

BULGA COAL

GLENCORE

Community Consultative Committee Meeting

9th May 2018

Site tour from Bulga Recreation Ground

Present	Community representatives	Stewart Mitchell (SM)
		John Krey (JK)
	Bulga Coal	Ralph Northey (RN)
		Teegan Hayward (TH)
		Scott Wolfenden (SW)
Apologies	Chairperson	Godfrey Adamthwaite (GA)
	Community representative	Helen Sharrock (HS)

Meeting opened: 9.00am

Meeting closed: 1.00pm

Declaration of pecuniary interest: None.

Site tour

RN Gave an overview of the site tour. The aim is to collectively view our operations from the community perspective, view the progress of the noise and visual bund and visit the proposed site of the Teaching and Keeping Place at our Wollombi Brook Conservation Area.

Turnbull Road, Bulga

RN Pointed out the North West corner and northern boundary of our open cut mine. It is at 150RL. There will be a delay in completing the outer face of the noise and visual bund by about 8 months.

SM We are happy to have vegetation and trees on the skyline.

RN Noted the trees are growing very well on the North West corner and we are looking at thinning the Hop Bush in some areas.

JK Referred to an aerial map / vegetation design from the original project consultation.

RN All the dumps will be rehabilitated to Central Hunter Grey Box - Ironbark Woodland or Central Hunter Ironbark - Spotted Gum - Grey Box Forest Endangered Ecological Community and some pasture.

Provide the vegetation plan to the committee **ACTION**

SM This area was open forest land when first discovered, about 2-3 trees per acre. It's not being returned to how it was when first discovered.

There was a general discussion about the plains and how the vegetation has been modified over the years due to logging and farming practices.

Putty Road, Bulga

RN Noted the rock raking and explained the process of shaping, ripping, rock piling.

SM This is the most visible part of your mine for the Putty Road residents.

RN The outer face of the bund would be dumped and rehabilitated by August next year and hopefully green by the end of next year – weather permitting.

Milbrodale Road, Broke

RN The section of the noise and visual bund that can be seen from this location is at 150RL and will have a knob on top which will be another 10-15 metres.

Hill Street, Broke

RN The section of the noise and visual bund (Noise and Visual Bund Section 2 RL150) visible from this location has another 10m on top left to go. This will be another knob taking the height to 160RL and it will be rounded off.

Vere, Broke

RN There are 2 sets of Aboriginal grinding grooves on the Vere. The land is currently owned by the mine. This area is a potential offset for the proposed modification (Tailings relocation).

Charlton Road, Broke

RN This section of the noise and visual bund (Noise and Visual Bund Section 2 RL150) has 10 metres to go on top. This section will join up to the rehabilitated Southern Extension dump.

Wollombi Brook Conservation Area

RN Gave an overview of the conservation area – an aboriginal and ecological offset area.
RN showed the proposed site for the Teaching and Keeping Place.

SM Asked if there was a native title claim on the crown road. RN: I don't believe so.

The CCC members were driven through the offset to the waterhole at the Wollombi Brook.

The tour concluded with lunch at the Bulga Recreation Ground.

Confirmation of the minutes

The minutes from the previous meeting were not moved as SM was the only member present at the meeting.

Actions from the minutes 31/05/17

Item 1 *Provide an A3 printout of the locations of the noise monitors to CCC.* COMPLETED November 2017.

Item 2 *Include annual rainfall on the air quality rolling average graph and provide to CCC.* COMPLETED November 2017.

1. Annual Review

RN Gave a brief overview of the 2017 Annual Review.

JK Statement of compliance table –there were air quality exceedances 2-3 days in a row and there was no explanation?

RN The exceedances noted in the table at the front are described in detail in section 11 on page 117. There were exceedances on 11th and 13th January 2017 at the Mushroom Composting Facility. The PM₁₀ assessment level is 91_{ug}/m³ averaged over a 13 hour period. These levels were established with the Technical Review Committee. In both instances there were strong north-westerly winds. Bulga Coal stopped overburden handling upwind of the Mushroom Composters on the 11th of January in response to Eastern Emplacement Area Air Quality Management Plan Trigger Action Response Procedure triggers. No actions were taken on the 13th of January as the Mushroom Composters had left site for the day.

JK Asked if the EPA monitors were operating on our site. RN: there are two continuous PM₁₀ units (E-Samplers) on the EPL boundary of our mine. RN said the best way to manage dust is to use water and drive to conditions.

JK Asked for an explanation of the graph (figure 8) on page 46. SW explained the graph shows hourly PM₁₀ levels from the air quality monitors located at the EPL boundary of our mine. The data is plotted according to the wind speed and wind direction occurring at the time. (i.e. data points that appear in the north-west direction were

measured when the wind was from the north-west). The figures also show the location of Bulga complex. The figures show low PM₁₀ levels for all directions.

- JK Asked if we monitor social impacts of our mine. RN said Glencore are just about to contact our stakeholders for the Community Perception Survey which is done every 3 years. There was a general discussion about how social impact assessments don't accurately measure impacts from mining projects on the broader community.
- SM Asked for a copy of the Annual Review with a printed appendices. **ACTION**
- SM Asked about the repairs to Charlton Road. RN noted it is the council's responsibility to repair the road.
- SM Asked about the difference between the money spent in Broke and Bulga for the VPA. He noted there was a \$70K difference.
- RN The VPA is for projects in Broke and Bulga to be split equitably, but not to the dollar. There was a discussion about how to foster community spirit in our villages.
- SM Asked about the stock reserve project on the VPA project list. TH to send through the VPA Project spreadsheet. **ACTION**

2. General Business

- TH Godfrey Adamthwaite has resigned from position of Chair of the Bulga Coal CCC, but willing to sit on the committee as the Singleton Council representative.
- SM Is there another councillor who is willing to chair the meeting? TH explained each councillor was assigned to a CCC. RN noted that we have approval from the Department of Planning to continue running our CCC in the current format.
- RN Asked if the members would like to have a Department of Planning appointed independent chair. They did not want an independent chairperson appointed to the Bulga Coal CCC. It was noted that Bulga Coal will chair the meetings until a replacement is found.
- RN Asked if there was another method of consulting with the community, rather than having a CCC. It was noted that the preference is to keep the CCC and advertise for more members. Bulga Coal will advertise for CCC members **ACTION**.
- RN Noted that Bulga Coal will ask Department of Planning and Environment to remove the commitment from the Visual Impact Management Plan for a visual committee to meet twice per year.

Next meeting

Wednesday, 17th October 9am.

Item	Raised by	Action	Responsibility	Item No.
1	JK	Provide the vegetation plan to the committee	TS	Site tour
2	SM	Asked for a copy of the Annual Review with a printed appendices	<i>Completed 18/05</i>	1. Annual Review
3	SM	Send through the VPA Project spreadsheet	TH	2. General Business
4	RN	Bulga Coal will advertise for CCC members	RN	2. General Business