

# **2023/2024 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).

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 2023 – 19 July 2024).

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.

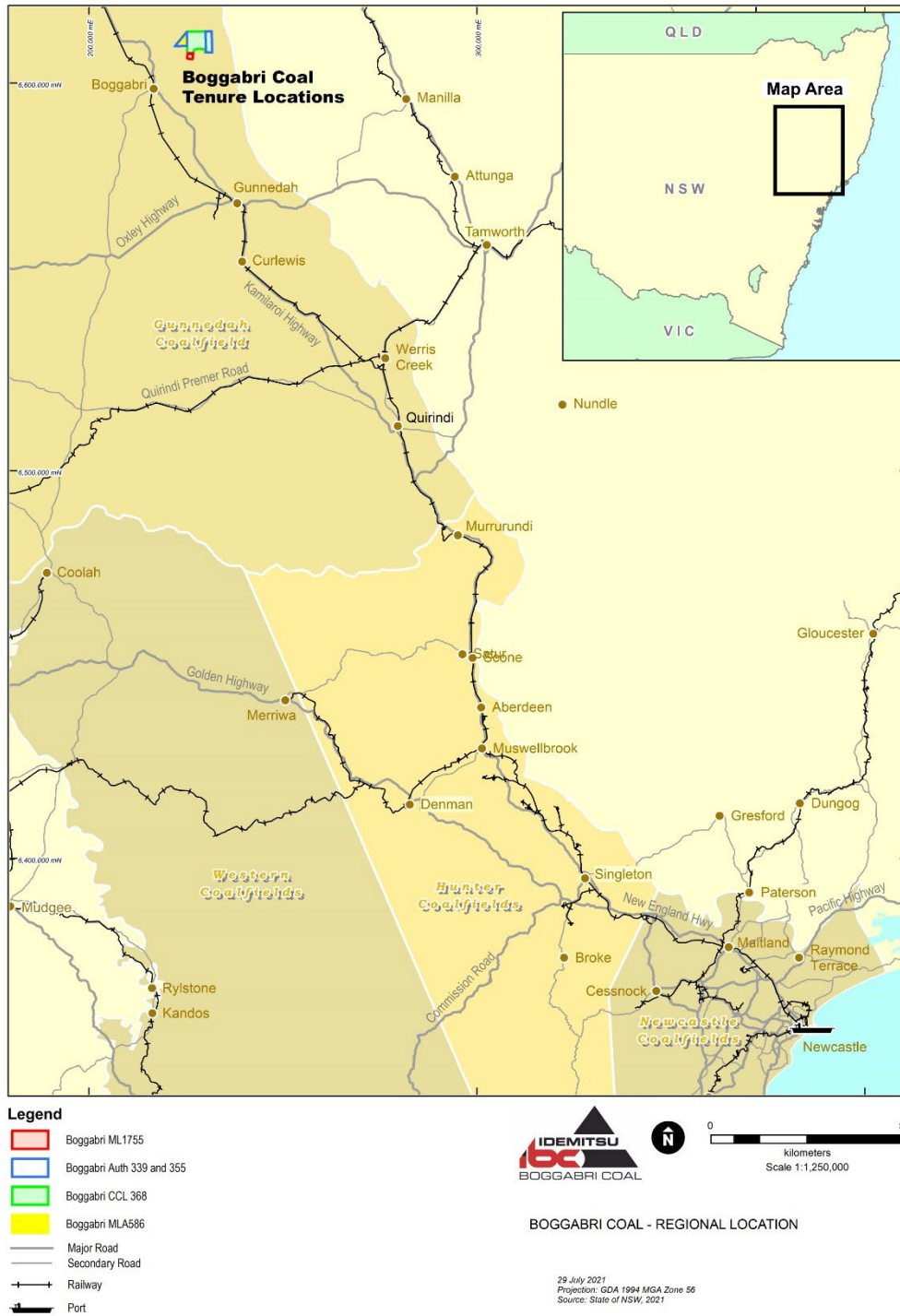
Figure 1-1 and Figure 1-2 show the regional location and tenement plans for A355.

## 1.1 Approach to community consultation

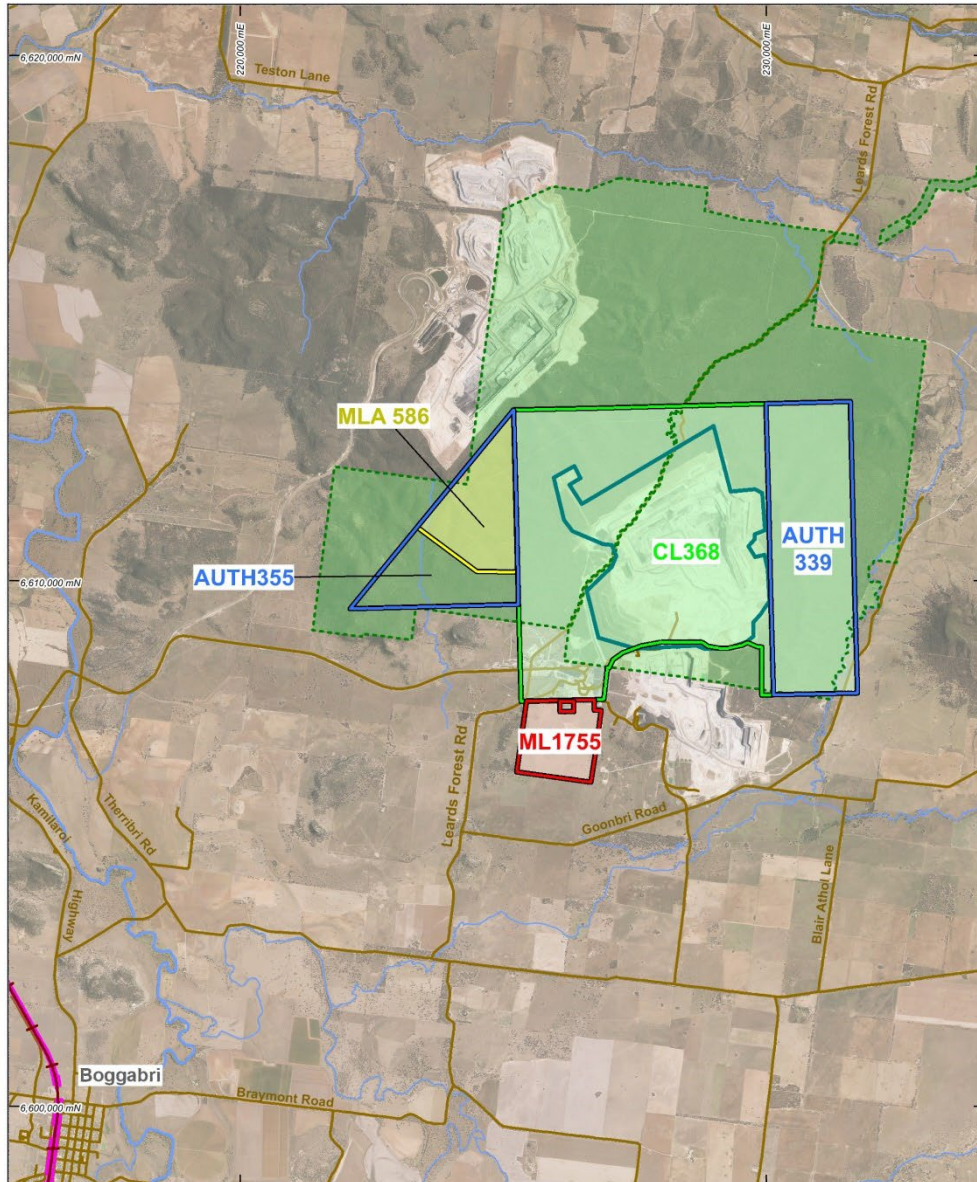
Idemitsu Australia (IA) and BCM have developed an approach to community consultation for the BCM Project complied with the Code of Practice and is described in the Environmental Management Strategy.

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.

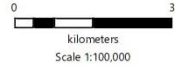




**Figure 1-1: Boggabri Regional Location**



- 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)	16 May 2024, 15 February 2024, 26 October 2023, 29 August 2023	Mandatory
Aboriginal Stakeholder Consultative Forum (ASCF)	Registered Aboriginal Party (RAPs) and members of the Aboriginal community	26 June 2024, 30 January 2024, 10 October 2023, 25 July 2023	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 2023/2024 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)	16/05/2024	No discussion minuted on exploration. Discussion focussed on tyre disposal.	No issues were raised
		15/02/2024	Updates on planned mining, Modification 8, ground water, tyre disposal, tree clearing, archaeological salvage, decarbonisation, sponsorships, company reports and exploration overview.	No issues were raised
		26/10/2023	Updates on housing commitment, tyre disposal, carbon credits, Modification 8 update, biodiversity offset areas, mine rehabilitation, swift parrots, pre-clearing surveys, company reports and exploration overview.	No issues were raised
		29/08/2023	Updates on water balance model, tyre disposal, archaeological salvage project, employment, Modification 8, community complaints, mine rehabilitation, Social Impact Management Plan, company reports and exploration overview	No issues were raised
ASCF	A project update is presented at each meeting which includes the latest details on	26/06/2024	Updates on the project, Modification 10, BCO housing commitment, solar farm, conservation agreements, archaeological works	No issues were raised
		30/01/2024	Updates on the project, biodiversity offset areas, Modification 8, solar farm, tree clearing and archaeological works	No issues were raised



Community stakeholder	Overview	Date	Key points of discussion regarding exploration	Questions & Issues Raised
	exploration (completed and planned holes)	10/10/2023	Updates on project, onboarding medicals, archaeological works, Cultural Heritage Management Plan, salvage works, Social Impact Management Plan.	No issues were raised
		25/07/2023	Updates on project & exploration, water management, salvage works, works contract, Cultural Heritage Management Plan revisions, archaeological works and Keeping Place	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 the Mining Lease application process (MLA586) 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"> <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> </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 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.