

CHAIN VALLEY COLLIERY and MANNERING COLLIERY

Venue:	Chain Valley Colliery Board Room		
Date:	17/05/2023	Time: 14:01	
Participants:	<p>Margaret MacDonald-Hill (MMH) – Chair</p> <p>Ian Carr (IC) – Community</p> <p>Bob Brooks (BB) – Community</p> <p>Laurie Williams (LW) – Community</p> <p>Lesley Parker (LP) – Community</p> <p>Lachlan McWha (LM) – Delta Coal</p> <p>Joshua Cornford (JC) – Delta Coal</p> <p>Pieter Van Rooyen (PVR) – Delta Coal</p> <p><u>Apologies:</u></p> <p>John Oakes (JO) – Community</p> <p>Neil Wynn (NW) – Community</p> <p>Andrew Whitbourne (AW) – Community</p> <p>Cr Christine Buckley (CB) – Lake Macquarie City Council</p> <p>Central Coast Council</p>		
WELCOME	MMH declared the meeting open at 14:01pm and welcomed all.		
DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST	<p>MMH declared no change in her interests from previous meetings.</p> <p>No change in previously declared interests from members present.</p>		
CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES	The minutes of the February 2023 meeting were confirmed as distributed and moved by LW and seconded by BB.		

BUSINESS ARISING	LM provided an update on the actions from the last meeting.	
	Action	Update
	Update on Consent Consolidation Project.	Discussed on slide 9.
	Calorific value of coal with Vales Point Power Station.	Discussed on slide 10, details provided on how Vales Point Power Station was developed based on the specifications of coal mined from the Fassifern Seam at nearby collieries.
	Membership of Community Advisory Panel	Verbal update provided by MMH. It was noted that the existing members may remain part of the panel.
CORRESPONDENCE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 22/02/2023 – email to MMH to CCC on Community Advisory Panel 23 & 24/02/2023 – email to MY/MMH/CCC on MY departure 27/02/2023 – email from MMH to DPE Chair's Annual Report on CCC 	
DELTA COAL OPERATIONAL UPDATE	<p>PVR provided an operational update on the mines. Notably:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Current workings are first workings within the Fassifern seam beneath Lake Macquarie and Morisset Peninsula. Explained the regional scale geological faulting (Macquarie syncline) ceasing HBW5. Commencement of production in HBE2. Additional panels added to MA1 Presented the forecast mine plan for 2023 calendar year in the Northern Mining Area and MA-1. 	
APPROVALS UPDATE	<p>LM Advised:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Current mining approvals and environmental licenses held by Delta Coal were outlined, including the variation of EPL 1770 in March 2023. Site visit undertaken by Department of Planning and Environment (DPE) as part of their assessment report on the Consent Consolidation Project. Detail on RFI's received from the DPE required to complete the assessment report. Remaining steps to determination being made on the project. 	

Coal Calorific Value	<p>LM provided:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• details provided on how Vales Point Power Station was developed based on the specifications of coal mined from the Fassifern Seam at nearby collieries.• Average calorific values and ash content of CVC mined coal.									
ENVIRONMENTAL INCIDENTS	<p>LM discussed the following environmental incidents occurring in the period between 1 February 2023 to 30 April 2023:</p> <table><tr><th>Site</th><th>Date</th><th>Incident / Non-compliance Type</th></tr><tr><td>CVC</td><td>14 February & 20 March</td><td>Faecal Coliform Exceedance at Chain Valley Colliery Licensed Discharge Point</td></tr><tr><td>CVC</td><td>3 March & 3 April</td><td>Depositional Dust Gauge monthly increase Exceedance</td></tr></table>	Site	Date	Incident / Non-compliance Type	CVC	14 February & 20 March	Faecal Coliform Exceedance at Chain Valley Colliery Licensed Discharge Point	CVC	3 March & 3 April	Depositional Dust Gauge monthly increase Exceedance
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ENVIRONMENTAL PERFORMANCE	<p>LM provided an update of Delta Coal environmental performance:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Benthic Community Monitoring within Lake Macquarie results presented.<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Query by NW via MMH prior to meeting: does Delta Coal undertake monitoring of seagrass near the inlet of the power-station.<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ LM response to provide this information to NW via e-mail.• 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 bathymetric scan data presented for March 2023.<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ LW queried about erosion and the height of the lake increasing if that had been Delta Coal’s observation.○ PVR noted to LW that DC surveys subsidence marks at the foreshore however this does not include the standing water level of the lake, however all foreshore subsidence marks have remained accessible.									

COMMUNITY COMPLAINTS	LM provided an update on community complaints received by Delta Coal operations: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> No community complaints for CVC or MC since previous CCC meeting. No community enquiries. 		
ENVIRONMENTAL PROJECTS UPDATE	LM provided an update on the sewer connection project for CVC, for which groundworks commenced in the reporting period and completion and commissioning is forecast prior to the next community meeting in August 2023.		
GENERAL BUSINESS	LW noted that the Gwandalan Community Market was taking place Saturday 20 th May from 7am-midday.		
NEXT MEETING	Next meeting time: 14:00 (2 pm) – 16 August 2023. MMH thanked everyone for their participation and contributions. MMH declared meeting closed at 15:29 (3:29 pm).		
ACTIONS ARISING FROM MEETING	Action	Action Owner	Proposed Delivery Date
	Provide NW with Delta Coal seagrass monitoring locations.	LM	Prior to 31 May 2023.