

CHAIN VALLEY COLLIERY and MANNERING COLLIERY

Venue:	Chain Valley Colliery Board Room		
Date:	19/02/2025	Time: 14:10	
Participants:	<p>Margaret MacDonald-Hill (MMH) – Chair</p> <p>Lesley Parker (LP) – Community</p> <p>Laurie Williams (LW) – Community</p> <p>John Oakes (JO) – Community</p> <p>Andrew Whitbourne (AW) – Community</p> <p>Ian Carr (IC) – Community</p> <p>Richard Miller (RM) – Community</p> <p>Neil Wynn (NW) – Community</p> <p>Douglas Way (DW) – Community</p> <p>Joshua Cornford (JC) – Delta Coal</p> <p>Lachlan McWha (LM) – Delta Coal</p> <p><u>Apologies:</u></p> <p>Kerrie Davis – Delta Coal</p> <p>Central Coast Council</p>		
WELCOME	<p>MMH declared the meeting open at 14:10pm and welcomed all, DW and Peter Ralph (DW alternate) were welcomed as recently approved members of the committee.</p> <p>MMH advised Lake Macquarie Council had decided against appointing a representative to this committee and Central Coast Council were yet to determine any appointment.</p>		
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	<p>The minutes of the November 2024 meeting were confirmed as distributed and moved by LW and seconded by JO.</p>		
BUSINESS ARISING	<p>There was no Business Arising from the previous minutes.</p>		

CORRESPONDENCE	<p>MMH advised one additional to that sent with the agenda:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 26/11/2024 – email MMH to CCC of the final minutes (November 2024 meeting). • 3/2/2025 – DPHI to MMH and LM, approval of new committee members. 										
DELTA COAL OPERATIONAL UPDATE	<p>LM provided an operational update on the mine operations. Notably:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Partial secondary extraction commenced in HB-West 2. • Partial secondary extraction commenced in HB-West 1. • Production commenced in HB-East 1. • Production continued in HB-East 4. • Total production for the 1 November 2024 to 31 January 2024 was 254,994 t ROM Coal. 										
APPROVALS UPDATE	<p>LM Advised:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Current mining approvals and environmental licenses held by Delta Coal were outlined. All licences and approvals remained the same from the previous meeting with the exception to a variation approved for EPL 1770 to amend microbiological monitoring requirements and Chain Valley Colliery. • Update provided on consent consolidation including most recent requests for Information made by the Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure. • A brief outline was provided of Delta's intentions to investigate a modification to the Mannering Colliery Project Approval, to facilitate the transport of coal fine material recovered from sediment pond desilting to be transported to Vales Point Power Station. NW queried if a road maintenance agreement would be made with Council, LM noted that the approval was being investigated by Delta Coal at the time so no finer details had been determined, however, the truck haulage limit being sought for an annum would be less than that approved for Chain Valley Colliery for a single day. 										
ENVIRONMENTAL INCIDENTS	<p>LM discussed the following environmental incidents occurring in the period between 1 November 2024 to 31 January 2025:</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Site</th><th>Date</th><th>Type</th><th>Details</th></tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Chain Valley</td><td>2024</td><td>Depositional Dust Exceedance</td><td>Depositional Dust Gauge DDG004 was frequently contaminated by activities unrelated to mine operations (easement activities), resulting in an exceedance of annual average criteria for 2024.</td></tr> </tbody> </table>			Site	Date	Type	Details	Chain Valley	2024	Depositional Dust Exceedance	Depositional Dust Gauge DDG004 was frequently contaminated by activities unrelated to mine operations (easement activities), resulting in an exceedance of annual average criteria for 2024.
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ENVIRONMENTAL PERFORMANCE	<p>LM provided an update of Delta Coal environmental performance:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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. 		
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. • No community enquiries. 		
SITE PROJECTS	<p>LM provided an update of environmental projects completed being undertaken in the period, including construction of a perimeter fence at Chain Valley Colliery and the implementation of self-bunded containers for hydrocarbon storage at CVC.</p>		
GENERAL BUSINESS	<p>A discussion between committee members was held regarding the Voluntary Planning Agreement (VPA) between Delta Coal and the Central Coast Council. AW raised that they considered Central Coast Council to be taking recognition for the grant funding in advertising and the management of the fund. It was also noted that the VPA remains referencing the previous owner operator of the mines, Lake Coal and that the grants were being distributed in an untimely manner.</p>		
NEXT MEETING	<p>Next meeting time: 14:00 (2 pm) – 14th May 2025.</p> <p>MMH thanked everyone for their participation and contributions. MMH declared meeting closed at 15:05 (3:05 pm).</p>		
ACTIONS ARISING FROM MEETING	Action	Action Owner	Proposed Delivery Date
	Chair to contact council asking for a list of grant expenditure since the VPA began.	MMH	14 th May 2025.
	Delta to contact Central Coast Council to raise the committee's concerns on delays in providing grant money and their perceived oversight on stating where the funds originate from.	LM	Update to be provided by 14 th May 2025.