

Mt Owen Glendell Operations and Integra Underground Community Consultative Committee – Annual Report 2022

CCC / Project Name:	Mt Owen Glendell Operations and Integra Underground CCC	Reporting Period:	March 2021 to March 2022
Independent Chairperson:	Lisa Andrews	Proponent Contact:	Jason Desmond MGO & Sebastien Moreno - Integra

1. Executive Summary

Mt Owen Complex is located within the Hunter Coalfields at Hebden in the Upper Hunter Valley of New South Wales, approximately 25 kilometres northwest of Singleton, and 26 kilometres southeast of Muswellbrook.

The Mt Owen Complex consists of the Mt Owen, Ravensworth East and Glendell open cut coal mines.

In late 2004 the Mt Owen, Ravensworth East and Glendell Community Consultative Committees (CCC's) amalgamated to form the Mt Owen Complex CCC, which also included the Integra Underground development. An Independent Chairperson was appointed by the Department of Planning and Environment in April 2018. 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:

- Five local community representatives
- Two stakeholder group representatives (Wonnarua Nation Aboriginal Corporation & Singleton Business Chamber)
- One Singleton Council delegate
- Three company representatives for Glencore
- One company representatives for Integra Underground; and
- One Independent Chairperson.

The meetings are held bi-annually in April and October with attendees receiving a comprehensive presentation from both proponents. Topics of discussion during the reporting period included:

- COVID-19 pandemic management and operational changes on site.
- Mt Owen/Glendell Operations
- The Annual Review (Operational Noise, Air Quality, Biodiversity & Land Management, Water Management/Improvements, Mine Rehabilitation, Aboriginal Cultural Heritage, European Heritage, Community Contributions, Community Complaints, Glennies Creek Rd Property Maintenance Plan, Management Plan reviews, Continued Operations Project, Underground Exploration, etc)
- Environmental performance
- Offset properties
- Community Contributions and Events
- Community Investment Program and Community Gathering
- Update on proposed modifications approval
- Update on Mt Owen/Glendell Operations and Integra Underground exploration activities
- Exploration updates
- Integra Mine Presentation and Progression

- Environmental monitoring
- Mining Operation Plan
- Integra Underground Activities
- Update on mining progression (long walls, etc)
- Mine closure planning
- Environmental performance (Air Quality, Noise, Blasting, Biodiversity, Aboriginal & European Heritage, Subsidence, Weed Management, Pest Control, Land Management, Community Complaints and Greenhouse Gas)
- Independent Environmental Audit
- Annual Report

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 October 2021 and May 2022.
- The proponent provides updates on the applications currently before the Department Planning & Environment for this CCC; Mount Owen Coal – Continued Operations and Glendell Continued Operations Projects.
- Regular updates on environmental monitoring on site.
- Regular updates on rehabilitation.
- Update on the outcomes of the Annual Review.
- Approvals update.
- Update on MOP amendments.
- Update on complaints register and investigations.
- Community Investment Program updates.
- Attendance at the meetings is appropriate, with apologies due to competing commitments of volunteers.
- This is a joint CCC.

3. Key issues

Trending topics of committee discussion can be summarised as:

Issue	Actions Taken	Outcome
Mt Owen Continued Mining Operations and Amendments	Updates provided members kept informed of the progress of current mining operations and amendments.	Ongoing.
Glendell Continued Operations Project	Updates provided with members kept informed of the progress of the application currently with DPE.	CCC to be kept informed. Decision expected in July 2022.

Glendell Modifications 4, 5 & 6	Updates provided with members kept informed of the progress of the applications.	Approved.
Ravensworth Homestead (potential relocation due to proposed continued operations)	Care and maintenance of Ravensworth Homestead undertaken. Currently considering options in relation to the relocation of the homestead.	CCC to be kept informed and consulted with regarding the future of Ravensworth Homestead.
Independent Environmental Audit	Update of outcome of Independent Environmental Audit.	Complete.
Cool Burn Activities	Request for an update on cool burn activities to be provided in relation to the management of their Biodiversity Offsets	Future presentation.
Management of Biodiversity Offset areas	Overviews of Biodiversity Offsets provided.	CCC kept informed.
Rehabilitation	Regular updates on rehabilitation.	CCC kept informed.
Section 10	Section 10 Application lodged – seeking protection of the land under the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Heritage Protection Act 1984 (ATSIHP Act).	CCC to be kept informed.
Mine Closure	Mining operations are expected to cease in December 2023.	CCC to be kept informed.

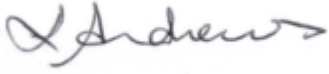
4. Focus for next 12 months

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

- A site inspection of the Rehabilitation Viewing Platform, Upper Betties Creek remedial work and York's Creek.
- Continued updates on environmental monitoring of the site.
- Continued updates provided on monitoring and environmental performance.
- Continued updates on long wall mining and surface activities.
- Regular updates on the decision relating to the Ravensworth historic buildings – whether to relocate and if so, where.
- Continued updates on the progress of the Continuation Operations Projects and modifications.

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:	31 March 2022