

Mangoola Open Cut Community Consultative Committee – Annual Report 2022

CCC / Project Name:	Mangoola Open Cut CCC	Reporting Period:	March 2021 to March 2022
Independent Chairperson:	Lisa Andrews	Proponent Contact:	Sam Palmer

1. Executive Summary

Mangoola Open Cut is an open cut coal operation in the Wybong area, 20 kilometres west of Muswellbrook and approximately 10 kilometres north of the township of Denman.

The company operates in accordance with Project Approval 06_0014 (as modified). Run of mine (ROM) coal is extracted at a rate of up to 13.5 million tonnes per annum.

Mangoola Coal is currently seeking approval for the Mangoola Coal Continued Operations (MCCO) Project to continue its current open cut mining adjacent to the north of the existing Mine.

A Community Consultative Committee (CCC) has been operating since 2006 and in 2017 an Independent Chairperson (and alternate) were appointed by the Department of Planning & Environment. The CCC operates in accordance with the Department of Planning & Environment's Community Consultative Committee Guidelines for State Significant Development (January 2019). The committee membership consists of:

- Four local community representatives
- One Muswellbrook Shire Council delegate
- Two Stakeholder Group representatives (Denman Chamber of Commerce and the Muswellbrook Business Chamber)
- Three company representatives; and
- One Independent Chairperson.

During the recent assessment and determination of the Mangoola Coal Continued Operations application (MCCO), this CCC received extensive presentations and updates on all aspects of the assessment process, by a dedicated staff member managing the proposed project. The MCCO was determined by way of approval on 21 April 2021 subject to conditions. The original Open Cut CCC has now been combined with the MCCO under the same membership and continues to received updates on both projects.

The meetings are held quarterly in February, May, August & November with attendees receiving a comprehensive presentation from the proponent. Regular site inspections are undertaken (COVID dependent). Topics of discussion during the reporting period include:

- Management of COVID-19 on site
- Independent Environmental Audit Findings
- Annual Review
- Company reports
- Mangoola Mine Update
- Mining Operations Plan
- Biodiversity/Conservation Agreements
- Management Plans (review/updates)
- Approvals Update (including variations,
- Environmental Reports

- Noise Monitoring data
- Air Quality data
- Rehabilitation
- Blasting data
- Surface and ground water data
- Weather information (rainfall data, wind directions, etc)
- Biodiversity/Offsets management
- Exploration update
- Drone footage
- Final landforms
- Complaints & responses
- Mangoola Coal Continued Operations Update (pre-approval/construction, etc)
- Voluntary Land Acquisition and Mitigation Policy (MCCO)
- Community Contributions/Sponsorships including Sporty Grant opportunities.

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 February, May, August & November 2021 & February 2022 (in Denman Memorial Hall, via tele-conference due to COVID-19 restrictions and most recently back on site).
- Attendance at the meetings is high, with the occasional apology due to competing commitments of volunteers.
- Members receive an extensive presentation from the proponent regarding its environment monitoring results.
- Members received an extensive presentation from the proponent regarding the recently approved Mangoola Continued Coal Operations application, its compliance with pre-approval requirements and tenders for construction/contractors.
- Members benefit from drone footage shown during the presentation of the activities occurring on the mine site and rehabilitation results.
- There were no joint CCC's held in the area.

3. Key issues

Trending topics of committee discussion can be summarised as:

Issue	Actions Taken	Outcome
MCCO	The CCC receives a very comprehensive presentation at each CCC. As well as separate monthly updates via email. Newsletters are prepared and delivered to surrounding properties and available to the broader community.	CCC being kept informed of MCCO approval and compliance with pre-approval consent conditions.
Environmental Monitoring	The proponent provides detailed information of its environmental monitoring on site and its commitment to	Ongoing presentations to CCC.

	meeting legislative and regulatory compliance.	
Anvil Rock Monitoring	Platform and monitoring points established at Anvil Rock and Blast Management Plan has been updated to include the new monitoring points and was submitted to DPE.	Inspection proposed in August 2022 to view works undertaken.
Blasting Activities	Monitoring results provided at each CCC. Invitation extended to the blasting superintendent to provide a presentation to CCC members on how blasting is planned and undertaken on site.	The CCC benefited from a presentation by the blasting superintendent.
Local flooding causing road safety issues for users	Concerns raised regarding local causeway being flooded during rain events and road users not aware, therefore travelling on the road then having to stop and reverse backwards. Safety issue.	This bridge is being substantially upgraded by way of the MCCO consent condition in consultation with MSC.
Management Plans	All management plans continue to be reviewed/updated in accordance with regulatory requirements.	CCC kept informed of approval of Management Plans by DPE.
Bush Fire Preparedness	Mangoola has a formal process in place where it prepares for the bushfire season in relation to water fill points, equipment access in an emergency and other matters.	Liaison with local Rural Fire Service Brigade.
Management of access to local roads by residents during MCCO	Access to local roads by residents during construction/upgrades to existing infrastructure is an important issue.	Presentations provided at each CCC. Residents encouraged to contact Mangoola if they encounter any issues with the contractors. Ongoing consultation with MSC.
Management of aboriginal artefacts found in the new development area for MCCO	CCC members were interested in understanding what artefacts were found and how they are managed.	Presentation provided by consultant at February 2022 meeting. Artefacts shown to members and questions answered.

4. Focus for next 12 months

The planned activities for 2022 will be guided by the contributions of the CCC members. These activities are likely to include:

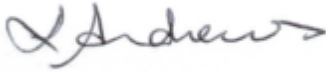
- Continued updates on the progression of the MCCO assessment.
- Continued management of local roads/bridges access to local residents.
- Continued updates provided on monitoring and environmental performance of the open cut mine.
- Regular site inspections, including Anvil Rock.

This is an exemplary CCC. The company are dedicated to presenting thorough information to members who are appreciative of this commitment. There are usually two site inspections undertaken every year, however, this was restricted due to COVID-19 restrictions.

Glencore is proud of the work they are undertaking on site. The feedback from CCC members is very positive.

To the best of my knowledge, there are no outstanding or emerging issues that have not been addressed.

CCC minutes are available on the project website.

Signature of Chair:	
Date:	29 April 2022