

CHAIN VALLEY COLLIERY and MANNERING COLLIERY		
Venue:	Chain Valley Colliery Board Room	
Date:	17/08/2022	Time: 14:00
Participants:	<p> Margaret MacDonald-Hill (MMH) – Chair Lesley Parker (LP) – Community John Oakes (JO) – Community Laurie Williams (LW) – Community Andrew Whitbourne (AW) – Community Lachlan McWha (LM) – Delta Coal Mal Yule (MY) – Delta Coal Pieter Van Rooyen (PVR) – Delta Coal Joshua Cornford (JC) – Delta Coal Cr Christine Buckley (CB) – Lake Macquarie City Council </p> <p> <u>Apologies:</u> Bob Brooks (BB) – Community Ian Carr (IC) – Community Neil Wynn (NW) – Community Central Coast Council </p>	
WELCOME	MMH declared the meeting open at 14:00pm and welcomed all.	
DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST	MMH declared no change in her interests from previous meetings. No change in previously declared interests from members present.	
CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES	The minutes of the May 2022 meeting were confirmed as distributed and moved by JO and seconded by LW.	

BUSINESS ARISING	MMH and LM provided an update on the actions from the last meeting.	
	Action	Update
	Update on Consent Consolidation project – Department website description includes comment on Eastern Mining Area.	Discussed on Slide 12.
CORRESPONDENCE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Correspondence was included with the agenda. There was no further discussion. 	
LOCAL NEWS AND MEDIA	<p>LM provided an update on recent local events covered in local news and media:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fish Kill event in Wyee Bay, Lake Macquarie – recent update from EPA discussed (no identified root cause, dissolved oxygen thought to be the cause due to greying around fish gills). Bubbles filmed in Lake Macquarie on Social Media – a video uploaded to Youtube.com showed bubbles migrating to the surface of the lake. The video was discussed, it was noted Delta Coal had not observed increased water make (which would displace air pockets underground). A review of the video and local landforms filmed in the video indicated it was filmed outside Chain Valley Colliery tenements. 	
DELTA COAL OPERATIONAL UPDATE	<p>LM provided an operational update on the mines.</p> <p>Notably:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Current workings within the Fassifern seam beneath Lake Macquarie (HB-West 2) and Morisset Peninsula (HB-West 3). Current operations are first-workings only. Forecast production for the FY23 period is 1.5 Million tonnes. Presented the forecast mine plan for FY23 in the Northern Mining Area. 	
APPROVALS UPDATE	<p>LM Advised:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Current mining approvals and environmental licenses held by Delta Coal were outlined. EPL 1770 was revised in August 2022, extending the due date of Pollution Reduction Program 8 (PRP 8) and PRP 9 to February 2023 due to delays experienced in the project. The scope of the Consent Consolidation project was discussed in comparison to existing Delta Coal approvals. Environmental Impact Statement for CVC and MC Development Consent Consolidation forecast for submission end of August 2022 for adequacy reviews prior to being placed on exhibition. Newsletter had been distributed week commencing 8 August 2022. 	

ENVIRONMENTAL INCIDENTS	<p>LM discussed the following environmental incidents occurring in the period from the previous meeting:</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="467 255 1458 927"> <thead> <tr> <th data-bbox="467 255 619 331">Site</th> <th data-bbox="619 255 817 331">Date</th> <th data-bbox="817 255 1458 331">Incident / Non-compliance Type</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td data-bbox="467 331 619 456">CVC & MC</td> <td data-bbox="619 331 817 456">8th June 2022</td> <td data-bbox="817 331 1458 456">PM_{2.5} unit vandalised</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="467 456 619 577">CVC</td> <td data-bbox="619 456 817 577">5th July 2022</td> <td data-bbox="817 456 1458 577">Faecal Coliform, Total Suspended Solids and Volumetric Discharge Exceedance</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="467 577 619 651">MC</td> <td data-bbox="619 577 817 651">5th July 2022</td> <td data-bbox="817 577 1458 651">Volumetric Discharge Exceedance</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="467 651 619 725">CVC</td> <td data-bbox="619 651 817 725">6th July 2022</td> <td data-bbox="817 651 1458 725">Volumetric Discharge Exceedance</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="467 725 619 799">MC</td> <td data-bbox="619 725 817 799">7th July 2022</td> <td data-bbox="817 725 1458 799">Total Suspended Solids Exceedance</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="467 799 619 927">CVC</td> <td data-bbox="619 799 817 927">8th July 2022</td> <td data-bbox="817 799 1458 927">Missed bathymetric scanning commitment for March 2022.</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Site	Date	Incident / Non-compliance Type	CVC & MC	8 th June 2022	PM _{2.5} unit vandalised	CVC	5 th July 2022	Faecal Coliform, Total Suspended Solids and Volumetric Discharge Exceedance	MC	5 th July 2022	Volumetric Discharge Exceedance	CVC	6 th July 2022	Volumetric Discharge Exceedance	MC	7 th July 2022	Total Suspended Solids Exceedance	CVC	8 th July 2022	Missed bathymetric scanning commitment for March 2022.
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ENVIRONMENTAL PERFORMANCE	<p>LM provided an update of Delta Coal environmental performance</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Subsidence Monitoring – nil impact from sub-surface first workings, bathymetric scan scheduled for September 2022. • Seagrass Monitoring – Seagrass cover has increased in the study area since the commencement of monitoring in 2008. • 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 quarter. 																					
COMMUNITY COMPLAINTS	<p>LM provided an update on community complaints received by Delta Coal operations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No community complaints for CVC or MC since previous CCC meeting. 																					
ENVIRONMENTAL PROJECTS UPDATE	<p>LM provided an update on considerable environmental projects:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Delta Coal appointment of two full time environmental groundsmen, conducting environmental maintenance, cleaning and preventative tasks. 																					

<p>GENERAL BUSINESS</p>	<p>Queries from committee members unable to attend the meeting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What is the current status of the Catherine Hill Bay Wharf? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ It was confirmed that Delta Coal had relinquished the lease, including the Catherine Hill Bay Wharf, last year and responsibility was now vested in the State Government. MMH advised that Lake Macquarie Council had exhibited a Master Plan for the Catherine Hill Bay area. CB advised Council would be reviewing this plan in conjunction with the Heritage Plan and Community Plan for the area. • AW asked who the Delta Coal's land would revert to when mining and rehabilitation were complete? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ LM noted that the land CVC and MC pit tops reside on is within the VPPS buffer zone and owned by VPPS, with all land ownership to be detailed in next meeting. • Delta Coal previously mentioned that August would be the timeframe of the Consent Consolidation project being submitted, is this still going to happen this month? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Delta Coal noted planned submission end of August 2022, however this is for Department Planning and Environment review for adequacy, not for public exhibition (next stage after review). • Can the CCC be informed when this has been submitted and is on the Department of Planning's website to view? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ CCC Chairperson will be notified when reports are available to view on exhibition through the Department of Planning and Environment website, and will notify committee members. • Is there a requirement for Consent Consolidation project to be subject to any commonwealth assessments? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Delta Coal noted the project was classified a State Significant Development and Delta Coal has not been made aware of any requirement for Commonwealth assessment. 		
<p>NEXT MEETING</p>	<p>Next meeting time: 14:00 (2pm) – 16th November 2022</p> <p>MMH thanked everyone for their participation and contributions. MMH declared meeting closed at 15:40 (3:40 pm).</p>		
<p>ACTIONS ARISING FROM MEETING</p>	<p>Action</p>	<p>Action Owner</p>	<p>Proposed Delivery Date</p>
	<p>Advise CCC when Consolidation Project is placed on public exhibition on DPE website</p>	<p>LM/MMH</p>	<p>As soon as notified by DPE</p>
	<p>Comparison of sea grass monitoring</p>	<p>LM</p>	<p>Next meeting</p>
	<p>Land ownership details of Delta Coal operational areas.</p>	<p>LM</p>	<p>Next meeting</p>