

Record of Meeting – Community Consultative Committee

Date	11 th December 2020
Time Start	10.00am
Time Finish	12.15pm
Location	MACH Energy Operations Conference Room, MIA & Teams Meeting
Minutes	Ngaire Baker NB

Opening of Meeting	Meeting opened at 10.07am
	Chair: Wej Paradise WP
	Community Consultative Committee Members: Llewellyn Bates LB Rod Upton RU Trevor Parkinson TP Jonathan Moore JM
	Apologies: Mayor Martin Rush (MSC), Ian Webber (Land & Property Superintendent MACH Energy), Sandy Lettice (Land & Property Officer MACH Energy); Tim Troon (CCC), Sharon Pope (MSC); Peter York (Environment and Community Superintendent Thies)
	Government Department Representatives: Nil
	Muswellbrook Shire Council: Nil
	Mount Pleasant Operation: Ngaire Baker NB Richard Baily RB Andrew Reid AR – Dial in via Teams. Chris Lauritzen CL – Dial in via Teams.
	Thies:

	Michelle Eckersley ME. Environment and Community Officer.
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 to meeting for the 11.12.20
Safety Share	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RB – When travelling over the Christmas, New Year period be aware of other traffic on the road, speed, fatigue, other drivers. Take care and travel safe. Have a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.
2. Previous Minutes	<p>The Minutes from the previous Extraordinary Meeting on 20th November 2020 were accepted as a true record of the meeting. Moved by RU seconded by LB.</p> <p>Following on from previous CCC discussions a Business Paper will accompany the Minutes as one document. Moved: RU Seconded: JM</p> <p>The Minutes from the previous Ordinary Meeting on 15th October 2020 were accepted as a true record, taking into consideration the following comments. Moved: TP Seconded: RU</p> <p>LB had concerns about the Community Update not recorded in full detail. ACTION: NB to update this section in the Minutes. Record the question asked and include a summary.</p> <p>JM supported LB and would like to see the section added.</p>
3. Matters Arising	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 15th October – Nil • 20th November - Nil
4. Community Update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Committee expressed their concerns about Wybong Road, potholes, and extra truck movements. They felt that issues with the road are being addressed in a timely manner and a big effort has been made to carry out repairs when needed. • Community interest is high regarding Rail Loop Project. How will the rail be constructed? Could MACH Energy put some information together to inform the community about that area? • Rail Loop monthly Community Information Sheet will include large plate images and an explanation about the process in January 2021 edition. A tour of the Rail Loop Project will also be organised prior to the March 2021 meeting for the Committee. • The Committee mentioned the upcoming work to be undertaken on Wybong Road and would the

	<p>road be lowered and other issues with the road be attended to?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MACH Energy explained that the road works include an upgrade to the existing road and that no changes would be made to the direction or construction of different aspects of the road. • Have you heard if the community is receiving the Rail Loop Newsletter? We have located a private delivery person and he will cover all areas. • The Committee commented that they have never heard anyone say they have not received one. We can complement you on it, it is colourful, informative and it is very good. • The committee mentioned that there have been complaints about dust and muck around Muswellbrook over recent weeks. • MACH Energy explained that the operation was on a dust shut down for 39 hours from 0715 during that specific period. • The Committee asked what was meant by “shut down.” Does this mean all other mines continues to operate during this time? • MACH Energy explained that the Mount Pleasant Operation is the only local mine with these consent conditions. When we are in a dust shut down all dust generating activities must cease. Water Carts can continue operating. • The committee commented that they have heard about complaints regarding blasting from other mines, nothing from Mount Pleasant. • The Committee asked if MACH still has an office in Newcastle? Who is located there? • MACH Energy explained that the Newcastle Office is in King Street and the following employees work from this location, Managing Director, General Manager Finance, finance team, accounts payable, human resources, General Manager Marketing & Logistics and marketing and logistics team.
<p>5. Operations Update</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MACH Energy provided an overview of Mining and CHPP operations. • 30hrs dust shut down and plenty of wet weather. • Included a discussion on Covid-19, visitors coming back to site with Government regulations always in mind. • Overview of the Rail Loop Project provided. • Overview provided on current projects.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Committee asked if MACH Energy or contractors fly a drone over their properties to get site images? Is permission required? • MACH Energy confirmed that when taking Drone images, they stay within our property boundaries. • The Committee mentioned coal trains at night, do they have to have reflectors on wagons? The trains are close to Bengalla Road, it is a safety concern, can you check on that please? • The Committee asked in relation to the flocculent used in the coal handling preparation plant, what is the chemical that makes flocculent? Is it the same as what is used in agriculture? • MACH Energy said flocculation refers to the process by which fine particulates are caused to clump together into a floc. The floc may then float to the top of the liquid (creaming), settle to the bottom of the liquid (sedimentation), or be readily filtered from the liquid. • Flocculants are usually organic chemicals added to wastewater to enhance flocculation, such chemicals are alum, aluminum chloralhydrate, aluminum sulphate etc. • The Committee asked what contractor has been allocated the high voltage work for the Rail Loop Project? • MACH Energy explained that ARA and internal contractors would be carrying out the work. • The Committee expressed concerns about the traffic control on Wybong Road when it appears no work is being done on the road? • MACH Energy explained that there is a culvert on Wybong Road between Overton Rd and Logues Lane. MSC is concerned about the weight limit on the culvert. When there are several truck movements on this section, to protect Council's road and specifically the culvert, traffic must be directed over the centre area of the road only. It is a 40km/h one way traffic limit with traffic control in place.
<p>6. Applications & Approvals - CL</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Overview provided on the status of the State Significant Development Application for the Mount Pleasant Optimisation Project. • Last seven days of EIS preparation, lodging on 18th December. • Department of Planning will assess for adequacy and it will take time. Expect public display after Australia Day, once lodged it is out of our hands.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We encourage you to make a submission as soon as it is on display. • Project could take years for a decision, however, due to Covid there is discussion that things may progress sooner. • The Committee asked about the Independent Planning Committee hearing (IPC) and if it is a predetermined process? They asked if 50 objections were required. • MACH Energy explained that 50 objections are required for the IPC process to take place and thanked the CCC Committee for their participation in the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) process, particularly the Social Impact Assessment (SIA).
<p>7. Land Management - CL</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Overview provided on various land management and off set property items.
<p>8. Environment - AR</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Overview provided on all aspects of environment including, air quality management, blasting, noise, and operational activities. • I just wanted to say that the two photos tell the rehabilitation story. Well done to the teams involved, they show real improvement. JM • AR replied that the work is a real credit to many. • Andrew, when you are talking about dam safety can you define high risk please? LB • Classifications apply to dams, depends on height and matter contained. I can provide information sheets and details to best explain. AR • There are obviously criteria involved, it would be good to know the requirements. WP • We are directly west of your dam, if there is a failure, we are worried. LB • Has a date been set for real time noise monitoring at Gilgai? AR • Yes, it is 14th January 2021, and it will be held closer to our house. We look forward to seeing how it goes. JM • MACH confirmed ten hectares of topsoil was completed as of 10th December 2020 with one third of habitat features in place.
<p>9. External Relations & Community - NB</p>	<p>Community Sponsorship</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Overview of recent Community Sponsorship. <p>Community Engagement</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Overview provided on complaints received, various community and external relations activities.
<p>10. General Business</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I have really enjoyed the CCC this year, we have managed to get through some hard times, thanks to MACH Energy Management. TP • Agree and support your comments, Trevor. JM • Yes, I also agree, thank you. LB • Thank you everyone for the good meaningful dialogue. Thanks to Richard and the senior management in MACH Energy for your support. It is critical to make the CCC process effective and productive. Maintaining community engagement is critical to make a difference.

	<p>MACH is always willing to take the time and be involved, your efforts are a credit to you. WP</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• There are plenty of challenges in the future. WP• I will continue to meet with the Department monthly, not specifically in relation to MACH Energy, just developing relationships and my role as a CCC Chairperson. WP• Thank you to all for taking the CCC seriously. I hope 2021 is an improvement on 2020. I would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. WP
10. Next Meeting	<p>Date: Friday 23rd April 2021</p> <p>Time: 10:00am – 1.00pm (<i>please arrive by 9.45am to undertake Covid-19 safety procedures</i>).</p> <p>Location: MACH Energy Mount Pleasant Operation Conference Room, MIA.</p> <p>10am-11.00am - Tour of Rail Loop Project, Overton Road 11.15am – 1.30pm – CCC Meeting</p>
11. Close	Meeting closed at 12.15pm

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