

Record of Meeting – Community Consultative Committee

Date	16 th June 2022
Time Start	11:12 am
Time Finish	1:15 pm
Location	Mount Pleasant Operation – MACH Energy Meeting Room
Minutes	Lesley McLoughlin [LM]

Opening of Meeting	Meeting opened at 11:12 am
	Chair: Wej Paradise [WP] – via TEAMS
	Community Consultative Committee Members: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Llewellyn Bates [LB] 2. Jonathan Moore [JM] 3. Trevor Parkinson [TP] 4. Tim Troon [TT] via TEAMS 5. Tony Lonergan [TL]
1. Apologies	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Sharon Pope [SP] 2. Theresa Folpp [TP] 3. Andrew Reid [AR]
	Guests: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Liam Sutton [LS], PhD Candidate – The University of Newcastle.
	Government Department Representatives: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. NIL
	Muswellbrook Shire Council: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. NIL
	Mount Pleasant Operation: Ngaire Baker [NB], Lesley McLoughlin [LM], Richard Bailey [RB], Chris Lauritzen [CL via teams], Ian Webber [IW], Chris Masters [CM], Paul O'Loughlin [POL],

	<p>Thiess:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Peter York [PY]
Declaration of Pecuniary Interests	<p>WP requested that Members disclose if they have any pecuniary interests:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> WP Receives payment to Chair the CCC meeting for the 16.06.22.
Safety Share	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> RB shared driving in winter conditions. To be conscious of the change with windy conditions throughout August to September. This impact of wind to trucks and vehicles on the road.
2. Previous Minutes	<p>The Minutes from the previous meeting, March 17th, 2022, were accepted as a true record of the meeting. Moved JM, seconded LB.</p>
3. Matters Arising	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chair mentioned from previous meeting action, to contact Muswellbrook Shire Council. Communication was sent and no response has been received. Chair will follow up again for a response regarding a community representative from the CCC to be included on the Muswellbrook Council community investment committee.
4. CCC Community Update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> LB raised the condition of Wybong Road and the potholes. Focus was on potholes that are situated on the flat area as you drop off from Overton Road hill. MACH Energy to provide an update in the Mount Pleasant Operation update. LB raised the question where the conveyor is situated, community is interested to understand what is happening with the works around this area. MACH Energy explained the earthworks underway on both sides of the conveyor. This includes the road on the northern side of the conveyor, two sedimentation dams that had to be developed to support the conveyor in that area. There will also be works on the roadside of the conveyor to create an appropriate walkway and tidy up around the fence and conveyor. There may be other things to consider tidying up this area. Tree planting program to carry out once construction work has completed. LB raised the question of the fine's emplacement wall lift due to the noise being noticed. LB also mentioned they were advised they would not be impacted by noise. MACH Energy advised LB that they would carry out additional work with the relevant teams on noise reduction to ensure the noise levels are below the criteria. JM reiterated the concern of Wybong Road. Towards the end of the road of which MACH Energy is required to maintain, as there is one nasty pothole, situated 200m before the Rosebrook bridge. Locals are aware, but visitors may not notice which is concerning. JM also commented on the series of potholes forming at the intersection of Kayuga Road, which JM expressed it was not responsible of MACH Energy but was raised with Muswellbrook Shire Council to maintain and took some time to have these potholes repaired.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • JM raised the concern of the gateways entries that belong to LB & JM are being used as a place to park as a 'smoko' and needs to be raised. • LB reiterated with JM comments of how dangerous it is with employees parking in their driveway, especially for LB driveway. • JM requested an update of the removal of the rail loop that it appears it has gone smoothly. MACH Energy to provide report in the Operations update. • JM noticed the concreting where the old conveyor goes under Wybong Road is and requested an update which will be provided in the Operations update section. • Recently appointed CCC Community Member TL introduced himself and explained his interest in joining the Mount Pleasant CCC. • TL raised the condition of Dorset Road. He understands this road is the responsibility of Muswellbrook Shire Council and that they have applied for State Government Disaster Relief Funding. TL would appreciate if MACH Energy could voice their support as the land is accessed by MACH Energy and Rural Fire Service. TL understands this is for the Muswellbrook Shire Council to repair. • TL raised a matter which will be updated in the Land Management section.
<p>5. Mount Pleasant Operation Update</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MACH Energy provided overview of Operation update. • MACH Energy discussed the work on Wybong Road. Before the start of the project a dilapidation study took place and after the completion a second study was carried out. There is now a list of marked up areas on Logue's Lane and Wybong Road East that are planned to be repaired as a result of MACH Energy's use of the road. Muswellbrook Shire Council are now reviewing the proposed method of pavement repair. Once the method is approved by Muswellbrook Shire Council the work will commence. • JM discussed comments being received that there is no signage or warning of potholes on the road. JM expressed the concern of signage not being displayed which could warn people on the road. • MACH Energy advised JM that they will seek approval to place signage prior to the works commencing. • LB raised the question about Rosebrook Bridge. It is a small culvert bridge situated just west of Logues Lane. MACH Energy advised that they are not aware of specific works on Rosebrook Bridge. • JM raised the question if there has been a concern with spontaneous combustion on site. It could be seen from Overton Road and a noticeable smell.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MACH Energy explained that there are spontaneous combustion events onsite from time to time. The site is very active in response and a response plan is in place to treat spontaneous combustion. Focused on dealing with areas where spon com may occur and dealing with any instances immediately. • MACH Energy provided update of rail demolition and advised steel work, rail, and sleepers have all been removed from site. Earthworks are continuing in the area near old Bengalla Rd. Earthworks are expected to be around six to eight weeks to complete. Treatment of drainage structures is underway, aiming for Project completion in August 2022.
6. Applications & Approvals	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Overview of The State Significant Development Application for the Mount Pleasant Optimisation Project provided.
7. Presentation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentation by Mr Liam Sutton, The University of Newcastle – Update on Dust Lidar Project at Mount Pleasant.
8. Land Management	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Overview provided on various land management and off set properties. • TL suggested obtaining an update about the number of baiting traps from MACH Energy. • MACH Energy confirmed that there are 16 bait stations across Land & Property controlled areas at Mount Pleasant. These bait stations are run over one month and checked weekly by our contractors. Baits are replenished on a need-by-need basis by Enright Land Management. This could mean that there are 64 baits placed over the month. Cameras are also located at each bait station and a report is generated at the end of the baiting period which is presented at the Wybong Wild Dog Association Meeting. • TL asked if the Warrawee seed is sufficient for the operations? • MACH Energy responded it was more than enough. Diversity Seeds holds any surplus stock at their headquarters at Coonabarabran. • TL asked which of the four properties are being demolished. • MACH Energy provided the locations to TL. • The Chair and TL raised the issue of severe gully erosion from Mt Pleasant land onto the Sparre’s Lyndale property. • In response MACH Energy said they have engaged Soil Conservation Services to assess Broomfield soil erosion and design a solution (if feasible). • TL mentioned the fencing should be looked at on the bottom side of Dorset Road at Woodburn. MACH Energy commented that there was no livestock in the paddock, however, they would inspect and arrange for any repairs. • TL asked MACH Energy if Boxthorn weed should be sprayed on all country, including Cropps? • MACH Energy explained that they have been actively spraying Boxthorn since 2017. • TL explained that areas of land between Dorset Road and Castlerock Road has never been sprayed and should be considered. • MACH Energy explained that Woodburn and Cropps had been sprayed for Prickly Acacia and Creeping Pear but not Boxthorn. They will make sure that Woodburn and Cropps is included in the Spring Boxthorn Program. • TL said this area should be done have already been done for Boxthorn. • MACH Energy said this is the intention and will make note of this.

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • JM commented that there has been Boxthorn control each year, along with a focus on St John's-Wort. JM also understands that Boxthorn is one of the worst weeds to deal with, management of this weed is difficult if land holders choose to neglect treating this weed. • JM asked if a blue helicopter coming over their property and flying low to their house, wanted to check if it was in relation to MACH Energy? • MACH Energy confirmed that it was not in relation to the operation. MACH Energy advised they have noticed the blue helicopter and will notify JM & LB if any more information is known.
9. Environment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Overview provided on all aspects of environment including, air quality management, blasting, noise, and operational activities. • TL asked if there is a contour near the drains referring to a steep area. • MACH Energy responded that all will be rock lined drains, sized differently based on the natural landform. • TL asked if planting of trees will happen. • MACH Energy confirmed there will be a mix of both tree seeding and tube stock planting
10. External Relations	<p>Community Engagement & Sponsorship</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Overview of Community Engagement, Monthly Complaints & Sponsorship. • TL questioned if the caller (regular complainant regarding noise) was satisfied with the response. • MACH Energy advised yes.
11. General Business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nil
10. Next Meeting	<p>Date: Thursday 22nd September 2022</p> <p>Time: Arrive on Site for login and PPE at 9.30am Board Bus: at 9.45am Site tour commences at 10.00am: Rehabilitation, tailings storage facility and mine.</p> <p>Meeting Location: Mount Pleasant Operation, MIA Meeting Room</p>
11. Close	Meeting closed at 1:15pm

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