



# Community Consultative Committee Meeting Minutes

## CHAIN VALLEY COLLIERY and MANNERING COLLIERY

<b>Venue:</b>	Chain Valley Colliery Board Room		
<b>Date:</b>	16/02/2022	<b>Time:</b> 14:00	
<b>Participants:</b>	<p>Margaret MacDonald-Hill (MMH) – Chair</p> <p>Lesley Parker (LP) – Community</p> <p>John Oakes (JO) – Community</p> <p>Laurie Williams (LW) – Community</p> <p>Neil Wynn (NW) – Community</p> <p>Bob Brooks (BB) – Community</p> <p>Ian Carr (IC) – Community</p> <p>Andrew Whitbourne (AW) – Community</p> <p>Lachlan McWha (LM) – Delta Coal</p> <p>Mal Yule (MY) – Delta Coal</p> <p>Pieter Van Rooyen (PVR) – Delta Coal</p> <p><u>Apologies:</u></p> <p>Central Coast Council</p> <p>Lake Macquarie City Council</p>		
<b>WELCOME</b>	MMH declared the meeting open at 14:01pm and welcomed all.		
<b>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST</b>	MMH declared no change in her interests from previous meetings. No change in previously declared interests from members present.		
<b>CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES</b>	The minutes of the November 2021 meeting were confirmed as distributed and moved by BB and seconded by LW.		

<b>BUSINESS ARISING</b>	MMH and LM provided an update on the actions from the last meeting.	
	<b>Action</b>	<b>Update</b>
	Request to review Benthic Communities species distribution	Discussed on slide 23 and 24 of CCC meeting presentation.
	Provide update on Eastern Mining Area (EMA) and proposed discontinuation.	Update on EMA provided on slide 8 of the CCC meeting presentation.
<b>CORRESPONDENCE</b>	Bob Brooks requested formal correspondence from Delta Coal on intent to cease seeking approval of the EMA beneath Chain Valley Bay in the Consent Consolidation Project, responded to in the meeting presentation on slide 8 and in Approvals Update.	
<b>DELTA COAL OPERATIONAL UPDATE</b>	<p>LM provided an operational update on the mines.</p> <p>Notably:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Current workings locations beneath Lake Macquarie and Morisset Peninsula</li> <li>• Current operations are first-workings only</li> <li>• Forecast production for the FY20/21 period is 1.2 Million tonnes</li> <li>• Presented the forecast mine plan for FY-2021 to FY-2025 in the Northern Mining Area – Delta Coal noted that the forecasted plan in regards to mine design orientation and format is being reviewed.</li> </ul>	
<b>APPROVALS UPDATE</b>	<p>LM Advised:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Current mining approvals and environmental licenses held by Delta Coal were outlined</li> <li>• Environmental Impact Statement for CVC and MC Development Consent Consolidation delayed from prior forecast date, now forecast for submission to DPIE prior to June 2022. Delta Coal confirmed that the Eastern Mining Area is being removed from the Consent Consolidation project, but cannot commit that the area will not be considered for mining in the future. PVR noted that Delta Coal would provide a newsletter update to local residents regarding the removal of the EMA in the coming months following revision of Secretary Environmental Assessment Requirements for the project.</li> </ul>	
<b>SUBSIDENCE MONITORING</b>	<p>LM provided an update of Delta Coal subsidence monitoring:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Update provided on foreshore subsidence monitoring point installation and baseline surveying, including most recent install of points on Sunshine Road</li> <li>• <i>Request made to include a map of all subsidence monitoring locations installed for subsidence monitoring associated to the NMA.</i></li> </ul>	

<b>ENVIRONMENTAL INCIDENTS</b>	<p>LM discussed the following environmental incidents occurring in the period from the previous meeting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 15<sup>th</sup> November 2021 – Oil and Grease Exceedance at MC</li> <li>• 22<sup>nd</sup> December 2021 – DDG005 in Summerland Point, technical non-compliance for CVC</li> <li>• 24<sup>th</sup> December 2021 – Vandalism of the LDP1 flow meter for CVC</li> <li>• 18<sup>th</sup> January 2021 – Faecal Coliform Exceedance at CVC</li> <li>• 3<sup>rd</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> January 2022 – PM<sub>2.5</sub> Non-Compliance at monitoring location in Wyee. Delta Coal noted it was investigating installing an additional PM<sub>2.5</sub> monitor at a more representative location to the collieries.</li> </ul>
<b>ENVIRONMENTAL MONITORING</b>	<p>LM provided an update on the following environmental monitoring results for the period since the previous meeting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• CVC and MC Discharge water volumes and monitored quality</li> <li>• Results of Depositional dust, Particulate matter &lt;10µm (PM<sup>10</sup>) and PM<sup>2.5</sup> monitoring</li> <li>• An update of attended noise monitoring results.</li> </ul>
<b>COMMUNITY COMPLAINTS</b>	<p>LM provided an update on community complaints received by Delta Coal operations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No community complaints for CVC since previous CCC meeting; and</li> <li>• 6 community complaints since the previous meeting, all pertaining to noise from Mannering Colliery, with 0 community complaints in January 2022. It was noted maintenance works undertaken on the Mannering Colliery Coal Handling and Preparation Plant (replacement of hammers in CHPP) were undertaken in November 2021 which were considered likely to improve noise impact on near-by receivers.</li> </ul>
<b>ENVIRONMENTAL PROJECTS UPDATE</b>	<p>LM provided an update on considerable environmental projects:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pollution Reduction Program 8 – connection of CVC Bathhouse to Mannering Park Sewage Treatment Plan;</li> <li>• Pollution Reduction Program 9 – connection of CVC administration septic tank to a current best practise sewage management system.</li> </ul> <p>Delta coal noted it planned on breaking ground with the sewer installation project at CVC within a month of the meeting, with anticipated completion before August 2022. It was noted that for PRP 9, the decision was made to connect the administration septic treatment system to the proposed sewage pump station for the CVC bath-house.</p>
<b>BENTHIC COMMUNITIES</b>	<p>LM provided an overview of primary species comprising the benthic communities of Lake Macquarie, as determined from Delta Coal seasonal (twice yearly) benthic communities monitoring.</p>

<b>COMMUNITY EVENTS / MEDIA</b>	BB noted an article published in the Central Coast Chronicles outlining Central Coast Council's use of Delta Coal's Voluntary Planning Agreement contributions.		
<b>GENERAL BUSINESS</b>	LW requested update on the Pine trees dominating the Mannering Colliery road-front. LM noted that they aren't considered a scheduled weed or plant requiring management under the Biodiversity Conservation Act, nor is there any current demand for the wood or mulch that would be generated. MY noted that pine removal is still being considered, however, is currently costly with limited options for wood material that would be generated. Pine removal from MC requires further investigation and planning, MY noted Delta Coal intends to continue investigating suitable and feasible options for pine removal.		
<b>NEXT MEETING</b>	Next meeting time: 14:00 (2pm) – 18 <sup>th</sup> May 2022 MMH thanked everyone for their participation and contributions. MMH declared meeting closed at 15:08 (3:08 pm).		
<b>ACTIONS ARISING FROM MEETING</b>	<b>Action</b>	<b>Action Owner</b>	<b>Proposed Delivery Date</b>
	Indicate locations of all subsidence monitoring points	LM	18 <sup>th</sup> May 2022 CCC meeting.