

Community Consultative Committee Details

CCC / Project Name:	Russell Vale Coal	Reporting Period:	2019 (calendar year)
Independent Chairperson:	David Ross	Proponent Contact:	Ron Bush

1. Executive Summary

Despite the mine being in care and maintenance mode, it was nevertheless an active year for the CCC with four standard CCC meetings and one extraordinary CCC meeting taking place.

Key issues that were considered and discussed throughout the year were the assessment associated with the proposed underground expansion project and assisting the CCC to understand the wider assessment and compliance processes.

2. CCC activities over last 12 months

There were four CCC meetings held during the year with some movement of members off the committee and subsequent replacements. The committee is now healthy, in terms of numbers and attendance.

With the mine being in care and maintenance mode, arguably the key activity undertaken in 2019 was the holding of an extraordinary CCC meeting for WCL to provide a summary of the findings of the proposed underground expansion project, which was submitted in July.

Furthermore, the time during meetings was also used to assist members gain a more holistic understanding of the assessment and compliance processes with attendance at two meetings of representatives from the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment (DPIE) and the Environment Protection Authority (EPA).

3. Key issues


As part of the review into the key issues discussed throughout 2019, feedback was sought from CCC members. The key issues are:

- The proposed underground expansion
- CCC representation
- Understanding of the assessment and compliance processes

Issue	Actions Taken	Next Steps
Proposed underground expansion project	An extraordinary CCC meeting was held in May, at which WCL and Umwelt presented on the environmental assessment that was to be formally submitted to DPIE. Members were given the opportunity to ask questions.	The committee will discuss key activities for 2020 if the proposed expansion is approved.
CCC representation	A regeneration of the CCC had commenced in 2018, which also progressed into early 2019, to ensure that the community had adequately and appropriately represented. Successful efforts were made early in 2019 to recruit additional members.	No further actions are required in 2020 as the CCC now has good and diverse representation from the community.
The assessment and compliance processes	To assist members, particularly newer members, to gain a wider understanding of the context within which the mine operates in, government representatives attended some meetings. Namely, members of DPIE and the EPA attended meetings to answers any questions the committee may have had with respect to the assessment process or compliance.	Efforts are being made to invite a team leader from DPIE Compliance to attend and answer members questions in 2020.

4. Focus for next 12 months

- Key for the CCC will be the lead up to the assessment process for the proposed underground expansion project and the assessment, itself. This will drive the way forward for future discussions.

Signature of Chair:	
Date:	24 th June, 2020