

Community Consultative Committee Meeting Minutes

CHAIN VALLEY COLLIERY and MANNERING COLLIERY							
Venue:	Chain Valley Colliery Board Room						
Date:	15/02/2023	Time: 14:00					
Participants:	Margaret MacDonald-Hill (MMH) – Chair						
	Bob Brooks (BB) – Community						
	John Oakes (JO) – Community						
	Laurie Williams (LW) – Community						
	Lachlan McWha (LM)	– Delta Coal					
	Mal Yule (MY) – Delta Coal						
	Lesley Parker (LP) – (Community					
	Apologies:						
	Neil Wynn (NW) – Community						
	Ian Carr (IC) – Commi	unity					
	Pieter Van Rooyen (PVR) – Delta Coal						
	Joshua Cornford (JC) – Delta Coal						
	Andrew Whitbourne (AW) – Community						
	Cr Christine Buckley (CB) – Lake Macquarie City Council						
	Central Coast Council						
WELCOME	MMH declared the meeting	ng open at 14:03pm and welcomed all.					
DECLARATIONS OF	MMH declared no change	MMH declared no change in her interests from previous meetings.					
INTEREST	No change in previously o	declared interests from members present.					
CONFIRMATION OF	The minutes of the November 2022 meeting were confirmed as distributed and						
PREVIOUS MINUTES	moved by JO and second	led by LW.					

BUSINESS ARISING	LM provided an update on the actions from the last meeting.					
	Action Update					
	Benthic Communities Monitoring in Wyee Bay (if it extends into Wyee Bay).					
	Update on noise reduction at CVC Discussed on slide 10. ventilation fan site.					
	Subsidence prediction reports (geotechnical assessments as part of extraction plans). Provided location of information on website to NW.					
	Water source in proximity of Tall Timbers Road and Scraysbrook Avenue. Discussed on slides 12-16.					
	MMH enquired about the sale to Sev.en Group. MY confirmed it was finalised with Government approval in mid December.					
CORRESPONDENCE	Nil correspondence since previous meeting.					
DELTA COAL	LM provided an operational update on the mines.					
OPERATIONAL	Notably:					
UPDATE	Current workings within the Fassifern seam beneath Lake Macquarie and					
	Morisset Peninsula (HB-West 4 and HB West 5).					
	Current operations are first-workings only in the Fassifern Seam.					
	MA1 workings ongoing.					
	 Presented the forecast mine plan for 2023 calendar year in the Northern Mining Area and MA-1. 					
APPROVALS	LM Advised:					
UPDATE	Current mining approvals and environmental licenses held by Delta Coal were outlined.					
	 The EIS for the Chain Valley Colliery Consent Consolidation Project was placed on public exhibition between 18 November and 16 December 2022. It was noted that during exhibition the project received greater than 50 unique objections and as such has been referred to the Independent Planning Commission as the approving authority. 					
	 Delta Coal is preparing a response to submissions report, due to the Department of Planning and Environment by 22 March 2023. 					

ENVIRONMENTAL INCIDENTS	LM discussed the following environmental incidents occurring in the period of 1 November 2022 to 31 January 2023:				
	Site	Date	Incident / Non-compliance Type		
	MC	17/11/2022	Depositional dust gauge monthly increase exceedance at monitoring location DDG001 (Mannering Colliery)		
	CVC	17/11/2022	Depositional dust gauge monthly increase exceedance at monitoring location DDG006 (CVC Ventilation fan site in Summerland Point)		
	MC	15/12/2022	Noise exceedance at RA2 monitoring location (Macquarie Shores Home Village).		
ENVIRONMENTAL PERFORMANCE	 Discharge Water Volume – CVC and MC discharge volumes and rainfall volumes presented. Discharge Water Quality – CVC and MC Discharge water quality presented. Depositional Dust Monitoring – CVC and MC depositional dust results for quarter presented. PM₁₀ and PM_{2.5} Monitoring – Monitoring results for PM₁₀ and PM_{2.5} presented for period. Noise Monitoring – CVC and MC noise monitoring results presented for the period. Subsidence Monitoring – CVC subsidence monitoring presented for the 				
COMMUNITY COMPLAINTS	period. LM provided an update on community complaints received by Delta Coal operations: No community complaints for CVC or MC since previous CCC meeting. 1 Community enquiry from a resident of Mirrabooka.				
ENVIRONMENTAL PROJECTS UPDATE	 LM provided an update on considerable environmental projects: Silencer cleaning at the ventilation fan site undertaken in January 2023. CVC Sewer project, request made to EPA to extend due date of CVC sewer connection project from 24 February 2023 to 24 May 2023. Noxious weed control campaign completed in CVC Biodiversity Enhancement Area. 				

GENERAL BUSINESS	BB requested information on the calorific value of coal and how it was suited to the Vales Point Power Station. Discussed with MY with a brief explanation given, however it was requested to be a topic at the May 2023 CCC meeting. MMH enquired about the status of the Community Advisory Panel for the VPA funding agreement as two of the community members had been advised their term had now expired. She would follow up with Central Coast Council.				
NEXT MEETING	Next meeting time: 14:00 (2 pm) – 17 May 2023. MMH thanked everyone for their participation and contributions. MMH declared meeting closed at 15:27 (3:27 pm).				
ACTIONS ARISING FROM MEETING	Action	Action Owner	Proposed Delivery Date		
FROM MEETING	BB – Detail on how CVC mined coal is suited to the Vales Point Power Station (calorific value).	LM	Next meeting		