

Community Consultative Committee (CCC) – Annual Report

CCC project name:	Dendrobium Mine Community Consultative Committee (DCCC)	Reporting period:	1 January 2025 – 31 December 2025
Independent chairperson:	Deborah Palmer (Independent Chair)	Proponent contact:	Mira Speer, GM ³

1. Executive summary / introduction

- This annual report summarises the activities of the Dendrobium Community Consultative Committee (DCCC) for the reporting period 1 January 2025 to 31 December 2025. The DCCC provides an ongoing forum for information sharing and discussion between community representatives, local government and the proponent (GM³) regarding operations, environmental performance, monitoring and community issues associated with Dendrobium Mine.
- In 2025 the Committee discussed progress of Longwall 22 and planning for future longwalls; subsidence monitoring and Trigger Action Response Plans (including clarification of trigger levels and discussion of monitoring trends on historic longwalls); water management including LDP5 discharge monitoring and Water Management Plan development/approval; noise monitoring and management (including responses to complaints and mitigation actions); updates on the NRAR Enforceable Undertaking and the Wingecarribee Swamp Rehabilitation Project; rehabilitation and land management; and broader land-use interface issues such as mountain bike trail proposals and fire trail condition.
- The Committee participated in a mining awareness / Mines Rescue training session during 2025 and continued planning for future field inspections (Wingecarribee Swamp and the broader catchment) subject to land access, approvals and seasonal constraints.

2. CCC activities over last 12 months:

- Six (6) meetings were held in 2025: 27 February 2025, 10 April 2025, 19 June 2025, 21 August 2025, 16 October 2025, 4 December 2025.
- Attendance averaged approximately 10.7 attendees per meeting (range 9 to 12), with representation from community members, Wollongong City Council and GM³. The representative from Wollondilly Shire Council did not attend any meetings.
- Additional activity: a mining awareness / Mines Rescue training session was held during 2025, with positive feedback from attendees and consideration of offering this for future members.
- Planned field inspections (Wingecarribee Swamp and the broader catchment/fire trails) were progressed through planning and approvals discussions, but not completed within the reporting period due to land access, approvals and seasonal considerations.
- Overall, the Committee continued to operate effectively as a constructive forum for information sharing, clarification of technical matters, and identification of local issues requiring follow-up.

3. Key issues

Issue	Actions taken	Next steps
Wingecaribbee Swamp Rehabilitation Project (NRAR Enforceable Undertaking)	Updates provided on project scope and approvals pathway, including environmental and heritage studies, WaterNSW access arrangements and ILALC recruitment. CCC requested ongoing updates and an inspection once access and timing allow.	Finalise remaining approvals and Environmental Management Plan (EMP); schedule a CCC inspection when on-ground works commence (timing subject to access and seasonal constraints).
Subsidence monitoring, TARPs and reporting (watercourses and swamps)	GM ³ provided ongoing reporting on Longwall 22 impacts and triggers and explained Trigger Action Response Plan (TARP) levels. Monitoring and reporting obligations (including End of Panel reporting and annual reviews) were discussed, along with trends on older longwalls.	Continue regular reporting to the CCC; progress the 'knowledge share' items (including LW19A End of Panel questions); provide updates on any triggers and management responses as they arise.
Water quality management and EPL discharge monitoring (LDP5 and other points)	The CCC discussed water quality monitoring, discharge limits and how parameters in the EPL have evolved over time. The Water Management Plan was progressed during the year and later approved and published.	Continue implementing the Water Management Plan and reporting results; advise the CCC of any relevant compliance matters or licence/monitoring changes.
Noise monitoring, complaints and mitigation	Noise monitoring issues (including monitor connectivity) were addressed. The CCC was updated on noise complaints and investigation outcomes, and on mitigation actions following occasional exceedances associated with specific equipment/activities.	Continue monitoring and reporting; implement mitigation and respite measures as required; maintain responsive investigation and close-out of complaints.
Greenhouse gas emissions and climate-related reporting	The CCC requested additional information on greenhouse gas emissions. GM ³ provided context on Scope 1/2/3 reporting, monitoring methodology changes, and broader climate disclosure requirements.	Provide ongoing annual reporting updates and, where useful, summary information to the CCC (e.g., trends over time and key drivers).
Land-use interface issues (mountain bike trails, fire trails and access)	The CCC discussed proposals for mountain bike trails on GM ³ land and the importance of consultation and information sharing. Fire trail condition (including Benjamin Road) and mechanisms for raising concerns were also discussed.	Provide updates on the trail approval/negotiation process and consultation steps; progress planning for a catchment/fire trail inspection and respond to any emerging access or safety issues.

4. Focus for next 12 months:

- Progress field inspections and site visits, including an inspection of Wingecaribbee Swamp (subject to access/seasonal constraints) and a broader catchment/fire trail inspection as agreed.
- Continue the 'knowledge share' series to work through outstanding questions on End of Panel reporting and monitoring, and to support community understanding of subsidence management and reporting processes.
- Continue regular updates on Longwall 21A commencement planning, the Longwall 22 changeover/transition, and the preparation and assessment of the Area 3C Subsidence Management Plan for Longwalls 24–29.
- Maintain routine reporting on key environmental performance areas (water discharges, noise, subsidence monitoring results, rehabilitation and biodiversity management) and provide timely updates on any incidents or exceedances.
- Keep the CCC informed of progress on Mod 11 (and any other relevant approval processes), including responses to submissions and any additional mitigation/management requirements.
- Monitor and manage emerging community issues, including land-use interface topics (e.g., mountain bike trails, access arrangements and fire trail condition), and ensure clear communication pathways for raising concerns.

The CCC remains an effective platform for community engagement and exchange of information. The CCC fulfills its objectives under the DPHI guidelines.

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Date:	3 February 2026