

Mt Owen Glendell Operations and Integra Underground Community Consultative Committee – Annual Report 2023

CCC / Project Name:	Mt Owen Glendell Operations and Integra Underground CCC	Reporting Period:	March 2022 to April 2024
Independent Chairperson:	Lisa Andrews	Proponent Contact:	Sebastien Moreno MGO & Scott Wolfenden - Integra

1. Executive Summary

Mt Owen Complex is located within the Hunter Coalfields at Hebden in the Upper Hunter Valley of New South Wales, approximately 25 kilometres northwest of Singleton, and 26 kilometres southeast of Muswellbrook.

The Mt Owen Complex consists of the Mt Owen, Ravensworth East and Glendell open cut coal mines.

In late 2004 the Mt Owen, Ravensworth East and Glendell Community Consultative Committees (CCC's) amalgamated to form the Mt Owen Complex CCC, which also included the Integra Underground development. An Independent Chairperson was appointed by the Department of Planning and Environment in April 2018. The CCC operates in accordance with the Department of Planning & Environment's Community Consultative Committee Guidelines for State Significant Development (as revised 2023). The committee membership consists of:

- Three local community representatives
- Two stakeholder group representatives (Wonnarua Nation Aboriginal Corporation & Singleton Business Chamber)
- One Singleton Council delegate
- Three company representatives for Glencore
- One company representatives for Integra Underground; and
- One Independent Chairperson.

The meetings are held bi-annually in May and October with attendees receiving a comprehensive presentation from both proponents. Topics of discussion during the reporting period included:

- Mt Owen/Glendell Operations
- The Annual Review (Operational Noise, Air Quality, Biodiversity & Land Management, Water Management/Improvements, Mine Rehabilitation, Aboriginal Cultural Heritage, European Heritage, Community Contributions, Community Complaints, Glennies Creek Rd Property Maintenance Plan, Management Plan reviews, Continued Operations Project, Underground Exploration, etc)
- Environmental performance
- Biodiversity and Offset properties
- Community Contributions and Events
- Community Investment Program and Community Gathering
- Update on proposed modifications approval
- Update on Mt Owen/Glendell Operations and Integra Underground exploration activities
- Integra Mine Presentation and Progression
- Environmental monitoring
- Mining Operation Plan
- Integra Underground Activities

- Update on mining progression (long walls, etc)
- Environmental performance (Air Quality, Noise, Blasting, Biodiversity, Aboriginal & European Heritage, Subsidence, Weed Management, Pest Control, Land Management, Community Complaints and Greenhouse Gas)
- Independent Environmental Audit

The CCC is an effective communication forum between the community, the Council and the company. However, attendance at times is low. Accordingly, a recruitment campaign is currently underway to invite nominations for additional membership on the CCC. Flyers will be distributed to local neighbours and community events; as well, the Chair will write to stakeholder groups in the LGA inviting nominations. Notwithstanding this, the CCC functions well and accordingly, fulfils its objectives under the Department's guidelines and the project's condition of consent.

2. CCC activities over last 12 months

- The committee met in October 2022, May 2023 and October 2023.
- The proponent provided updates on its operational and environmental performance of both its Mt Owen Glendell and Integra Underground operations, including, but not limited to:
 - Buffer Land Management.
 - Biodiversity Offsets.
 - Aboriginal Cultural Heritage sites and management.
 - European Heritage sites and management (4).
 - Surface and Groundwater data
 - Regular updates on environmental monitoring on site.
 - Regular updates on rehabilitation.
 - Update on the outcomes of the Annual Review.
 - Approvals update.
 - Update on complaints register and investigations.
 - Community Investment Program updates.
 - Community/school tours of the site.
- The proponent continued to provide members with updates on the progress of its Development Application for the Glendell Continued Operations Project and Mount Owen Continued Operations Project (Modification 4) – which proposed the expansion of the Glendell open cut coal mine. This application was determined by way of refusal on 28 October 2022.
- Integra Underground – Long Walls update, Mining Lease, Environmental Management Plans, subsidence, biodiversity/land management, surface/groundwater monitoring, Aboriginal Heritage, community, closure planning,
- 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 roles 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.

- Attendance at the meetings has been low since the impacts of COVID, with apologies due to competing commitments of volunteer members. It is hoped that the upcoming recruitment campaign will assist in strengthening members from a cross-section of the community.
- This is a joint CCC.

3. Key issues

Trending topics of committee discussion can be summarised as:

Issue	Actions Taken	Outcome
Glendell Mining MOD 5 Life Extension	Following refusal of MOD 4 by IPC, Glencore has now lodged MOD 5 for the Department's assessment and consideration.	Currently proponent is responding to the Response to Submissions.
Ravensworth Homestead	Care and maintenance of Ravensworth Homestead undertaken	CCC to be kept informed Ravensworth Homestead.
Management of Biodiversity Offset areas	Overviews of Biodiversity Offsets provided.	CCC to be kept informed.
Rehabilitation	Regular updates on rehabilitation.	Site Inspection planned for June 2024.
Integra Underground Proposed Final Landform (Pit top)	Proposed final landform designed to create a safe, stable and non-polluting landform in accordance with Project Approval (PA_0108)	CCC to be kept informed
Biosecurity Stewardship Agreements	Progress in securing Biosecurity Stewardship Agreements for Esparanga, Bulga Lot 2 and Belford Lands.	CCC to be kept informed
Integra Underground closure plans	Stakeholder consultation	CCC to be kept informed

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, completion of action items and offer guest speakers on important issues, such as dust and noise. There have been no concerns raised by CCC members.

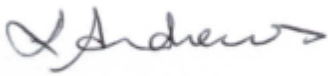
4. Focus for next 12 months

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

- A site inspection of the rehabilitated areas.
- A presentation from representatives of the Environmental Protection Authority on air quality monitoring overview and its recent "Bust the Dust" campaign in the Hunter Valley.
- Updates on the proponent's current development application (DA80/952-MOD5) Glendell Mine Mod 5 – Life Extension, which is currently under assessment with the Department of Planning. The application was placed on public exhibition in March 2024 and the currently back with Glencore for the Response to Submissions process.
- Continued updates on environmental monitoring of the Mt Owen Glendell and Integra Underground projects.
- Continued updates on long wall mining and surface activities.
- Regular updates on the care and control of the listed Ravensworth historic buildings.
- Continued updates on the future of continued mining operations
- Integra Underground closure planning.

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 projects' website.

Signature of Chair:	
Date:	30 April 2024