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Executive Summary

This is an “Annual community consultation report” in accordance with the *Exploration Code of Practice: community consultation* (March 2016) and adheres to section 4.1 of the *Guideline for community consultation requirements for exploration* (1 March 2016).

The Community Consultative Committee (CCC) meetings were the principal forum for communicating exploration activities on A355 during the period with meetings held in August and October 2023 and in February and May 2024.

No drilling activity was conducted during this reporting period (20 July 2024 – 19 July 2025).

The consultation activities that were undertaken by BCM during this reporting period included:

- meetings with local government and key stakeholders;
- responding to correspondence;
- Boggabri Project webpage; and
- management of the dedicated project email address and phone number.

No issues have been raised with BCM in relation to A355 exploration during the reporting period.

The overall outcome of consultation conducted during this reporting period was a greater understanding of the project, and the mining and planning process. This contributed to fostering a positive and transparent relationship between BCM Project stakeholders.

1.0 Introduction

A355 is in the Gunnedah Coalfield of NSW, approximately 370 km northwest of the Port of Newcastle, and about 16 km by road northeast of the Boggabri township. Current access to the site is via forestry tracks within the project boundary.

It sits adjacent to the currently operating BCM and is a part of the BCM Project.

Figure 1-1 and Figure 1-2 show the regional location and tenement plans for A355.

1.1 Approach to community consultation

Idemitsu Australia (IA) and BCM have developed an approach to community consultation for the BCM Project complied with the Code of Practice and is described in the Environmental Management Strategy.

The approach supports IA's ongoing social license to operate by adopting a shared value approach to ensure benefits are experienced by IA and the community that address local community issues.



Figure 1-1: Boggabri Regional Location

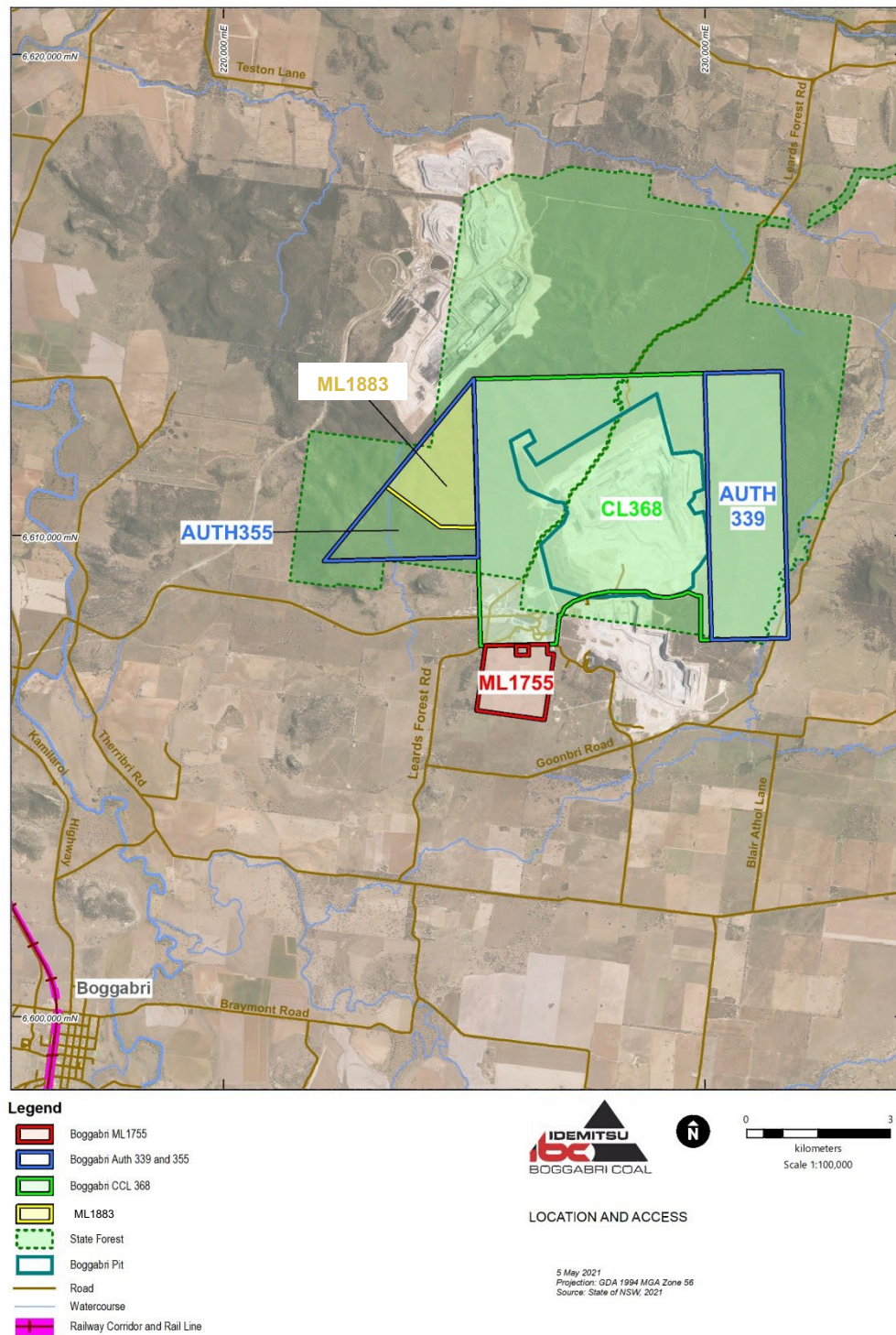


Figure 1-2: Location and access for Boggabri coal tenures

2.0 Community consultation undertaken in reporting period

2.1 Details of consultation

BCM operates a Community Consultative Committee (CCC) that meets on a quarterly basis. The purpose of this committee is to inform the community, via committee members, of all aspects of BCM's activities, including exploration activities in A355.

BCM also informs its Registered Aboriginal Parties and other indigenous stakeholders via the Aboriginal Stakeholder Consultative Forum (ASCF) meetings held throughout the year.

Table 1: Dates and Times of Stakeholder and Consultation Activities

Consultation activity	Targeted stakeholders	Meeting dates	Mandatory or non-mandatory
Community Consultative Committee (CCC) Meeting	Members of the CCC (includes community representatives and Narrabri Shire Council)	15 May 2025, 13 February 2025, 14 November 2024, 29 August 2024	Mandatory
Aboriginal Stakeholder Consultative Forum (ASCF)	Registered Aboriginal Party (RAPs) and members of the Aboriginal community	26 March 2025, 24 August 2024	Mandatory

Respond to correspondence/submissions

In accordance with the Code of Practice, BCM responded to correspondence/submissions in a timely manner as correspondence/submissions were received.

Project email address and 1800 number

BCM managed the BCM project email address and phone number during the reporting period. The email address and phone number were monitored during normal business hours Monday to Friday, with emails and phone calls responded to in a timely manner as they were received.

Project updates on the Idemitsu Australia Resources website

The BCM Project webpage was monitored and updated as appropriate.

2.2 Dates and times

Due to the exploration areas being located within CL368 there has been no meeting for agreements or access with landholders, hence no dates and times section.

2.3 Objectives of community consultation events

Community consultation for the 2024/2025 exploration program was undertaken in accordance with the Code of Practice to ensure:

- open and honest dialogue that facilitates a sound working relationship between BCOP, landholders, and community with all participants cooperating in good faith;
- appropriate and adequate notification of the community and provision of information regarding exploration activities and future plans;
- mitigation and management of potential risks associated with conflict with community and other stakeholders;
- regular monitoring and review of the community consultation process and delivery;
- the local community and stakeholders can provide feedback and identify potential issues;
- provision of feedback back to participants on the results of their contribution; and
- identification of community investment opportunities that provide shared value for the community and BCM.

2.4 Issues and topics raised in discussion

Stakeholders are encouraged to raise questions and highlight issues or concerns during the meetings. Those issues or questions are that can be addressed during the meeting are answered or follow up undertaken and reported during the next meeting.

Table 2: Topics and issues raised in discussion

Community stakeholder	Overview	Date	Key points of discussion regarding exploration	Questions & Issues Raised
CCC	A project update is presented at each CCC meeting which includes the latest details on exploration (completed and planned holes)	15/05/2025	Updates on the status of exploration, euthanised fauna from clearing activities and change of ownership (Chugoku sale)	No issues were raised
		13/02/2025	Updates on exploration activities, 2025 tree clearing, and the successful conversion of MLA586 to ML1883	No issues were raised
		14/11/2024	Updates on the status of exploration, Forestry compensation agreement and progress of Modification applications	No issues were raised
		29/08/2024	Updates on the status of exploration, scarred trees, Forest Permit & Exclusive Use Rights, Forestry compensation agreement and progress of Modification applications	No issues were raised
ASCF	A project update is presented at each meeting which includes the latest details on exploration (completed and planned holes)	26/03/2025	Updates on exploration activities, 2025 tree clearing, archaeological salvage works, grant of ML1883.	No issues were raised
		24/08/2024	Role and responsibility clarification for RAPs	No issues were raised

3.0 Government agency consultation undertaken in reporting period

3.1 Details of consultation

No formal Government agency consultation has been undertaken in the past 12 months outside of finalising the Mining Lease application (MLA586 to ML1883) and Modifications 8 and 10.

4.0 How feedback was collected

Feedback was collected during meetings with stakeholders and by providing stakeholder feedback mechanisms in the form of a dedicated project email address and project phone number. Feedback was documented using Consultation Manager, a stakeholder and consultation database.

5.0 Responses to any issues raised

No issues or complaints have been raised with BCM in relation to exploration activities in A355 during the reporting period.

6.0 Summary and nature of complaints received

No issues or complaints have been raised with BCM in relation to exploration activities in A355 during the reporting period.

7.0 Activity alterations in response to issues raised

No alteration to the activity was made as no issues or complaints were raised with BCM in relation to exploration activities in A355 in the reporting period.

8.0 Outcomes of the consultation

The primary outcome of the consultation conducted during this reporting period was a greater understanding of the project, and the mining and planning process. This contributed to fostering a positive relationship between BCM and Boggabri Exploration Project stakeholders by demonstrating a commitment to project transparency and largely meeting stakeholder expectations of involvement in consultation by BCM.

The consultation conducted during the reporting period also contributed to the following outcomes:

- a consistent provision of information across a range of stakeholders;
- a continued social license to operate.

9.0 Assessment of how well objectives were met

Table 4: Assessment of how well objectives were met

Objective	Contributions to meeting objective	Assessment of how well objectives were met (met, partially met, not met)
Open and honest dialogue that facilitates a sound working relationship between Boggabri Coal and the community.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Regular meetings held with established community representative groups. Community feedback mechanisms were made available (i.e. project email and project phone number) to allow community members to raise any questions or concerns about the exploration program. 	Objective met
Regular monitoring and review of the community consultation process and delivery	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Regular community consultation meetings were held internally to review and monitor the progress of community consultation. 	Objective met
The local community and stakeholders can provide feedback and identify potential issues	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Community feedback mechanisms were made available (i.e. project email and project phone number) to allow community members to raise any questions or concerns about the exploration program. Community feedback mechanisms will remain available to stakeholders throughout the duration of the exploration program. 	Objective met

10.0 Summary of amendments to the Communication Consultation Strategy or activity

No amendments to the EMS (includes the Community Consultation Management Strategy) were made.

11.0 Commitments for ongoing consultation

BCM will continue to consult with stakeholders through established communication forums. This includes:

- Regular meetings with key stakeholders through the CCC, ASCF and individuals as may be required,
- Respond to correspondence/submissions,
- Provide updates on the IA website, and
- Project email address and 1800 number.

Further details on the commitments to ongoing consultation activities are outlined in the sections below.

Regular Meetings with key stakeholders

In accordance with the Code of Practice, mandatory meetings/interviews will be held with key individuals and group representatives (either face to face, via teleconference, or over the phone) as requested.

Regular meetings with key stakeholders will continue to be conducted through CCC that meets on a quarterly basis, as well as continuing Aboriginal Stakeholder Consultative Forum (ASCF) meetings throughout the year to inform Registered Aboriginal Parties and other indigenous stakeholders.

Respond to correspondence/submissions

In accordance with the Code of Practice, BCM will continue to respond to correspondence/submissions in a timely manner as correspondence/submissions are received.

Project updates on the IA website

In addition to their mandatory requirements, BCM will provide up-to-date information about the Boggabri Coal Exploration Project on the BCM website as required. The company newsletter and FAQs will also be made available on the project website.

Project email address and 1800 number

In addition to their mandatory requirements, BCM will manage the BCM project email address and phone number. The email address and phone number will be monitored during normal business hours Monday to Friday, with emails and phone calls responded to in a timely manner as they are received.