 5 October 2027 at 10am on site (Bloomfield Head Office).

MEETING CLOSE

- Meeting closed at 10.38am. As this was the last CCC for 2026, LA thanked all members for attendance and contribution throughout the year.

Action items

Item	Action	Responsibility
1	Provide contact information for the author of the draft conditions of consent for Bloomfield Mod 5. Maitland City Council – LA to write to GM Held over	TH to provide to LA. Complete provided 13/10/26. LA wrote to MCC 19/10/26.
2	Confirm type of bait being used for pest control. Held over	GL to follow up with LLS
3	Provide an update on the Bloomfield Mine conditions of consent at the next meeting with a focus on various management plans required, rehabilitation and staging.	CK
4	Send out links updated approval actions. Link: Modification 5 Bloomfield Colliery Continuation Project | Planning Portal - Department of Planning and Environment	LA. Complete, email sent 10/7/26 with copies of documentation.

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