

## Community Consultative Committee (CCC) Details

<b>CCC / Project Name:</b>	Mt Arthur Coal	<b>Reporting Period:</b>	1 July 2019 – 30 June 2020
<b>Independent Chairperson:</b>	Dr Wej Paradise AM	<b>Proponent Contact:</b>	Andrew Marsh BHP Corporate Affairs

### 1. Executive Summary

The Mt Arthur Coal Complex, located approximately five kilometres south west of Muswellbrook in the Upper Hunter Valley in New South Wales (NSW) includes the Mt Arthur Coal Open Cut, the Mt Arthur Coal Underground Project (no underground operations are currently taking place), Coal Handling and Preparation Plant (CHPP), rail loop and rail load out. The company operates in accordance with Project Approval PA 09\_0062 (as modified).

A Community Consultative Committee (CCC) had been operating prior to 2010 and had been Chaired by a Muswellbrook Councillor. Since June 2015 an Independent Chairperson was appointed by the NSW Department of Planning, Industry and Environment (DPIE) to Chair the CCC. The CCC operates in accordance with the DPIE's Community Consultative Guidelines for State Significant Development Projects (January 2019).

The committee currently consists of

- Four local community representatives
- One elected Muswellbrook Council representative
- Four company representatives
- One Independent Chairperson, appointed by the NSW DPIE.
  - And a minute taker who records the minutes and is responsible to the Chairperson of the CCC.

### 2. CCC activities over last 12 months

- Change in personnel
  - Dr Col Gellatly resigned as Independent Chair and Dr Wej Paradise was appointed by the NSW DPIE to the role of Independent Chair for Mt Arthur Coal (MAC), commencing in August 2019
  - Changes in staff at Mt Arthur Coal
- Five community members and one Council representative were members of the MAC CCC during the period. One community member tendered their resignation.
- Four meetings were held during the period
  - 9 September 2019, 21 November 2019, 13 February 2020 and 7 May 2020

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- Due to COVID-19 impacts, the May 2020 meeting was held as a Q&A iterative meeting
- There were no site visits held during the period, one visit was planned for February 2020, however due to COVID-19 it was postponed
- Two Joint CCC's were held with Maxwell Infrastructure
  - One face to face meeting in 11 December 2019 and the second meeting 10 June 2020, was a Q&A iterative meeting. No key issues or concerns raised.

### 3. Key issues

The key issues, actions and next steps are summarised in the table below.

Issue	Actions Taken	Next Steps
Community / Council participation on committee	Approached Council and discussed advertising for community members.	Advertise for community members and continue discussions with Muswellbrook Shire Council.
COVID impacts on operation	BHP protocols in terms of high risk workers, visitors to site, social distancing etc – resulted in pivoting meeting format to on-line and off site.	Continue to monitor and adhere to COVID protocols for MAC.
Lighting	<p>Proposed site visit to show committee the lighting plant protocols that have been implemented to address this issue. Due to COVID-19, the visit has been postponed.</p> <p>The department has also been approached to brief committee on offensive lighting.</p> <p>During the reporting period, MAC's overburden team completed training in relation to lighting plant movement and set-up procedure and the OCE's conduct a nightly drive-around to assist with identifying potential issues.</p>	<p>Undertake site visit when COVID-19 restrictions have eased.</p> <p>DPIE to brief committee in this financial year.</p>
Air Quality	<p>MAC implemented a new dust control system, which provides real-time monitoring results, which assists site personnel with improving the management of dust related impacts.</p> <p>There was a reduction in the number of community complaints of 71% from the previous financial reporting period.</p>	<p>Continue to update committee on air quality management and investigate opportunity to see the Dust Control Monitoring System at MAC.</p> <p>DPIE to brief committee in this financial year on cumulative impacts of dust.</p>

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	<p>DPIE has been approached to brief committee on cumulative impacts of dust.</p> <p>Air quality continues to be managed in-line with site plans and protocols.</p>	
Rehabilitation	<p>81ha of rehabilitation work was completed against target of 81ha for FY20, with an additional 31.3ha in the rehabilitation process (bulked shaped or with topsoil spread).</p>	<p>Monitoring success of rehabilitation targets.</p> <p>Continue to update committee on rehabilitation progress and investigate opportunity to inspect rehabilitation sites at MAC.</p>
Water	<p>Presentation provided on-site water management.</p>	<p>Continue to update committee of on-site water issues as relevant.</p>
Noise	<p>Committee updated on noise issues at each meeting.</p>	<p>Continue to update committee noise issues as relevant.</p>
Community Engagement and Social Investment	<p>Committee updated on BHP's engagement and social investment activities.</p>	<p>Continue to update committee.</p>
Complaints	<p>Review of annual community complaints data in relation to how complaint information is presented.</p>	<p>Continue to provide information to committee.</p>
CCC contact details	<p>Publish committee member contact details on CCC minutes.</p>	

**4. Focus for next 12 months**

- Recruitment of new CCC members;
- Managing CCC in COVID related environment and impacts of COVID on the business and regional community;
- Update of BHP divestment;
- Update on MAC Continuation Project;
- Site visits when appropriate.

Signature of Chair:	<i>D.E.J. Peadar</i>
Date:	<i>26/11/20</i>