

Record of Meeting – Community Consultative Committee

Date	15 th June 2023
Time Start	11:20 am
Time Finish	1:30 pm
Location	Mount Pleasant Operation – Thiess Meeting Room
Minutes	Meg Bowman [MB]

Opening of Meeting	Meeting opened at 11:20 am
	Chair: Wej Paradise [WP]
	Community Consultative Committee Members: Llewellyn Bates [LB] Trevor Parkinson [TP] Theresa Folpp [TF] Jonathan Moore [JM]
1. Apologies	Tim Troon [TT] Tony Lonergan [TL] Peter York [PY]
	Guests: 1. Dr Dusan Ilic [DI], NIER, The University of Newcastle
	Government Department Representatives: 1. NIL
	Muswellbrook Shire Council: 1. NIL
	Mount Pleasant Operation: Ngairé Baker [NB], Meg Bowman [MB], Mick Redman [MR], Chris Lauritzen [CL], Sandy Lettice [SL], Richard Ali [RA], Mariah Lane [ML], Andrew Reid [AR], Paul O'Loughlin [PO] during UoN presentation.
	Thiess: No Attendees

Declaration of Pecuniary Interests	<p>WP requested that Members disclose if they have any pecuniary interests:</p> <p>[WP] The chair receives payment from MACH Energy to chair the CCC meeting as per the CCC guidelines</p>
Safety Share	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> MR shared the importance of travelling/driving to conditions.
2. Previous Minutes	<p>The Minutes from the previous meeting, 16 of March 2023 were accepted as a true record of the meeting.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> TP commented on the previous minutes
3. Matters Arising	<p>Nil</p>
4. CCC Community Update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> JM – concerned with intersection of Wybong Road and Bengalla Link Road. The amount of traffic has diminished the line marking. Asked if the line marking could be re-done at some stage? Nighttime is hard to see where the lines are. ACTION: MR to investigate the line marking. JM – regarding the closure of Wybong Road, does it need to be closed? Muswellbrook Shire Council (MSC) could put a diversion road around the bridge. We realise the inconvenience of not being able to use the road will only be over a short time and the benefits will be seen over a long time. I am hoping to hear more about the road works progress during the meeting. LB - wants an update on all roadworks and bridge work. Sometimes it has taken one hour to get to town. ACTION: TF - to follow up with JM & LB separately with a meeting on council road upgrade timelines. TP – lots of road work happening in the area. Haven't been out this way in three months. Why does it all happen at once? Lack of planning. Labor shortage, not working in the dark, makes the road upgrades take longer. LB – would like to know the progress with pipeline from mine site to the entrance opposite Bengalla. AR – referred to the Hunter River salinity discharge pipeline. Work to construct the dissipater end has been completed and now at commissioning stage. We have run the water around the loop, conducted water testing and testing of the pumps is taking place now. Neighbours and those travelling on Bengalla Link Road will not see much activity on that side. LB – regarding Broomfield and the old house, there are local people who are connected to it and they are wondering about whether it will be demolished. The original plan with Rio Tinto was to demolish it. When it was a rental property, it was not looked after. It is going to ruin with not being lived in. MR – plan for it to be demolished. NB – I visited the Muswellbrook Local Family and Historical Society recently. Their research has shown that there are families interested in the future of the house and outbuildings. We have invited members

	<p>and neighbours to morning tea at Broomfield. Members of the MACH Energy team will be on hand to explain the future for Broomfield and why the decision was made to demolish the house and outbuildings. Equipment in the shearing shed (wool press) was donated to the Denman Museum and Men's Shed.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • TF – I understand the cumulative issue of dust, I just wanted to let you know that people in the community talk about it. • Dartbrook Underground Mine – commences mining in October 2023.
<p>Dust LiDAR Results Presentation – Dr Dusan Ilic – NIER, The University of Newcastle (UoN)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • TP – is the data available for public, or just for MACH Energy? • DI – we will advise MACH Energy when it is available for public information. • MR - MACH Energy Mount Pleasant Operation has conducted this project with UoN as a 'above and beyond' measure to capture data. • TP – want it to benefit mine services when it's up and running. • ACTION - UoN will share a conference article regarding the data. Paul O'Loughlin, Technical Services Manager to contact DI for content. • WP – cumulative impacts of dust, how will this feed into this assessment? Across sites for the community. • DI – more about demonstrating a particular technology and how it is used on site. The information can be understood in different operations in the area. • PO – link in lidar units, assess dust impacts, dot the lidar sensors around the mine and understand different readings with different wind. • NB – before lidar monitoring, we looked at working with UoN and an external consultancy on a social license project. This was prior to the Covid Pandemic. If we can get this project moving we will make sure the information is made available to the community.
<p>5. Mount Pleasant Operation Update</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MACH Energy provided an overview of the Operations activities. • MR – introduced himself as recently appointed GM Operations. • MR – provided an update on site safety. No lost time injuries as we approach the six-year milestone. There were two reportable injuries to hands and fingers. • MR – Thiess will be shutting a single fleet in coming weeks and there will be a full shut down of operations during the September/October school holidays and again from 22nd December until the New Year. • TP – large stockpile at the washery. Must look after your customers.
<p>6. Applications & Approvals</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CL – provided an overview of the State Significant Development Application (SSD) for the Mount Pleasant Optimisation Project.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CL – updated the meeting on movement in the legal challenge of the Federal Ministers decision to approve MPO. • JM - wondering about any hold off with the project. • CL – MPO has consent to operate until 2026. This may hold things off after then but shouldn't take that long. • TF - is there a limit of reviews they can do? • CL – this should be the last time they can review.
7. Land Management	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SL & RA – provided an overview on various land management and off set properties and activities. • JM – saw the weed picking in operation. I can recommend a site. Absolutely fantastic initiative. • TP – mulch it, not burning it at all? • RA – when we spray, we are left with carcass, then we mulch and leave it on the ground. • JM – water tanks look really good. • TP – how did the aerial cull go? • RA – provided the numbers and details from the aerial cull. • LB – do you see many deer around MPO? I nearly hit one the other day. Two days later we saw a stag and two deer on our boundary fence. The stag was massive, they jumped the fence and went into the mine site. • RA – there is a presence of deer, I have seen some near Bengalla. • LB – they have no idea.
8. Environment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AR & ML – provided and overview on all aspects of environment including, lighting, air quality management, blasting, noise, and operational activities. • LB – great outcome of less lights for Muswellbrook.
9. External Relations	<p>Community Engagement & Sponsorship</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NB – provided and overview of community engagement, monthly complaints & sponsorship. • NB & MB - shared the External Relations Dashboard that has been created, outlining complaints and sponsorships. • LB – a lot of money from just one mine site • TF – first time I have seen it in a graph. I see it all the time that people say they are going to spend XX dollars, but never seen it in a graph.
10. General Business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NB – provided an update on the Biomass Project • ACTION - JM would like to see the Biomass, NB to arrange a site tour ASAP.
11. Next Meeting	<p>Date: Thursday 7th September 2023 Time: 9.30am - Arrive on Site for login and PPE Board Bus: 9.45am Site tour commences: 10.00am – Rehab, Mine viewing platform. Meeting Location: Thies Board Room, Mount Pleasant Operation.</p>
	Meeting closed at 1:30pm

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