BLOOMFIELD COAL MINE COMMUNITY CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT FOR YEAR 2024-2025

Bloomfield Community Consultative Committee Details

CCC / Project Name:	Bloomfield Colliery	**Reporting Period:**	June 2004 to December 2025
Independent Chairperson:	**Lisa Andrews**	**Proponent Contact:**	**Greg Lamb**

1. Executive Summary

The Community Consultative Committee (CCC) was established as a Consent Condition of Approval granted by the Minister for Planning in September 2009, to allow for the completion of open cut mining operations and rehabilitation. The committee held its inaugural meeting in May 2010.

The Bloomfield Mine is an open cut operation at Ashtonfield, producing 0.6 million tonnes of product coal, mainly for the asian market through the Port of Newcastle. The mine is located, west of the M1 Motorway and bounded generally by the New England Highway and John Renshaw Drive. The mining of coal has taken place at this location for over one hundred years by both underground and open cut operations.

The Abel Underground Mine is in close proximity to Bloomfield operations and although the Abel mine is currently on care and maintenance, the Abel consent allows for the utilisation of the Bloomfield coal handling and preparation plant, the rail loading facility and other related infrastructure for the processing of coal.

Committee membership remains small but attentive. The CCC operates in accordance with the Department of Planning's Community Consultative Committee Guidelines for State Significant Projects.

The committee is currently comprised of:

- four local community representatives
- one Maitland City Council representative;
- one Cessnock City Council representative;
- three Bloomfield Mine representatives, with attendance from other personnel as required;
- one independent Chairperson.

Meetings are held three times per year, generally with one annual site inspection.

Topics of discussion for the reporting period also included:

- general environmental monitoring
- noise and dust management
- land management; weed control, rehabilitation, feral animal and fire hazard reductions
- rehabilitation
- operations update
- current mining status
- community complaints

- Annual Review
- Proposed Bloomfield Colliery Continuation – Modification 5 (currently under assessment with DPIE)

In December 2023, in an extra-ordinary meeting of the Bloomfield Colliery CCC, members received a comprehensive presentation on the proponent's proposed modification application to continue mining operations on site. Staff explained the existing current approvals, the details of the modification, including location, extraction of coal to deeper seams in the existing disturbed areas and extending the life of the Colliery until 31 December 2035.

Members are active in their respective communities, raise matters on behalf of those communities, in addition to disseminating information through their individual networks to the broader community. The number of community complaints remains minimal and are mainly noise orientated.

2. CCC activities over last 18 months

- CCC meetings were held in July 2024, November 2024, March 2025, June 2025, and October 2025.
- At the June 2025 an inspection of the site was undertaken by CCC members.
- At each meeting, members receive a presentation on:
    - MOD 5 – Continuation project (under assessment)
    - Environmental monitoring
    - Rehabilitation
    - Management Plans
    - Grazing/pasture establishment
    - Biodiversity offsets
    - Vegetation communities
    - Community Complaints
- Following submission of the project's Annual Review to the Department, a summary of its finds is reported to the CCC.
- Following the Independent Environmental Audit, results are presented.
- There were no joint CCC's held.

3. Key issues

Whilst previously the impetus of the committee was on the future of the area once mining was completed and ongoing management. However, the company's decision to continue mining at the site for another five years has meant that the focus on the key issues has shifted.

Issue	Actions Taken	Next Steps
Modification Application – MP07_0087-Mod-5 Continuation Project	Application lodged with DPIE	Currently under assessment. Members are kept informed of progress, including a summary of submissions and the proponent's response.
Mine Closure & Rehabilitation Plan	The proponent was consulting with CCC members on its plans for the mine closure in 2024, however this is currently on hold due to the MOD 5 application.	On hold.
Management of Biodiversity Offsets	Members are interested in the management of biodiversity offset areas.	Members have received a presentation on the management of the biodiversity offset land, including weed management, feral animal control, etc.
Rehabilitation	Community members are interested in the type of vegetation proposed and undertaken in relation to rehabilitation of disturbed land.	The proponent is planting vegetation in accordance with its approval and conditions.

4. Focus for next 12 months

The planned activities will be guided by the contributions of the CCC members. The proponent continues to keep the CCC informed about Modification 5, currently with DPIE for assessment.

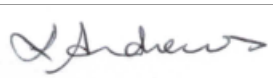
It is proposed to undertake a site inspection in 2026.

To the best of my knowledge, there are no outstanding or emerging issues that have not been addressed or are in the process of being so, to the committee's satisfaction.

Committee Meeting minutes and presentations are available on the website.

5. 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:	
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