

# Bloomfield Colliery Community Consultative Committee

Location: Bloomfield Colliery

Time: 5.00pm

Date: 2 April 2012

<b>ATTENDEES</b>	
<b>Name</b>	<b>Organisation</b>
Margaret MacDonald-Hill (MMH)	Independent Chairperson
Cnr Jeff Maybury (JM)	Cessnock City Council Representative
Janet Murray (JMY)	Community Representative
Greg Lamb (GL)	Bloomfield Colliery
Brendon Clements (BC)	Bloomfield Colliery
Simon Grassby (SG)	Bloomfield Colliery

<b>Apologies</b>	
<b>Name</b>	<b>Organisation</b>
Garry Bailey (GB)	Bloomfield Colliery

<b>Item</b>	<b>Issue</b>	<b>Action</b>	<b>Date</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Welcome and Apologies</b>		
	All members welcomed.		
<b>2</b>	<b>Declaration of Interests</b>		
	MMH noted her positions as the Independent Chair appointed by the DG of DoP&I for the Bloomfield CCC and Member of the Mine Subsidence Board & Ministers' Arbitration Panel and the Independent Responsible Person for the Bloomfield Charitable Foundation..		
<b>3</b>	<b>Previous minutes</b>		
	JMY commented that noise issues raised by her from Lings Rd residents should have been treated as a formal complaint. SG acknowledged that this was an oversight and agreed that should be recorded in Complaints Register. BC commented that minutes will be amended to reflect noise complaint. JMY requested more detail be included in the minutes for ease of understanding by the general	GL to amend minutes and include complaint in Complaints Register.	Before next meeting

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	public. JMY moved to approve minutes with amendments and seconded by JM.		
<b>4</b>	<b>Business arising</b>		
	Bloomfield has re-advertised in March for replacement CCC members in local papers. No nominations from the community had been received.		
	JMY commented that CCC could look at other possible means of reaching potential members such as local school newspapers, P&C groups, Maitland Council community links etc.	MMH to investigate	Before next meeting
	JMY requested that future Annual Environmental Management Reports be provided to CCC members prior to the following meeting.  GL confirmed this can be arranged and AEMRs are also available on Bloomfield website.		
<b>5</b>	<b>Correspondence</b>		
	None		
<b>6</b>	<b>General Business</b>		
	<p>GL provided PowerPoint presentation covering the following:</p> <p>Regular environmental monitoring undertaken.</p> <p>The 2011 EPL Annual Return was completed and submitted to EPA.</p> <p>Two noise complaints and three blast complaints received since last meeting.</p> <p>One blast overpressure exceedance recorded. Blast overpressure of 120.6 dBL (limit 120 dBL) recorded at McNaughton's residence. EPA notified of exceedance resulting in an official caution from EPA.</p> <p>Rural Fire Service requested slashing behind private properties in Tipperary Dr, Ashtonfield and Buchanan Road. Ashtonfield completed and Buchanan Rd to be completed after Easter.</p> <p>Dog baiting program undertaken in March in conjunction with Donaldson Coal and Coal &amp; Allied.</p> <p>Bloomfield planning to advertise proposal to lodged an application for an Exploration Licence</p>		

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	with DRE. The application will be advertised by Bloomfield in April 2012. Proposed exploration area bound by John Renshaw Dr and Bloomfield Mining Lease.		
	JMY asked about reason for blast overpressure exceedance at McNaughton residence. BC explained Bloomfield still waiting on modeling results, however appears to be a combination of meteorological conditions and timing sequence. Also explained continuing development of blast modeling to simulate blast impacts and incorporate data into blast designs. Currently seeking to include data from Williamstown Airport for inclusion in modeling.		
	<p>SG explained that proposal to apply for Exploration Lease would be advertised in SMH, Daily Telegraph and The Australian. The public will be able to make submissions before Minister approves EL. The Bloomfield Board has not yet given go-ahead to proceed with advertisement.</p> <p>JMY commented that there would be strong opposition from Buttai and Black Hill residents.</p> <p>MMH asked for Bloomfield to email CCC members if Bloomfield decides to proceed with advertisement.</p>		
	<p><b>S 75w Modification</b></p> <p>Approval received from DoP&amp;I in May 2011. The 40ha parcel of land in the Cessnock LGA adjacent to Watagan State Forest has been purchased by Bloomfield in December 2011 for the biological offset.</p> <p>Offset Management Plan submitted to DoP&amp;I for approval. Updated Environmental Management Plans to reflect 2011 modification submitted to DoP&amp;I for endorsement.</p> <p>No response received to date on management plans.</p>		
	<p>JMY enquired as to what happens to biological offset area after mining operations cease.</p> <p>GL explained that a conservation covenant is to be</p>		

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	<p>placed on the title of the land therefore the land is protected in perpetuity despite ownership.</p> <p>MMH enquired about participation in the DoP&amp;I proposed Upper Hunter biodiversity offset project.</p> <p>SG explained that Bloomfield Colliery is not included but Rixs Creek mine may participate.</p>	SG to provide further details	Next CCC meeting
	<p><b>Infrastructure Projects</b></p> <p>Progress updates on the 3 infrastructure projects:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Replacement of playground equipment at Standford Methyr Park Playground is complete.</li> <li>➤ Design of the new cycleway to link Standford Merthyr and Kurri Kurri is in final stages. Cessnock City Council is to incorporate the cycleway into design and construction of upgrade of Heddon Street.</li> <li>➤ Upgrade site drainage system at Kurri Kurri skate park has been incorporated into an overall Master Plan for the skate park. Expected timing for works 2012.</li> </ul>		
	<p><b>Operations Outlook</b></p> <p>BC outlined that the majority of work over the next three years is to mine out the south west corner of the Mining Lease area and then progress north. Coal production will be increasing from 500 kt/yr to 650 kt/yr. Night-time and day-time dumps are in use with no dumping on high dumps at night to minimise offsite noise impacts. The implementation of a late shift may be utilised depending on weather and production issues. Rehabilitation along John Renshaw Drive has been completed.</p>		
	<p><b>Noise Complaints</b></p> <p>JMY raised the issue of noise complaints that she has received from Lings Rd residents. These noise complaints concerning mining operations were passed onto her to be raised at the CCC meeting.</p> <p>BC stated that it will be more beneficial in future if times and dates are provided to enable Bloomfield</p>	GL to include in Complaint Register	

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	to investigate excessive noise matters.		
	<p><b>Other</b></p> <p>JMY raised additional matters being:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Has submission of Mine Closure Plan and Final Void Management Plan by 31/12/11 been met as per DA conditions. GL response that deadline extended to 30/6/12 and both are already 90% complete.</li> <li>➤ Location of High-Volume Air Sampler. GL response that installed at 619 John Renshaw Dr (opposite Elliots) and has been in operation since May 2011. Results will be in AEMR.</li> <li>➤ Report required under new Pollution Reduction Program in Environment Protection Licence. GL response that report due to EPA by 30/6/12.</li> <li>➤ McNaughton redundant blast monitor. GL response that Bloomfield has inspected old monitor site and will employ local electrician to remove.</li> </ul>		
<b>8</b>	<b>Meeting Schedule</b>		
	Next meeting tentatively scheduled 30 July 2012 at 5.00pm		

Meeting closed at 6.22pm