

MOOLARBEN COAL COMMUNITY CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT FOR YEAR 2018-2019

Moolarben Coal Community Consultative Committee Details

CCC / Project Name:	Moolarben Coal	Reporting Period:	March 2018 to March 2019
Independent Chairperson:	Lisa Andrews	Proponent Contact:	Graham Chase

1. Executive Summary

The Moolarben Coal Mine is an open cut and underground coal mine located about 40 kilometres northeast of Mudgee in the Mid-Western Regional Council local government area.

The site comprises of four approved open cut mining areas, three approved underground mining areas and other mining related infrastructure.

The mine commenced operations in 2008 and has received modified consents from that time. Currently, Modification 14 & Modification 3 have been referred to the Independent Planning Commission for consideration and determination.

A Community Consultative Committee (CCC) operates in accordance with the Department of Planning & Environment's Community Consultative Committee Guidelines for State Significant Development (January 2019). The committee was established following the mine's approval and the membership consists of:

- Five local community representatives
- One Mid Western Regional Council delegate
- One local aboriginal land council delegate
- Three company representatives; and
- One Independent Chairperson.

The meetings are held quarterly March, June, September & November and attendees receive a comprehensive presentation from the proponent. Topics of discussion during the report period included:

- Environmental monitoring
- Biodiversity offset works
- Employment and recruitment
- Updates on progress of Modification 14 & Modification 3
- Management Plan reviews
- Surface and groundwater monitoring
- Community Support Program
- Annual Review 2017 presentation
- Updates on water and air quality, noise monitoring, and rehabilitation
- Drilling and exploration
- Support for local Rural Fire Service brigade
- Water yield declines and impacts from the drought
- Approvals update
- Current mining status; and
- Community complaints

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 March 2018, June 2018, September 2018, November 2018 and March 2019.
- CCC members benefited from a site inspection in November 2018.
- Attendance at the meetings is high, with the occasional apology due to other commitments.
- There were no joint CCC's held.

3. Key issues

Trending topics of committee discussion can be summarised as:

Issue	Actions Taken	Outcome
Water data and monitoring information	Community representative requesting water data	Requests made and where required, information provided to CCC.
Decline in RFS membership due to people moving out of the area due to mining activities	Moolarben Coal staff encouraged and supported to be members of the RFS	Staff are provided leave to assist with firefighting activities.
Concerns with 'drive in/drive out' miners not contributing to community	Moolarben Coal continues to try and recruit from the local area	Miners are encouraged to relocate to the Mudgee area.
Railway line derailments and potential impact on service from proposed Bylong Valley coal mine	Moolarben Coal has raised this issue with the railway operator and made a submission to DP&E regarding its concerns with the operator in being able to meet transportation of coal supply obligations	Ongoing.
Railwork maintenance/ Stockpiles of coal	Moolarben Coal has raised this issue with the railway operator and made a submission to DP&E regarding its concerns with the operator in being able to meet transportation of coal supply obligations	The stockpiles of coal caused by the operator's inability to move the product are being monitored to ensure it remains in the approved footprint.
Modification 14 & Modification 3	Moolarben Coal continue to keep the CCC informed of the Modifications' progress.	CCC advised when DP&E report referred to the IPC

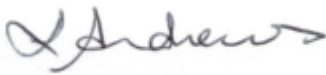
4. Focus for next 12 months

The planned activities for 2019 will be guided by the contributions of the CCC members. These activities are likely to include:

- A site inspection.
- Continued updates on environmental monitoring of the site.
- Continued updates on Community Support Program.
- Continued requests for water data and monitoring information.
- Continued updates on the progress of Modification 14 & 3.

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 website.

Signature of Chair:	
Date:	2 April 2019