

Bloomfield Colliery Community Consultative Committee

Location: Bloomfield Colliery

Time: 5.01 pm

Date: 16 May 2016

ATTENDEES	
Name	Organisation
Margaret MacDonald-Hill (MMH)	Independent Chairperson
Janet Murray (JMY)	Community Representative
Jack Dwyer (JD)	Community Representative
Rod Doherty (RD)	Cessnock City Council Representative
Greg Lamb (GL)	Bloomfield Colliery
Brendon Clements (BC)	Bloomfield Colliery
Garry Bailey (GB)	Bloomfield Colliery
Mick Innes (MI)	Bloomfield Colliery

Apologies -	
Simon Grassby (SG)	Bloomfield Colliery

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1	Welcome and Apologies		
	All members welcomed.		
2	Declaration of Interests		
	MMH noted her positions as the Independent Chair appointed by the Secretary of DP&E for the Bloomfield CCC and Member of the Mine Subsidence Board and the Independent Responsible Person for the Bloomfield Charitable Foundation. MMH is paid by Bloomfield to co-ordinate and chair the CCC.		
3	Previous minutes		
	JMY moved to approve minutes and seconded by JD		

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4	Business arising		
	The Drill & Blast Supervisor (Mick Innes) provided the meeting with a presentation of the blast predictive modeling software utilised by Bloomfield when designing and timing of blasting operations.		
	GB commented that predictive noise modeling software will be developed similar to the blast modeling currently being used. BC informed the committee that the Bloomfield board has approved the capital expenditure to develop the software.		
	RD provided a presentation to the committee on the proposed rehabilitation works at the Stanford Merthyr Crown Reserve.		
	JMY enquired about proposed wild dog baiting program for 2016. GL replied that a program is proposed for June/July after consultation with Local Land Services.		
	JMY enquired about progress on the Independent Environmental Audit report. GL provided a copy of the report to the Committee members.		
	JMY commented that Buttai residents have complained about an odour like chicken manure or blood and bone over the last month. GL responded that Bloomfield has been spreading biosolids as part of the rehabilitation but this was completed in March and is unlikely to be the source. BC added that if odour occurs again to contact Bloomfield and someone will drive over to investigate.		
5	Correspondence		
	Incoming: 16/5/16 - 2015 IEA & AEMR tabled to CCC Outgoing: 18/2/16 - email DP&E guidelines and fact sheet to CCC 19/2/16 - email request for comments on revised guidelines 31/3/16 - email link and extension from DP&E on guidelines.		
6	Reports		
	GL provided PowerPoint presentation covering the following: Three community complaints received since last CCC meeting. 1. 5/1/16 - Weeds encroaching into neighbouring		

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	<p>property (East Maitland). Weed spraying underway.</p> <p>2. 14/1/16 – Noise from pit late at night (Buttai). Digger and dump location moved next shift.</p> <p>3. 15/3/16 – Noise from washery during evening (Ashtonfield). Shift finished at time of complaint. Likley caused by adverse weather conditions.</p> <p>During January storm 325 mm of rain was recorded resulting in non-compliant discharge. Reported to EPA.</p> <p>The 2015 AEMR was completed and submitted.</p> <p>Site meeting and inspection was held with DRE in April to review 2015 AEMR and inspect rehabilitation and general areas.</p> <p>Independent Environmental Audit report received in December.</p> <p>11 Hectares of rehabilitation completed since last meeting.</p> <p>Wild dog baiting program to commence in June/July.</p> <p>Fencing work commenced on 40 Ha of rehabilitated areas for grazing purposes.</p>		
	<p>Infrastructure Projects</p> <p>All projects completed.</p>		
	<p>General Business</p>		
	<p>RD enquired about impact on Bloomfield of Abel Mine going on care and maintenance.</p> <p>GB replied washery operations will be reduced.</p> <p>Bloomfield's purchase of Integra Open Cut means that some washery staff have been redeployed. Others have been retrained to work in pit operations.</p>		
	<p>GB stated that in 2017 Bloomfield will prepare a modification to the consent to extend the mining operation date of the consent. Operations will remain within the existing approved disturbance area.</p>		
	<p>JMY enquired about plans for the final void and end land use.</p> <p>BC replied that a 10 year mine plan has been developed for Bloomfield mining operations, after which the void is used for tailings disposal for Abel</p>		

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	Mine operations. Final land use is up to landowner, Ashtonfield Pty Ltd. Bloomfield rehabilitating site to a mix of native vegetation areas and grazing areas. GB stated that Ashtonfield Pty Ltd shareholders will be onsite for an inspection in June. The Abel Mine operations provides some uncertainty on final void size and shape.		
8	Meeting Schedule		
	Next meeting scheduled for 25 July at 5.00pm.		

Meeting closed at 6.50pm

Acronyms referred to in minutes:

CCC	Community Consultative Committee
DP&E	Department of Planning & Environment
EPA	Environment Protection Authority
AEMR	Annual Environmental Management Report
IEA	Independent Environmental Audit