

## Moolarben Coal Community Consultative Committee Annual Report 2020

<b>CCC / Project Name:</b>	Moolarben Coal	<b>Reporting Period:</b>	March 2019 to April 2020
<b>Independent Chairperson:</b>	<b>Lisa Andrews</b>	<b>Proponent Contact:</b>	<b>Graham Chase</b>

### 1. Executive Summary

The Moolarben Coal Mine is an open cut and underground coal mine located about 40 kilometres northeast of Mudgee in the Mid-Western Regional Council local government area.

The site comprises of four approved open cut mining areas, three approved underground mining areas and other mining related infrastructure.

The mine commenced operations in 2008 and has received modified consents from that time. Currently, Modification 14 & Modification 3 have been referred to the Independent Planning Commission for consideration and determination.

A Community Consultative Committee (CCC) operates in accordance with the Department of Planning & Environment's Community Consultative Committee Guidelines for State Significant Development (January 2019). The committee was established following the mine's approval and the membership consists of:

- Five local community representatives
- One Mid Western Regional Council delegate
- One local aboriginal land council delegate
- Three company representatives; and
- One Independent Chairperson.

The meetings are held quarterly March, June, September & November and attendees receive a comprehensive presentation from the proponent. Topics of discussion during the report period included:

- Environmental monitoring
- Biodiversity offset works
- Employment and recruitment
- Updates on progress of Modification 14 & Modification 3
- Management Plan reviews
- Surface and groundwater monitoring
- Community Support Program
- Annual Review 2018 presentation
- Updates on water and air quality, noise monitoring, and rehabilitation
- Drilling and exploration
- Support for local Rural Fire Service brigade
- Water yield declines and impacts from the drought
- Approvals update
- Current mining status
- Pest Control and baiting; and
- Community complaints

The CCC is an effective communication forum between the community, the Council and the company. It functions well and accordingly, fulfils its objectives under the Department's guidelines.

## 2. CCC activities over last 12 months

- The committee met in March 2019, June 2019, September 2019, November 2019 and March 2020.
- Attendance at the meetings is high, with the occasional apology due to competing commitments.
- As well as the reporting period presentations, briefings were provided on the Annual Review, Open Cut Optimisation Modification, blast incident prosecution, the Independent Water Quality Study (IWQS) being undertaken by the University of Queensland – Sustainable Minerals Institute (UQ),
- There were no joint CCC's held.

## 3. Key issues

Trending topics of committee discussion can be summarised as:

<b>Issue</b>	<b>Actions Taken</b>	<b>Outcome</b>
<b>Water data and monitoring information</b>	Community representative requesting water data	Requests made and information provided to CCC.
<b>Decline in RFS membership due to people moving out of the area due to mining activities</b>	Moolarben Coal staff encouraged and supported to be members of the RFS	Staff are provided leave to assist with firefighting activities.
<b>Open Cut Optimisation Modification</b>	Briefings are provided on the Open Cut Optimisation Modification	Ongoing.
<b>The Independent Water Quality Study (IWQS), being undertaken by the University of Queensland – Sustainable Minerals Institute (UQ)</b>	Information to be provided to CCC when available.	Ongoing.
<b>Drip Deed</b>	Certificates of Title issued - awaiting registration with Land Registry Services.	Keep CCC members informed of progress.

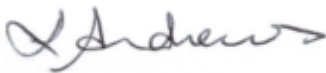
#### 4. Focus for next 12 months

The planned activities for 2020 will be guided by the contributions of the CCC members. These activities are likely to include:

- A site inspection.
- Continued updates on environmental monitoring of the site.
- Continued updates on Community Support Program.
- Continued requests for water data and monitoring information.
- Continued updates on the progress of Open Cut Optimisation Modification.

To the best of my knowledge, there are no outstanding or emerging issues that have not been addressed.

CCC minutes and presentations are available on the website.

Signature of Chair:	
Date:	28 May 2020