

CHARBON/INGLENOOK COMMUNITY CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT FOR YEAR 2022.

Charbon/Inglenook Community Consultative Committee Details

CCC / Project Name:	Charbon Coal Mine & Inglenook Exploration Project	Reporting Period:	January - December 2022
Independent Chairperson:	Margaret MacDonald-Hill	Proponent Contact:	David Craft Greg Munday

1. Executive Summary

The Charbon/Inglenook Community Consultative Committee (CCC) is an unique consultative committee, being a Government approved combination of two committees established at very different stages of mining and the approvals process. The Inglenook Project Exploration Committee was established by the then Minister for Primary Industries at the end of 2010 and covers an area of 9734ha under four Exploration Leases. The Charbon Coal Mine is at the end of mine life, with underground mining and open cut mining completed in 2014 and 2015 respectively. Coal mining has occurred at the Charbon site since 1920 and currently covers an area of approximately 2,692ha, consisting of six open cut mining areas; two historic underground mining areas; rail loop and loading facilities and a coal handling and processing plant. The original Charbon CCC began in May 2004 and became a subsequent condition of consent for later approvals. The Charbon Colliery is located approximately four kilometres south of Kandos in the Mid Western Regional Council Local Government Area and the Inglenook Exploration Project covers four leaseholds in the Running Stream Ilford area, mainly in the Lithgow City Council Local Government Area.

The release of the Department of Planning and Environment's Community Consultative Guidelines for State Significant Development in late 2016 and the move of the Division of the then Resources and Energy into the Planning and Environment Cluster the following year provided a timely opportunity to merge the two committees into one because of the many synergies between them; both are part of Centennial Coal operations, shared the same Chair, similar membership and meeting schedule and the communities are closely related, both in physical proximity and foundation of their social fabric. All parties supported the merge, membership remained the same and the first joint meeting was held in October 2017.

The Committee operates in accordance with the Department of Planning and Environment's 2019 Community Consultative Committee Guidelines for State Significant Projects and meets biannually.

The committee is currently comprised of:

- five local community representatives
- one member of the Running Stream Water Users Association and alternate as a stakeholder group;
- one member from the Rylstone District Environment Society as a stakeholder group;
- one Mid Western Regional Council elected representative;

- one staff representative from Lithgow City Council;
- two Centennial representatives, with attendance from other personnel as required;
- one independent Chairperson.

The resumption of normal face to face Committee meetings took place for the March and September meetings, whilst observing all Covid requirements. For the reporting period, the committee's interest has been similar to that of previous years.

At the February meeting the committee was advised of the major rehabilitation focus at Charbon, the successful trials for the main reject emplacement areas and that the use of the Clarence coarse rejects material was not required at this stage. A discussion ensued on the filling of all the open cut voids at Charbon and the unauthorised land disturbance which occurred in August 2021.

For Inglenook, the exploration project updates, including renewal of exploration licenses, the status of the exploration drilling program and the future of the project.

Other topics of discussion for the reporting period also included:

- water management improvements at Charbon
- rehabilitation progress and schedule at Charbon
- general environmental management and monitoring, including aquatic ecology, flora and fauna, noise, air quality, surface and groundwater, erosion control
- community complaints
- approvals, update and progress on Charbon mine closure activities
- Mine rehabilitation reforms
- baseline environmental data collection for Inglenook
- exploration activities, and proposed drilling program for Inglenook
- environmental monitoring, compliance, community consultation for Inglenook
- community engagement and sponsorship.

The committee is provided with a comprehensive PowerPoint presentation of activities as part of each meeting. The CCC remains an effective conduit between the community, the two local councils and the company. There have been no complaints for the last two years, a reasonable indication there are no major concerns within the local communities. The members are long term residents in the area, respected and well known and well informed on what is happening in their community. A good rapport exists amongst all the members. Following the resignation of a founding member on the original Ministerial Inglenook CCC, the members acknowledged her contribution and farewelled the lady with morning tea and a bouquet of flowers.

2. CCC activities over last 12 months

- Two meetings were held in March and September 2022 with a site tour of the rehabilitation sites following the March meeting.
- Meeting schedules are set at the end of each year for the ensuing year in consultation with all members to avoid conflict with other commitments.
- There were no joint CCC's held for the reporting period.

3. Key issues

As mining has ceased at Charbon, the focus will remain on the rehabilitation activities and targets reached towards mine closure. For the Inglenook project, continuation of progress reports and the future of the exploration project remain static. An interest was shown in the Airly mine and the reported subsidence and surface cracking and the Banpu Smarter Energy proposed Pinecrest Solar Farm at Lidsdale.

Issue	Actions Taken	Next Steps
Cause of subsidence and cracking at Airly Mine	Fact sheet on Airly Mine Subsidence Management and Monitoring provided to Committee.	Complete unless further questions received.
Inglenook Exploration	Discussion on lengthy exploration period, renewal of leases.	Updates ongoing to each meeting. Committee members to be kept informed of any future drilling locations.
Feral pigs	Centennial have set traps on company owned land	Review at future meetings


4. Focus for next 12 months

The planned activities for 2023 will be guided by the contributions of the CCC members. These activities are likely to include:

- site inspections on rehabilitation and mine closure
- potential tour of local Solar Farm.

To the best of my knowledge, there are no outstanding or emerging issues that have not been addressed or are in the process of being so, to the committee's satisfaction.

Committee Meeting minutes and presentations are available on the website within two weeks of each meeting.

Signature of Chair:	
Date:	March 2 2023.