

OVERVIEW			
Meeting	Community Consultative Committee		
Date	19/05/2015	Time	2.30pm
Venue	Boggabri Operations Office		
Chairperson	John Turner		
Presenter	Hamish Russell		
Attendees	Richard Gillham(RG), John Turner (JT), Hamish Russell (HR), Ray Balks(RB), Daniel Martin (DM), Lynne MacKellar (LM), Alistair Todd(AT), Simon Smith (SS), Lloyd Finlay (LF), Steve O'Donoghue (SO)		
Apologies	Jim Picton (JP), Marty Brennan (MB)		
Next Meeting	2.30pm 11 th August 2015		

ITEM	AGENDA
1	Apologies
2	Declaration of Pecuniary or other Interests
3	Previous minutes
4	Business arising from previous minutes
5	Correspondence
6	Company reports and overview
7	General business/questions
8	Next Meeting

Discussion Items	
1.	Apologies:- Jim Picton (JP), Marty Brennan (MB)
2.	Declarations of Pecuniary Interests: RG declared that his property is located in the zone of affectation. JT declared that he receives a fee for chairing the meeting.
3.	Acceptance of previous minutes: Moved by (RG)and seconded by (AT). Minutes accepted.
4.	Business from previous minutes: (HR) commented that Boggabri Coal will need to purchase Water Access Licences for the 2 existing and 1 new bore. (HR) responded to the question last meeting if the mine is subject to the Inclosed Lands Act. Yes we are subject to that act. (HR) mentioned that EPA will doing a presentation to CCC today. (RG) asked if Boggabri Coal would be continuing to donate firewood to the Lions Club. (RB) replied yes that would continue. (HR) Commented Boggabri Coal has cleared 150 hectares by the 30 th April with no incidents and are now in

the mulching phase.
5. Correspondence:
(HR) Commented that Modification 4 was approved on 23 rd March 2015.
(HR) Approval was received from the Dept of Trade and Investment for the Mine Operation Plan, Amendment A.
(HR) The EPA has requested data for the regional air shed model. This model will be for the regional air monitoring network.
(HR) The EPA were requested to provide an overview of the monitoring network and will be providing a presentation today.
(HR) Mentioned that Boggabri Coal submitted their Environmental Management Report this month which includes Noise, Air, Water and Weather monitoring . This is available on our website along with other monitoring reports.
6. Company Reports & Reviews:
(HR) Gave an overview of the graphs in presentation with no questions forthcoming.
(HR) Concern from a community member about the condition of Goonbri Rd. At the time of the complaint the road works were to start the following week. Another community member complained about the noise level and vibration felt at his residence at night. They were directed to contact the mine closer to their residence.
7. General Business:
(HR) Reported that an advertisement for a CCC Indigenous person and local environmental group was placed in Gunnedah and Narrabri papers. Two applications were received and subsequently forward to the DPE for endorsement to join the CCC.
(HR) Boggabri Coal Terminal has been placed into Care and Maintenance as of 15 th April.
(HR) Commented that there will be several operational changes to site. The expansion of water control measures by increasing the size of 2 dams. A new haul road will be developed to accommodate for pit expansion and a groundwater bore exploration program.
(AT) Queried as to why the Kamilaroi Highway access gates entrances are not being accessed yet.
(RB) Replied that they were set up to accommodate the haul trucks and it needs to be modified for normal traffic use. The design is in progress but at the moment the gates are only accessible by inducted delivery drivers. (HR) This involves the trucks going through 5 sets of locked gates.
(LF) expressed concerns that Maules Creek is not signposted at the Goonbri Rd intersection.
(HR) Commented that this is a Shire responsibility. (RB) Said he will talk to council with regards to signage.
(RG) Asked how b-doubles are coming to Maules Creek when there is no access on iron bridge.
(HR) Sponsorship for the Drovers Campfire will continue.
(RG) Said he has a "thankyou" for Boggabri Coal from the Drovers Campfire committee.

(RG) Is concerned at the lack of white line marking on the local shire roads going toward Boggabri Coal.
(HR) Replied that this is a shire council issue, but will raise it with them
(RG) Asked how the new bores will be powered? (HR) Said it will depend if they can be connected to local power supply network.
(LF) Asked on behalf of Cr Catherine Collyer what was happening with regards to the haul truck drivers being retrained? (RB) Replied it was brought up in last meeting and Boggabri Coal has changed to a coal plant that operates plant and haul trucks are no longer needed. Has gone from 75 to 25 operators needed to do more production.
(AT) Queried if the wash plant was operational. (RB) In operation for just over a week.
(RG) Asked if that was what the bore water was used for. (RB) Replied that we have 3 sources that we obtain water – river allocation, rain collection and bore water. Generally we operate on recycled water, before obtaining fresh water from either the river or bore network
(RG) Asked how many more seams are in our plan. (RB) Will go no lower than Merriown. (SS) asked what % of what is mined is processed through the CHPP. (RB) 1/3 is processed and 2/3 is by passed.
(JT) Still trying to pursue details about the Environmental Trust with council but after 7 calls there is still no details.
(JT) Was asked to contact the EPA. CCC requested more information from EPA and OEH. Simon is here to give an update of the Regional Air Quality Network.
(SS) The vision is for the Monitoring Network to expand with the mine. There are 2 parts to the network – a public funded network (run by OEH). At this stage there is no priority to expand the network in this area as it is publicly funded. EPA has made a recommendation for a 3 met study, recommending Narrabri, Gunnedah and Mullaley.
(SS) EPA understands that mines are doing a lot of monitoring. This information is being checked and qualified to see if this information can be used.
(SS) EPA will have to develop and impose new regulations on proponents to get funding for the monitoring network to go ahead.
(SS) Another option could be to use the information already gathered by the different mines and collate it so it looks similar to the EPA website.
(AT) Asked if it was possible to get other funds to pay for the Monitoring Network. (SS) Currently no dollars available however this may change when Shenhua is in operation.
(SS) The data will be presented as required on the EPL, which is based on a NEPM guideline for larger population centres.
(AT) Said he doesn't understand why population should make a difference to how data is recorded monitoring undertaken and acceptance levels.
(SS) Replied that the standard is applied for centres greater than 10,000 people which is designed to show that 90% of the community will not be impacted.
(SS) This is based on the NEPM standard for population density.
(SO) Commented that it was always focused in larger populated areas and now has been applied to areas around the mine.
(AT) Commented that single property compliance for dust can't be checked
(LF) Asked is it part of the project consent for the 3 mines to all contribute to the Monitoring Network?
(SS) Commented the movement of air along the valley is basically east/west and the next step is to identify other dust sources. At this stage the current monitoring networks cover a wide region and provide coverage.
(LF) Expressed concerns that he felt everyone was passing the buck in regards to who should pay.
(SS) Cost is the big issue and the mining companies have a number of monitors throughout the basin.

(AT) Asked if the EPA has thought about using mobile dust monitors. (SS) Replied that they have just purchase a hand held unit – not as effective or as accurate as a permanent TEOM but will provide a good indication and can see these monitors could have a place in the future.
(AT) Expressed concerns that the results produced by mining companies could be doctored. If the EPA had several units set up in the area it would help to compare results
(SS) Had heard and asked if EPA could be included for validation otherwise the communities results from their proposed network may not be able to be used.
(LF) Asked if the maps were supplied by the EPA or the mine.
(SO) EPA
(AT) Asked if the monitor at Maules Creek is operational as the results do not seem to change. (SO) Yes it is operational. (LF) Commented that it had been vandalised at one point. (SS) Said to raise it with Maules Creek Mine.
(JT) Commented that governments are reluctant to contribute capital to projects that require ongoing funding. The Monitoring Network does not fit the criteria for funding this time around.
(SS) Commented that Narrabri and Gunnedah councils are keen to get going but no funds are forthcoming.
8. (JT) Next meeting will be held 11 th August 2015 at 2.30pm.
Meeting Closed at 3.53pm