

## Mangoola Open Cut and Mangoola Coal Continued Operations combined Community Consultative Committee – Annual Report 2023

<b>CCC / Project Name:</b>	Mangoola Open Cut & Mangoola Coal Continued Operations combined CCC	<b>Reporting Period:</b>	March 2022 to April 2024
<b>Independent Chairperson:</b>	<b>Lisa Andrews</b>	<b>Proponent Contact:</b>	<b>Sam Palmer</b>

### 1. Executive Summary

Mangoola Open Cut is an open cut coal operation in the Wybong area, 20 kilometres west of Muswellbrook and approximately 10 kilometres north of the township of Denman.

The company operates in accordance with Project Approval 06\_0014 (as modified). Run of mine (ROM) coal is extracted at a rate of up to 13.5 million tonnes per annum.

A Community Consultative Committee (CCC) has been operating since 2006 and in 2017 an Independent Chairperson (and alternate) were appointed by the Department of Planning & Environment. The CCC operates in accordance with the Department of Planning & Environment's Community Consultative Committee Guidelines for State Significant Development (2023). The committee membership consists of:

- Four local community representatives
- Two Muswellbrook Shire Council delegates (One Councillors & one Compliance Officer)
- Two Stakeholder Group representatives (Denman Chamber of Commerce and the Muswellbrook Business Chamber)
- Three company representatives; and
- One Independent Chairperson.

The Mangoola Coal Continued Operations SSD application (MCCO - SSD-8642), was approved on 20<sup>th</sup> April 2021 and construction commenced in 2022. The structure of the CCC changed to combine the MCCO with the original Mangoola Open Cut CCC. Members had received extensive updates throughout the development application process as this was seen as an extension of this consultation process. Membership of the CCC is relevant to both projects.

The combined meetings are held quarterly in February, May, August & November with attendees receiving a comprehensive presentation from the proponent on both projects. Regular site inspections are undertaken and Mangoola is one of the leading sites in relation to its rehabilitation works. Topics of discussion during each reporting period include:

- Independent Environmental Audit presentation
- Annual Review presentation
- Mangoola Mine Update
- Mining Operations Plan
- Biodiversity/Conservation Agreements
- Management Plans (review/updates)
- Approvals Update (including variations,
- Environmental Reports
- Noise Monitoring data
- Air Quality data

- Rehabilitation
- Blasting data
- Surface and ground water data
- Weather information (rainfall data, wind directions, etc)
- Biodiversity/Offsets management
- Pest Animal Control
- Management Plan Updates (Aboriginal Cultural Heritage, Noise, Traffic & Translocation of Threatened Flora Species, etc)
- Exploration update
- Land ownership/acquisitions
- Drone footage of rehabilitation areas
- Final landforms
- Complaints & responses
- Mangoola Coal Continued Operations Update (construction, etc)
- Voluntary Land Acquisition and Mitigation Policy (MCCO)
- Community Contributions/Sponsorships including Sporty Grant opportunities.

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 February, May, August & November 2023.
- The November 2023 CCC was held at the Donald Horne Building, Muswellbrook, home to the STEM Innovation Lab and The Melt, which provides enhanced education and commercial activity for the region. Glencore is a proud sponsor and supporter of this facility that showcases a complete industrial prototyping lab with on-site access to rapid prototyping equipment including engineering tools, software design suites and the experts required to drive it all. Members enjoyed a tour of this facility.
- Attendance at the CCC meetings is high, with the occasional apology due to competing commitments of volunteers.
- Members received an extensive presentation from the proponent regarding its environment monitoring results, operational activities and exploration.
- Members benefited from drone footage shown during the presentation, showing activities occurring on the mine site and rehabilitation results.
- Hunter River Salinity Trading Scheme (HRSTS) – updates on discharge, licencing limits and requirements.
- The CCC received a presentation by the Independent Chairperson on the Department of Planning's revised guidelines for SSD CCCs; outlining the changes and providing an opportunity to reinforce the objectives of the CCC and role of members. The members of the CCC have developed a specific Terms of Reference for this committee as well as completed the necessary governance forms (Pecuniary Interest Declarations and Code of Conduct), which will be reviewed annually.
- There were no joint CCC's held in the area.

### 3. Key issues

Trending topics of committee discussion can be summarised as:

Issue	Actions Taken	Outcome
<b>MCCO</b>	<p>The CCC receives a very comprehensive presentation at each CCC. As well as separate monthly updates via email.</p> <p>Newsletters are prepared and delivered to surrounding properties and available to the broader community.</p>	CCC being kept informed of MCCO construction works occurring on site.
<b>Environmental Monitoring</b>	The proponent provides detailed information of its environmental monitoring on site and its commitment to meeting legislative and regulatory compliance.	Ongoing presentations to CCC.
<b>Construction of Yarraman Bridge</b>	The MCCO approval required the upgrading of the Yarraman Bridge, which will assist in mitigating localised flooding issues associated with the	This bridge is being substantially upgraded by way of the MCCO consent condition in consultation with MSC.
<b>Management Plans</b>	All management plans continue to be reviewed/updated in accordance with regulatory requirements.	CCC kept informed of approval of Management Plans.
<b>Management of access to local roads by residents during MCCO</b>	Access to local roads by residents during construction/upgrades to existing infrastructure is an important issue.	Presentations provided at each CCC.
<b>Ridgeland Road Fencing</b>	Concerns raised by road users that cars are stopping along Ridgeland Road to view construction works at the mine.	Fencing with shade cloth along approximately 1km of Ridgeland Road to be installed to screen off from road users.

#### 4. Focus for next 12 months

The planned activities for 2024 will be guided by the contributions of the CCC members. These activities are likely to include:

- Continued updates of the Mangoola Open Cut operations.
- Continued updates on the construction of the MCCO
- Continued management of local roads/bridge access to local residents.
- Continued updates provided on monitoring and environmental performance of the open cut mine.
- Regular site inspections.

This is an exemplary CCC. The company are dedicated to presenting thorough information to members who are appreciative of this commitment.

Glencore is proud of the work they are undertaking on site. The feedback from CCC members is very positive.

To the best of my knowledge, there are no outstanding or emerging issues that have not been addressed.

CCC minutes are available on the project website.

#### **MCCO PROJECT**

Part of the Social Impact Assessment for the MCCO project investigated the potential impact on neighbours and the localised community. Accordingly, Glencore established a Community Enhancement Fund Working Group to distribute funds to address the needs of the communities of Wybong, Manobalai, Castle Rock and Mangoola. A separate working group committee has been established with a Terms of Reference and governance obligations. This committee meets twice a year, where project ideas are presented and funding decisions made. Glencore promote and assist local groups to apply for grants and this has been well received.

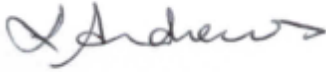
Construction has commenced on the Yarraman Road Portion Upgrade, including a new bridge over Wybong Creek on Yarraman Road. The bridge will replace the existing low-level causeway and provide mitigation from flooding and a much safer and improved level of access. The work is being carried out by Mangoola Coal under obligations required by their continued operations project approval.

In summary, the following works were completed in 2023:

Clean Water Diversion Drain 2 (enables clean water to be diverted around the future mining area)  
 Several water management infrastructure items including Sedimentation Dams and Catch Drains  
 Visual bunds  
 Works completed on the overpass which enabled equipment to access the MCCO Project area  
 Reinstatement of the original Wybong Road alignment • The Wybong Road Temporary Diversion has been closed  
 Wybong Post Office Road was closed in Government Gazette of 21 April 2023  
 EXC151 excavator commenced production in Wybong Pit on 4 April 2023  
 Water truck fill point fit out, electrical and piping, and commissioning  
 Hydro seeding completed on all construction related disturbed areas  
 All pipelines installed – pipe and pump commissioning – Sediment Dams 1, 2, 3 and Big Flat Creek  
 culvert rehabilitation completion – topsoil seeding and tube stock planting  
 Augmentation of 11kV and fibre optic services around the new mining area  
 The MCCO Project Team has commenced work on Wybong Road culvert upgrades about 2km west of the overpass in consultation with Muswellbrook Shire Council. Traffic control has been established. This section will be under traffic lights, with one lane closed for approximately 8-10 weeks. Traffic heading to and from Mangoola from the West (towards Sandy Hollow) will experience some slight delays over the coming weeks

**Review of Effectiveness of the CCC**

In accordance with the revised CCC guidelines, it is deemed that the CCC operates effectively. The proponent provides comprehensive presentations, ongoing notifications, timely responses to requests and completion of action items. There have been no concerns raised by CCC members.

Signature of Chair:	
Date:	30 April 2024