

# **2022/2023 Annual Community Consultation Report Authorisation 355 (A355)**

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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). Consultation was undertaken during the COVID-19 pandemic and conducted in accordance with Government and health authority advice.

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 November 2022, and in February and May 2023.

No drilling activity was conducted during this reporting period (20 July 2022 – 19 July 2023).

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 located 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 ahead of the current mine progression.

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.

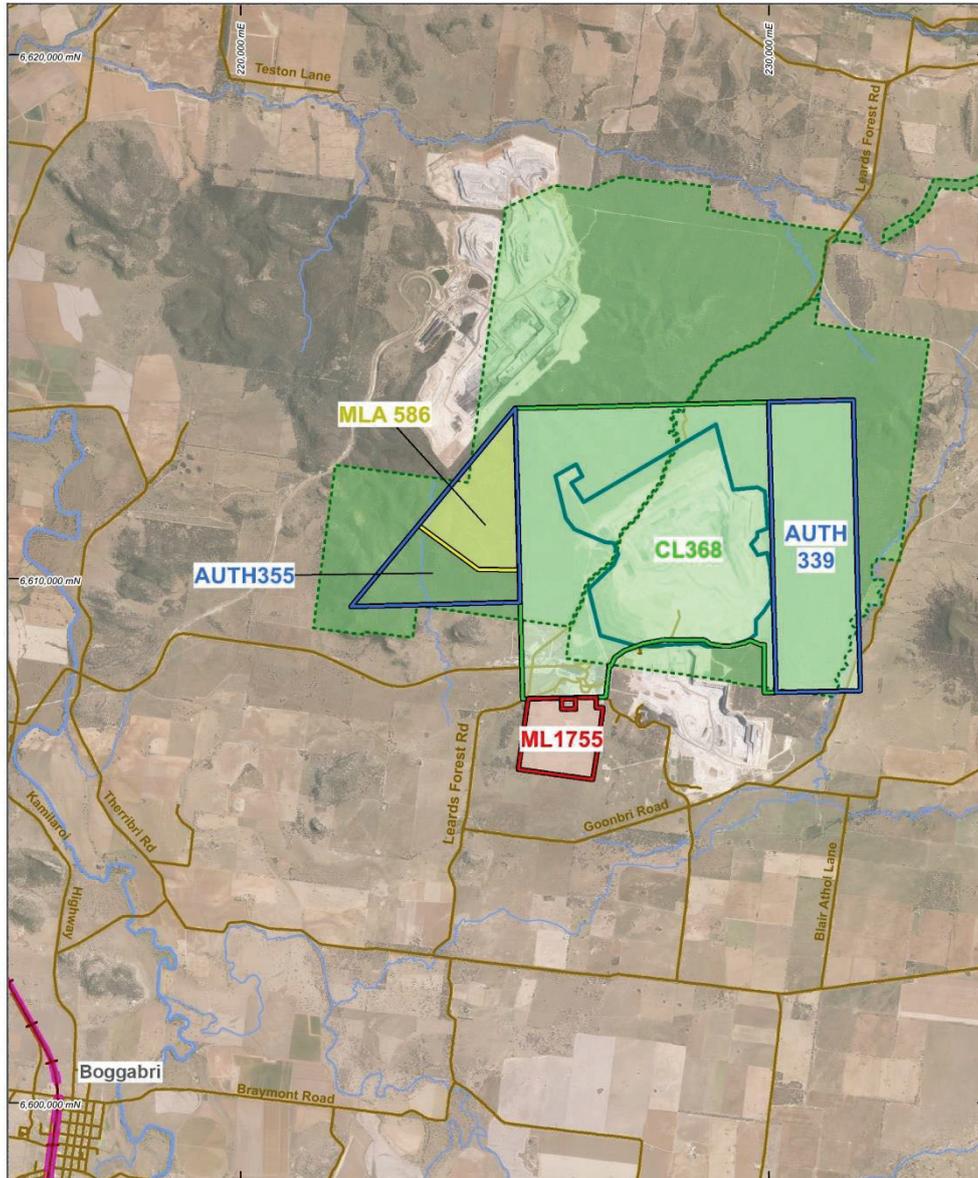
## 1.1 Approach to community consultation

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.

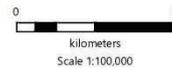
The approach supports IA's ongoing social license to operate by adopting a shared value approach to ensure benefits are experienced by IA and the community that address local community issues.



**Figure 1-1: Boggabri Regional Location**



- Legend**
- Boggabri ML1755
  - Boggabri Auth 339 and 355
  - Boggabri CCL 368
  - MLA586
  - State Forest
  - Boggabri Pit
  - Road
  - Watercourse
  - Railway Corridor and Rail Line



**LOCATION AND ACCESS**

5 May 2021  
 Projection: GDA 1994 MGA Zone 56  
 Source: State of NSW, 2021

**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)	24 May 2023, 23 February 2023, 27 October 2022, 25 August 2022	Mandatory
Aboriginal Stakeholder Consultative Forum (ASCF)	Registered Aboriginal Party (RAPs) and members of the Aboriginal community	15 February 2023, 8 September 2022	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 the State Forest 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 2022/2023 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 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)	25/05/23	General discussion about biodiversity corridor obligations and offset areas, exploration update, Modification 8 and 9 amendment updates, company reports and overview	No issues were raised
		23/02/23	General discussion about the project, Modification 8 and 9 amendment updates, company reports and overview . Requested details about biodiversity corridor obligations	No issues were raised
		24/11/22	General discussion about the project, Modification 8 and 9 amendment updates, exploration update, biodiversity corridor plan update, company reports and overview .	No issues were raised
		25/08/22	General discussion about project, exploration update, general feedback on Modification 8 and 9	No issues were raised
ASCF	A project update is presented at each meeting which includes the latest details on exploration (completed and planned holes)	8/08/22	General discussion about the project boundaries and ongoing salvage works and location of drill holes.	No issues were raised
		15/02/23	Meeting held to discuss archaeological salvage program. Update provided on exploration including the number, type and location of holes.	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.

## 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;
- consolidation of effective approaches to consultation within the context of COVID-19; and
- 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"> <li>Regular meetings held with established community representative groups.</li> <li>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.</li> </ul>	Objective met
Regular monitoring and review of the community consultation process and delivery	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Regular community consultation meetings were held internally to review and monitor the progress of community consultation.</li> <li>The community consultation process and delivery were updated and amended to ensure adequate consultation in the context of COVID-19.</li> </ul>	Objective met
The local community and stakeholders can provide feedback and identify potential issues	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>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.</li> <li>Community feedback mechanisms will remain available to stakeholders throughout the duration of the exploration program.</li> </ul>	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 IAR 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.