

OVERVIEW			
Meeting	Community Consultative Committee		
Date	17/08/2017	Time	9.00am
Venue	Boggabri Coal Boardroom		
Chairperson	David Ross		
Presenter	Daniel Martin		
Attendees	Richard Gillham (RG), Daniel Martin (DM), Peter Forbes (PF), David Ross (DR), Ron Campbell (RC), Anna Christie (AC), Catherine Collier (CC), Mitchum Neave (MN), Libby Laird (LL), Lynne MacKellar (LM)		
Observer	Lloyd Finlay		
Guests	Alex Cockerill (Alex)		
Apologies	Ray Balks (RB) Geoff Eather (GE), Kerri Clarke (KC), Ros Druce (RD)		
Next Meeting	2/11/2017		
ITEM	AGENDA		
1	Apologies		
2	Declaration of Pecuniary or other Interests		
3	Confirmation of 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:			
2. Declarations of Pecuniary Interests:			
(RG) declared that his property is located in the zone of affectation. (RC) declared that he owns a company; Namoi Waste that deals with Boggabri Coal. (DR) declared that he is paid a fee for his chairing services.			
3. Acceptance of previous minutes:			
Moved by (RG) that the previous minutes be accepted. (CC) Seconded, minutes moved and endorsed.			
4. Business from previous minutes:			
(RC) Will provide traffic counts through to DR to distribute to the CCC. RC said that the numbers showed a changed in traffic flow with heavy vehicles becoming less.			
(DM) provided post tree clearing reports to Ros Druce			
(AC) provide an overview of the students visit to Boggabri Coal on behalf of Kerri Clarke, general feedback was for the company to review the spacing of the planted tube stock and an increase in ground cover. As a side note Kerri has moved to Canberra to take up a new position and will still be involved with the CCC.			

<p>(DR) Alex Cockerill was invited to the CCC meeting and will provide an overview of his work later in the meeting.</p>
<p>(DR) along with AC drafted and sent a letter to DoPE (Oliver Holm) on behalf of the CCC in regards to the Caution letter received by Boggabri Coal for clearing over the 35 degrees. CCC were not supportive of the DoPE outcome as it was minor in nature, no environmental harm and self-reported. DR had not been provided a response from DoPE and would follow up again as the CCC would like a response.</p> <p>AC also advised that she had additional correspondence on this matter with the DoPE (Kirsty Ruddock) and highlighted that the DoPE guideline was not applied consistently between mining operations</p>
<p>5. Correspondence:</p>
<p>NSW DP&E</p> <p>Project Approval Modification 6 – Rail limit received determination on the 7th of July 2017. Administrative change to align Rail limit tonnes with ROM limit of 8.6mtpa.</p> <p>Request for information on predictive monitoring network Schedule 3 Condition 30(b), an informal enforcement action of a minor nature was received.</p> <p>Rev 6 of the Water Management Plan was approved in May.</p> <p>BTM Air and Noise Strategies were approved.</p>
<p>NSW Department Industry and Investment – Resources and Geosciences</p> <p>Comments received from DRG on Mining Operations Plan (MOP).</p> <p>Submission of annual exploration report for Authorisation No. 355. No exploration was conducted within these Authorisations in between April 2016 to April 2017.</p>
<p>6. Company Reports & Reviews:</p>
<p><u>Presentation</u></p> <p>Noise Monitoring: No comments</p>
<p>Air Quality Monitoring: (CC) Was there a dust monitor on Roma west of the Hwy (DM) no monitor west of the Hwy</p>
<p>Ground Water Monitoring: No comments</p>
<p>Rainfall: No comments</p>
<p>Exploration: (DM): Pointed to a map to show the different areas that make up the authorisation and coal leases</p>
<p>Vegetated Corridor: (MN): Commented that the corridor between the two mines will end up disappearing. When will this occur? (DM) under the current approval the operations cannot clear this area without getting an approval from the appropriate agencies. The current approval requires a 500 metre corridor unless an option of equal or better can be provided to the approval of the Secretary – Department of Planning.</p>

(LL) Is it the companies' intent to clear this area? (PF) this would require a change with to the current approval, however there is economical coal located within the area.

(AC) commented that Maules Creek Coal has indicated that they are going to mine their section of the corridor.

Alex Cockerill: Boggabri Coal and Maules Creek Coal have similar conditions and if Maules Creek Coal mine their section than they would have to provide an alternative to the same size and quality as the existing corridor (500m)

(MN) would like to view a map of how the mine has developed

(MN) Is Boggabri Coal expanding its Biodiversity Offset's, DM not proposing to, Boggabri has about 10000ha of offsets.

(MN) Boggabri Coal is required to have all the offsets in place and they are meant to be the same as the forest. Alex Cockerill Boggabri Coal has already secured the required offsets and that approximately 7000ha are like for like with the remaining approximately 3000ha being of lower quality which will be regenerated.

Community Complaints:

One complaint for the period of entry to a private property without advising the owner.

Community Sponsorship

(PF): Commented on the Gunnedah Girls Academy and the upcoming overseas trip to Japan.

7. General Business

Mine Entry update:

(PF) Before the end of the year it is envisaged that majority of traffic to site will be using the roads from the highway. Current delay is in the supply of the equipment for the rail crossings.

BCOS Update:

(PF): Gave a general overview of where the BCOS Project is up to, he explained that BGC had been awarded the contract for waste removal & maintenance over Downer and that BCOP will be taking over the mining of coal. No further contracts have been awarded.

(MN) would like to know what the employment targets are for local indigenous people? PF will provide and update at the next meeting.

(CC) asked MN if he knew of any providers that are able to assist the mines and provide employees, MN if they are advised of the positions than they will be able to train people and get them ready for these positions.

(DR) MN if you know of any companies that provide this service can we please provide it to me so we can put this forward to the mining companies

Correspondence from Anna Christie

(AC): Provided Boggabri Coal with a letter on feral animal control and Koala

(DM): Will provide a response on feral animal control and Alex Cockerill will provide an overview on Koala, Offsets and ecology work.

Questions raise by AC,

How many pig traps are Boggabri Coal operating – 23 currently with this number to increase before the end of the year.

How many pigs were destroyed - Number of pigs controlled at Boggabri Coal approximately 67 last year and 77 this year. Overall program with WHC coal is 700+

What procedures do Boggabri Coal use to remove feral pigs - All animals are humanely destroyed and removed from the traps

Fox baiting was conducted in 2016 with 99 baits being laid. 57 taken 53 foxes and 4 bywild dogs

Feral goats have been removed from offset properties with approximately 670 being removed from 2016 and 2017.

Feral Cat control – cats are not in large numbers, a very small number of cats have been destroyed.

(AC) Last year we looked at offsets and sighted that there were indications that Koala was present in and around Leard State Forest. Some of the findings indicated that Koala would be present on some of the Offset properties Boggabri Coal is managing. It would be a good position for Boggabri Coal to increase how to protect and benefit the Koala population in these areas.

Alex Cockerill – Discussion with CCC on ecological work at Boggabri Coal.

Overview of Alex professional involvement with Boggabri Coal. 2006 surveys, development of ecology impacts for the EA, locations review and selection of the Offsets, Management and implementation of the Offsets.

(LL) responded that parts of the community are devastated that the mining operations are having a massive impact on the forest.

Alex Cockerill – Overview and responding to questions.

Alex Cockerill – In improving habitat for Koala it will have major benefit for a large number of other species. Koala do use a number of areas in and around the Leard State Forest albeit their numbers are low in the forest. Boggabri Coal are and will be improving and restoring Red Gum areas that will benefit the Koala as this is their predominant food species in the local area. Most of the Koala's are located in the lower part of the landscape around water courses and flood plains. Tree species that are being planted are being matched to the soil types to provide the correct vegetation type, which will benefit the Koala in these areas.

From the past baseline monitoring and ongoing monitoring will help guide the operation along with the addition of important resources such as logs and fallen timber.

(MN) Which university were you educated at – Alex Cockerill Newcastle University

(MN) What is the shared % of offsets with Whitehaven – Alex one large property that is shared on a 50% basis. So half the offsets account for Whitehaven the other for Boggabri Coal.

(MN) Did you find any new species- Alex Cockerill yes last year but not related to this project.

(LL) Where is the 3000ha of vegetation that requires restoration. Alex pointed to the areas on a figure.

(CC) How does soil type effect plant selection. Alex Cockerill different species prefer different types of soil to be successful and to match existing understory species.

(MN) Does Boggabri Coal have enough offset? Boggabri Coal currently has surplus to it's approved needs.

Other Business

(MN) What was the process for the changes to the Cultural Management Plan and who was consulted. (DM) Currently don't have that information on hand but will provide a response at the next meeting.

(DR) Another round of funding for the Environmental Trust, applications and paper work can be found at the Boggabri Library, Narrabri Shire Council and Gunnedah Shire Council.

(DR) Would like open feedback on how his ability to Chair the CCC has been to date? Is there any area that I can improve or provide more assistance to the CCC. CCC members only had positive feedback at this stage and thanked him for his efforts.

<p>(LL) Did we electronically record the meeting. (DR) not done at this time or since (DM) has been involved. (LL) If it is to be done could Boggabri Coal declare this at the start of the meeting. (DR) Could we please place an action to have this as the first agenda item</p>
<p>8. Next Meeting Thursday 02/11/2017 9am</p>
<p>Meeting Closed at 11.35am</p>

Actioned against	Action to be done
Ron Campbell	Find archive counter records for Manilla road use and provide to DR
Daniel Martin	Provide a map of the staged development of the project
Peter Forbes	Provide overview on Indigenous Employment
Mitchem Neave	Provide names of local companies that would be able to help with indigenous employment and training.
Daniel Martin	Provide response to process for updating Cultural Management Plan and who was involved
David Ross	Follow up with DoPE (Oliver Holms) for a response to the CCC letter
Daniel Martin	Include a new agenda item about electronically recording of minutes.