

Community Consultative Committee Details

CCC / Project Name:	Boggabri Coal	Reporting Period:	2020 (calendar year)
Independent Chairperson:	David Ross	Proponent Contact:	Hamish Russell

1. Executive Summary

It was an active year for the CCC with four standard CCC meetings taking place as well as a joint CCC meeting (as part of the Boggabri-Tarrawonga-Maules Creek complex of coal mines) requiring the attention of committee members. Yet, due to the pandemic, it was also a frustrating year for the committee with members having to hold two of the meetings via videoconference and have one joint CCC meeting cancelled. While it was important to maintain conversations across the group, even via videoconference, the quality of internet reception for many and the inability to successfully hold genuine group discussions via video meant that meetings had to be stripped right back.

While there were new issues to focus on over the year (specifically, modifications), nevertheless, there were some issues, which have been the focus of the CCC over the past few years. These include biodiversity, noise and the construction of an early learning facility.

These issues provided for much discussion and numerous actions and responses.

2. CCC activities over last 12 months

There were four CCC meetings held during the year with members well represented at each meeting. Due to some long-term members resigning from the committee, advertising for new members took place during the year. This resulted in two new members joining the committee, only then for one of the new members to have to resign due to personal reasons.

It is worthwhile observing that it is becoming progressively more difficult to find new members to join the Boggabri-Tarrawonga-Maules Creek (BTM) complex of coal mine committees and therefore difficult to maintain notable diversity within the committees.

A joint CCC was held in May via a combination of video- and teleconference. While it was important to attempt to bring the three committees together, it was extremely difficult to run in a productive manner due to the poor technology available.

Nevertheless, the Department was able to attend in order to answer questions that community members had on an array of topics.

3. Key issues

As part of the review into the key issues discussed throughout 2020, feedback was also sought from CCC members at our February 2021 meeting on what they believed were the key issues discussed. These are:

- Construction and future operation of the early learning facility
- Housing commitments
- Blasting and noise
- Modification 8
- Biodiversity offsets and rehabilitation


Issue	Actions Taken	Next Steps
Housing and early learning facility commitments	Questions were raised about progress on delivering the commitments that BCOPL had previously made on housing as well as an early learning facility (ELF).	Updates, particularly on the ELF, were made throughout the year and are anticipated to continue into early operations of the facility.
Blasting and noise	After a particular blasting event, community members were interested in the investigation. Noise data continued to be presented at each CCC meeting, facilitating much discussion.	Discussions on these matters will continue into 2021.
Modification 8	Well before the modification was submitted to the Department for Assessment, BCOPL commenced providing updates to members on what the modification would entail and any mitigative measures	BCOPL have committed to further updates for members and when the modification is anticipated to be submitted to DPIE.
Biodiversity and rehabilitation	Offsets, pest and weed control and efforts to assist local koala recovery have all received focus throughout the year, requiring BCOPL to answer an array of questions.	Biodiversity will continue to remain an issue throughout 2021.

4. Focus for next 12 months

- The committee was pleased with discussions over the year and therefore, were happy to continue in a similar manner throughout 2021.

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- Due to one representative no longer attending, a request had been made by the CCC to fill remaining positions on the committee.

Signature of Chair:	
Date:	12 th June, 2021