

Glencore – Ravensworth Operations

Annual Report [2023]

Community Consultative Committee Details

CCC / Project Name:	Glencore – Ravensworth Operations	Reporting Period:	Jan – Dec 2023
Independent Chairperson:	Dr W.E.J. Paradise AM	Proponent Contact:	Mr Klay Marchant

1. Executive Summary

The Ravensworth Community Consultative Committee was established as part of the condition of consent by the Minister for Planning’s approval of the Ravensworth Operation (Project Approval09_0176).

The Ravensworth Operation is an open cut coal mining project that is situated at Ravensworth south of Muswellbrook, in the Singleton Local Government Area. The project produces high quality thermal coal that is approved to be exported via the Port of Newcastle, and used for the local energy market.

The Committee currently includes a group of two interested members, one community member and a Singleton Council member who are interested in discussing the project’s current and future operations. The Committee follows the Department of Planning and Environment’s Community Consultative Committee Guidelines for State Significant Projects. Meetings are held quarterly during the year with members of the Committee, including:

- One local community representative;
- One member from Singleton Shire Council;
- Members from Ravensworth Operations. Some members are invited depending upon the agenda and issues to be discussed; and
- One independent Chairperson.

Discussions held in the Committee meetings where on numerous topics related to the project, including:

- Future plans for the mine, including updates to the Mining Operations Plan,
- Policies and procedures to minimize the impact of Covid-19;
- Updates on rehabilitation progress;
- Construction activities onsite;
- Updates on production of coal ;
- Contractors that are working on site;
- Noise, dust, blasting, biodiversity monitoring and management;
- Water management – tailing dams, mine water dam, fines emplacement dams and the Hunter River Salinity Trading Scheme (HRSTS);
- Environmental incidents and compliance;
- Land and property updates, including historic sites and offset management;

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- Community complaints, community investment and sponsorship
- Mitigation/acquisitions granted to properties.
- Review of the Cumnock Rehabilitation and Tailings area and Hillcrest Biodiversity Offset Area

2. CCC activities over last 12 months

- Four CCC meetings were held in 2023 in February, May, August and November;
- Strong regular attendance from all members;
- The August meeting was held at the Ravensworth Underground mine office to be updated on the final activities involved in closure.
- Update on the Upper Hunter Mining dialogue.
- Review and sign the CCC Terms of Reference.

3. Key issues

Issue	Actions Taken	Next Steps
CCC membership	Continuing efforts to recruit new community members.	Ongoing advertisement and recruitment.
Mine Operations Plan and Rehabilitation Management Plan	Updating plans. Life of mine update.	Updating access road location, final landform and sediment dams location.
Ravensworth Underground Mine (RUM)	RUM closure proceeding.	Removing infrastructure from the site.
Groundwater and surface water assessment	Ongoing monitoring and reporting.	Review of findings.
Hunter River Salinity Trading Scheme (HRSTS)	Discharges taking place following major rain events.	Ongoing monitoring of the mine water balance.
Mine access road	ROC mine access road re-alignment complete.	Traffic redirected.

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Biodiversity offsets and land management	Weed management. Offset revegetation.	Ongoing monitoring.
Community Investment Program	Invest in local community programs.	Monitor outcomes of investment.

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:

- Annual reporting will be undertaken with the Annual Review, Annual Return, Dam Safety NSW reports, and Annual Rehabilitation Report and Forward Programs all to be prepared.
- Independent Environmental audit due in June 2024.
- The Ravensworth Underground Mine closure activities commenced in 2022 with the majority of demolition now completed. The final tidy up of areas to be completed with activities then focussing upon the rehabilitation phase in 2024. 12ha of rehabilitation to be completed.
- Cumnock Remediation Program to continue in 2023 with weed management and feral pig trapping.
- Focus on new areas of rehabilitation.
- Site tours to be conducted prior to selected meeting.
- Tours of rehabilitated land and offset properties.
- Integration of the Ravensworth Underground Mine and the Ashton Underground Mine.
- Continued updates on the operational status of Ravensworth.
- Continuing effort to recruit further community members for the CCC.

Community Consultation Committee Meeting minutes are available on the Glencore-Ravensworth website.

Signature of Chair:	W.E.J. Paradise
Date:	11 th May 2024