

# BLOOMFIELD COAL MINE COMMUNITY CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT FOR YEAR 2022

## Bloomfield Community Consultative Committee Details

<b>CCC / Project Name:</b>	Bloomfield Colliery	<b>Reporting Period:</b>	March 2021 to March 2022
<b>Independent Chairperson:</b>	Lisa Andrews	<b>Proponent Contact:</b>	Greg Lamb

### 1. Executive Summary

The Bloomfield Community Consultative Committee (CCC) was established as a Consent Condition of Approval granted by the Minister for Planning in September 2009, to allow for the completion of open cut mining operations and rehabilitation. The committee held its inaugural meeting in May 2010.

The Bloomfield Mine is an open cut operation at Ashtonfield, producing 0.6 million tonnes of product coal, mainly for the asian market through the Port of Newcastle. The mine is located, west of the M1 Motorway and bounded generally by the New England Highway and John Renshaw Drive. The mining of coal has taken place at this location for over one hundred years by both underground and open cut operations.

The Abel Underground Mine is in close proximity to Bloomfield operations and although the Abel mine is currently on care and maintenance, the Abel consent allows for the utilisation of the Bloomfield coal handling and preparation plant, the rail loading facility and other related infrastructure for the processing of coal.

Committee membership remains small but attentive. The CCC operates in accordance with the Department of Planning and Environment's 2019 Community Consultative Committee Guidelines for State Significant Projects.

The committee is currently comprised of:

- three local community representatives and one designated alternate;
- one Maitland City Council representative;
- one Cessnock City Council representative;
- two Bloomfield Mine representatives, with attendance from other personnel as required;
- one independent Chairperson.

Meetings are held three times per year, generally with one annual site inspection, which occurred on 28/3/22.

For the reporting period, the committee's interest has still focused on the Colliery's attempts to stop the illegal trespass, tree felling and dumping of rubbish on Bloomfield managed land. This has resulted in representations to Council, the Local Land Services agency and the local member for the member for Maitland (The Honourable Jenny Aitchison, MP).

The investigation revealed no set policies have been adopted and mostly the issue is a police matter, requiring the illegal activities to be caught in the act and prosecuted, which of course is very difficult.

Other topics of discussion for the reporting period also included:

- general environmental monitoring
- noise and odour management
- land management; weed control, rehabilitation, feral animal and fire hazard reductions
- biannual rehabilitation modelling
- operations update
- current mining status
- community complaints
- 2022 Annual Review
- Mine closure.

Members are active in their respective communities, raise matters on behalf of those communities, in addition to disseminating information through their individual networks to the broader community. The number of community complaints remains minimal and are mainly noise orientated.

## 2. CCC activities over last 12 months

- CCC meetings were held in June 2021, October 2021 and March 2022 (which incorporated a site inspection).
- There were no joint CCC's held.

## 3. Key issues

The impetus of the committee is on the future of the area once mining is completed and the management of the environment in the interim.

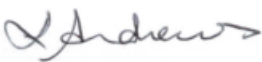
Issue	Actions Taken	Next Steps
<b>Illegal tree felling and dumping of rubbish</b>	Following investigation into this matter, the CCC are now aware of reporting illegal activities to the NSW Police for action.	Ongoing.
<b>Mine Closure &amp; Rehabilitation Plan</b>	Following a presentation by Bloomfield staff regarding its plans for the mine closure in 2024, it was agreed to hold a workshop with the CCC (as a stakeholder) to discuss the final land use.	Workshop planned for May 2022.

#### 4. Focus for next 12 months

The planned activities for 2022 will be guided by the contributions of the CCC members. The committee is keen to be involved in Bloomfield Collieries Mine Closure and Rehabilitation Plan and the proponent is eager to receive input from it.

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:	6 April 2022