

# Bloomfield Colliery Community Consultative Committee

Location: Bloomfield Colliery

Time: 2.31 pm

Date: 15 October 2018

<b>ATTENDEES</b>	
<b>Name</b>	<b>Organisation</b>
Margaret MacDonald-Hill (MMH)	Independent Chairperson
Janet Murray (JMY)	Community Representative
Jack Dwyer (JD)	Community Representative
Greg Lamb (GL)	Bloomfield Colliery
Geoff Moore (GM)	Bloomfield Colliery
Brad Donoghue (BD)	Bloomfield Colliery

<b>Apologies – Nil</b>	
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<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 advised no change to her previous declarations and noted no change to CCC members' previous declarations.		
<b>3</b>	<b>Previous minutes</b>		
	JMY moved to approve minutes and seconded by GL		
<b>4</b>	<b>Business arising</b>		
	MMH enquired about DA Modification 4 approval. GL responded that the DPE approval was granted in August. Consent approval now until December 2030. Current mine plan has Bloomfield mining coal until 2025.		
	MMH enquired about illegal tree felling (outside mining lease) and odour issues raised by JMY's email. GL responded that OEH have been consulted regarding trespassers removing iron bark trees and OEH stated that it is a police matter. Bloomfield met		

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	police on site whom stated for them to act they would need times, dates, rego plates etc. On the odour issue, a further 300m of pipe is available to be added to extend discharge further away from John Renshaw Drive.		
	JD commented that he forwarded some historical information on the Buttai Reservoir to MMH. MMH will forward to Bloomfield. GL commented that a condition survey has recently been completed for the Buttai Reservoir.	MMH	Completed 15/10/18
	MMH stated that the CCC has received correspondence from environmental consultants, Umwelt Pty Ltd, on Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> October and had forwarded to CCC members. Umwelt are seeking comment on issues to focus on in Bloomfield's upcoming Independent Environmental Audit. JMY raised various issues for the audit: a review of complaints including actions to ensure no repeat of issues raised; implementation of biodiversity offset; night time noise management, spontaneous combustion and review management plans. GL noted that a spontaneous combustion specialist has been included in the audit team at DPE request. MMH asked for any additional comments to be sent to her by the requested date of 26 October 2018.	Any further comments	To MMH by 26/10/18
	BD provided an update on the current mining operations and noted the plan to cap the current tailings dam with a new dam to be established in the current mining area. He noted that Bloomfield had 6 years life remaining. JMY sort clarification on void size and final landform as shown on EA Mod 4 figure. BD responded that final void size depends on Abel Mine. If Abel stays in care and maintenance then void will be slightly larger on the south end.		
	JMY sort clarification on the sale of 644 John Renshaw Drive. GM confirmed that Bloomfield has purchased the property as it was close to the mine and adjoined land owned by the company and certainly not to do any exploration.		
<b>5</b>	<b>Correspondence</b>		
	Incoming: - 23/8/18 - email historical information on Buttai Reservoir from JD. - 3/9/18 - email from JM on tree felling and odour. - 9/9/18 – email enquiry from JMY on potential new CCC member - 16/9/18 – email from JMY on incident off Buttai		

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	<p>Road.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 12/10/18 – email received from Umwelt regarding IEA</li> </ul> <p>Outgoing:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 10/9/18 - email reply to JMY.</li> <li>- 11/9/18 - email reply to JMY.</li> <li>- 15/10/18 – email to members regarding Umwelt IEA.</li> </ul>		
<b>6</b>	<b>Reports</b>		
	<p>GL provided presentation covering the following:</p> <p>Development Consent Modification 4 approved by DPE.</p> <p>One community complaint since last meeting.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o 3/09/18 Noise from operations and odour thought to be from mining operations</li> </ul> <p>NPI 2016-2017 report completed and submitted.</p> <p>Further meetings held with RFS to discuss future hazard reduction burns.</p> <p>Fencing works underway to fence in additional areas of rehabilitation for grazing purposes.</p> <p>Dog baiting to be conducted soon in conjunction with Local Land Services.</p> <p>Heritage condition assessment conducted on the Buttai Cemetery and Buttai Reservoir.</p> <p>Independent Environmental Audit underway with site visit on 30 October.</p>		
	<b>General Business</b>		
	BD provided an outline of operations currently and for next 12 months. As Modification 4 has been approved mining operations are moving further north. Dumping to continue up against southern high wall.		
	A general discussion held regarding recent IPCC report, including the need to shift away from coal to renewables for power generation and implications for Bloomfield.		
	<p>MMH commented that the CCC has advertised for new members. Applications close 31/10/18.</p> <p>GL confirmed that advertisements were placed in the Cessnock Advertiser and Maitland Mercury. MMH to provide a copy of the advertisement to JMY</p>	MMH	Completed 15/10/18

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	Site inspection was conducted after close of meeting.		
<b>8</b>	<b>Meeting Schedule</b>		
	Next meeting scheduled for 11 March at 2.30pm.		
	Further meetings for 2019: June 24, October 28.		

Meeting closed at 3.25pm.

Acronyms referred to in minutes:

CCC	Community Consultative Committee
DPE	Department of Planning & Environment
DRG	Division of Resources and Energy
IPCC	Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change
IEA	Independent Environmental Audit
RFS	Rural Fire Service
OEH	Office of Environment and Heritage