

Ulan Coal Mines Community Consultative Committee – Annual Report 2021

CCC / Project Name:	Ulan Coal Mines	Reporting Period:	March 2021 to March 2022
Independent Chairperson:	Lisa Andrews	Proponent Contact:	Robyn Stoney

1. Executive Summary

The Ulan Coal complex is located approximately 1.5 kilometres from Ulan Village, within the Mid-Western Regional Council Local Government Area. The project area is located approximately 38 kilometres north-east of Mudgee in New South Wales. The company, Glencore operates both underground and above ground mining operations for thermal coal. The mine is one of the longest established in the central west of NSW, having been operational for over 20 years.

A Community Consultative Committee (CCC) was established in 2002 and operates in accordance with the Department of Planning & Environment's Community Consultative Committee Guidelines for State Significant Development (January 2019). The committee membership consists of:

- Five local community representatives
- One Mid-Western Regional 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 reporting period included:

- Briefing on the results of the Annual Review
- Monitoring and Environmental Performance (water monitoring & discharge, environmental incidents, community complaints, etc)
- Progress reports on all mining activities (Ulan West, Open Cut, Ulan Underground and East Pit)
- Updates on Modifications
- Extraction Plans
- Goulburn River Diversion Remediation
- Biodiversity Offsets
- Exploration Program
- Mining Operational Plan
- Air Quality
- Noise
- Rehabilitation; and
- Community Sponsorship program.

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 2021, June 2021, September 2021 and December 2021. The opportunity was provided for CCC members to participate via video-conferencing, which some did. As is often the case when engaging in this forum, some difficulties were encountered, however, generally the committee was still able to function appropriately.
- Recruitment of new CCC membership.
- The CCC receive a comprehensive presentation on the project's environmental monitoring and compliance.
- Community Newsletters are prepared and distributed with briefings provided to CCC members on the proposed Bungaba Exploration Program.
- Information provided regarding kangaroo culling, wild dogs, foxes and feral animal control.
- The CCC continues to receive requested water data information and clarification.
- The CCC received an update on the Independent Auditors Review.
- The CCC received a presentation on the Annual Report.
- The CCC provided input and recommendations for its top "Community Projects" for funding and support from Glencore as part of its Community Development Plan.
- The CCC were updated on the Extraction Plan Reviews/Amendments
- Attendance at the meetings is high, with the occasional apology due to competing commitments of volunteers.
- There were no joint CCC's held.

3. Key issues

Trending topics of committee discussion can be summarised as:

Issue	Actions Taken	Outcome
Water data and monitoring information	Community representative requesting water data	Requests made and information provided to CCC.
Proposed exploration (Bungaba area)	Consultation with the local community has commenced, with information sessions and newsletters.	Ongoing presentations to CCC.
Amenity Issues (Noise & Dust)	Ongoing discussions and information provided by the company at each CCC.	Ongoing.
Water access for RFS trucks	Investigate whether a converter fitting to a STORZ can be left at the UCMLP standpipe to allow water access for RFS fire trucks.	Complete – standpipe installed.
Alternative Offset modification	Change to proposed 10ha offset area location under approval PA08_0184.	Complete. Approved by DPE on 23/3/22.

Proposed Extension Modification (now known as MOD 6) Update	Presentation provided to members on MP08_0184-Mod-6.	Under assessment with DPE
ELA North of Ulan	Continue to update CCC on this matter.	Ongoing.
Recruitment of new CCC membership	Recruitment campaign undertaken in August 2021 in accordance with guidelines. Three applications received and assessed under the selection criteria.	Two stakeholder groups (Mudgee Local Aboriginal Land Council & Business Mudgee) delegates and one community representative approved by DPE October 2021 in join CCC.
Proposed Bowdens Silver lead Mine development application	Supply of water from Ulan Coal to proposed silver mine development.	Proposal had been withdrawn from the development application. NFA.

4. Focus for next 12 months

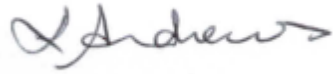
The planned activities for 2023 will be guided by the contributions of the CCC members. These activities are likely to include:

- A proposed site inspection.
- Updates on the proposed Bungaba Exploration Program.
- Updates on the proposed Extension Modification (MOD 6), especially in relation to environmental studies, including "the Drip".
- 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 mining operations.
- Continued updates on Biodiversity Offset management.
- Continued updates on Modifications and proposed expansions.

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:

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Date:

23 March 2022