

Community Consultative Committee (CCC)

Pine Dale Coal Mine – Yarraboldy Extension

C/- Enhance Place Pty

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Minutes of the Meeting of Members of the Pine Dale Coal Mine-Yarraboldy Extension & EL7621

Community Consultative Committee (CCC)

Held at the Black Gold Conference Centre,

121 Main Street, Wallerawang NSW 2845

On Thursday 3rd December, 2015 at 2.00pm

Present:	Mr Howard Fisher	(Chairman)
	Mr Robert Taylor	(Community representative)
	Ms Jessica Heath	(Lithgow City Council)
	Mr Graham Goodwin	(Company representative)
	Mr Peter Barnes	(Community representative)
	Clr Colin Hunter	(Lithgow City Council)
	Mr Mark Frewin	(CCC Secretary – Company representative)
Apologies:	Mrs Sharon Brown	(Community representative - Gundungurra Tribal Council)

1. Welcome and apologies

The apology of Mrs Sharon Brown was noted.

2. Minutes of previous meeting

A motion to accept the minutes of the meeting held on the 25th of June 2015 was passed.

3. Matters Arising

No matters from the previous meeting were noted to require discussion.

4. Enhance Place (Pine Dale Mine) Yarraboldy Extension – Company report

Mr Frewin ran through a presentation outlining the progress of the mine, and environmental monitoring. The main areas of discussion by the Committee were as follows.

4.1 Report on progress of the mine

- Operations ended in March 2014
- Since that time the mine has been in Care and Maintenance

4.2 Environmental monitoring

- Air Quality and Noise were all compliant for the period.
- There was some discussion about the Groundwater results, including:
 - A new management plan had been agreed with the Water authorities which included water trigger levels to be monitored.
 - It was noted several bores had intermittently experienced Electrical Conductivity over the trigger levels.
 - One bore was at a level where further investigation is needed. A review of this bore result is underway; however it is expected to be an outcome of relatively low rainfalls over preceding periods.
 - Any unusual results will be discussed at the next meeting.
- Surface Water
 - All monitoring points at the mine site were within expected quality levels during the year.
 - pH for the Cox's river point downstream of the mine experienced a slightly elevated reading during August 2015. This does not appear to be Pine Dale related.
- Further monitoring details are available on the company Website.
- Sediment control works continue to be maintained at the site, and Photographs of work to tidy up a sediment control dam were reviewed.

4.3 Rehabilitation works

- A key focus for the year has been to progress Rehabilitation works in areas not related to the proposed phase 2 development.
- This has included:
 - Soil improvement treatment in areas A, B, C & 8
 - Ongoing weed management across the sites – with good progress being made to curb African Lovegrass infestations in pasture areas
 - Profiling and hydromulching to improve vegetation cover of the contour drains in Area C

- Rehabilitation maintenance was also carried out at the Enhance Place mine site, including:
 - Planting of additional tube-stock and grasses in planned treed areas on steep slopes
 - Augmenting weed control and addressing erosion with matting
 - Application of hydro-mulch to areas needing groundcover development.

4.4 Complaints discussion

- 3 complaints had been received during the year.
 - Concerns on dust during the application of soil treatment.
 - A concern about the potential for noise during a future mine development.
 - Interactions with neighbours horse training activities.
- These were discussed by the committee and it was considered that they had been adequately responded to, and addressed by the Company.

4.5 Exploration lease consultation

Mr Frewin reported that since the last meeting, an extension for EL 7621 had been granted.

The key focus for activities in this lease are of a desktop nature, and related to optimizing mine planning for the stage 2 development. As such no direct impacts on nearby residents are expected during this extension period.

4.6 Outlook for next phase of mine development

Mr Frewin reported on the status of the Stage 2 development.

It was noted that:

- A number of studies had been conducted on mine planning and environmental issues;
- A strategic review of the next phase of development was underway;
- Meanwhile the mine had been approved to remain in Care and Maintenance while these processes are concluded.

Prior to any further mining, a full planning process would need to occur including the requisite public consultation.

5. General Business

5.1 Correspondence

Aside from the usual notices to residents circulated in advance of the CCC meeting, the only other correspondence received was the email from Ms Favell received just after the June meeting.

The Companies response to the email was reviewed, and the CCC members confirmed it appropriately addressed the concerns raised.

5.2 Other business

No other business was tabled.

5.3 Next Meeting

The next meeting was to be scheduled in June 2016.

Meeting closed.