

## Record of Meeting – Community Consultative Committee

<b>Date</b>	23 <sup>rd</sup> April 2021
<b>Time Start</b>	11:51am
<b>Time Finish</b>	1:38 pm
<b>Location</b>	Mount Pleasant Operation – MACH Energy Boardroom
<b>Minutes</b>	Lesley McLoughlin [LM]

<b>Opening of Meeting</b>	Meeting opened at am 11:55am
	<b>Chair:</b> Wej Paradise [WP]
	<b>Community Consultative Committee Members:</b> 1. Rod Upton [RU], Trevor Parkinson [TP], Jonathan Moore [JM]
	<b>Apologies:</b> 2. Mayor Martin Rush [MR] 3. Ian Webber [IW] 4. Chris Lauritzen [CL] 5. Andrew Reid [AR] 6. Llewellyn Bates [LB] 7. Tim Troon [TT] 8. Sharon Pope [SP]
	<b>Government Department Representatives:</b> Nil
	<b>Muswellbrook Shire Council:</b> Nil
	<b>Mount Pleasant Operation:</b> Ngairé Baker [NB], Lesley McLoughlin [LM], Richard Baily [RB], Chris Masters [CM]
	<b>Thiess:</b> Peter York [PY]
<b>Declaration of Pecuniary Interests</b>	<b>WP requested that Members disclose if they have any pecuniary interests:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>[WP] Receives payment to chair the CCC to meeting for the 23.04.21</li> </ul>
<b>Safety Share</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Traffic control in place on Wybong Road. Increase in police patrols has resulted in infringement notices for several drivers. Reminding everyone to be safe when driving anywhere and be aware of the behaviour of other drivers.</li> </ul>

<p><b>2. Previous Minutes</b></p>	<p>The Minutes from the previous meeting <b>Dec 11th, 2020</b>, were accepted as a true record of the meeting. Moved by [RU] seconded by [TP].</p>
<p><b>3. Matters Arising</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Nil</li> </ul>
<p><b>4. Community Update</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The community is very aware of the visual impact of development along Wybong Road. They are accepting of the road upgrade and subsequent closure. <i>Community Member.</i></li> <li>• Committee advised that contractor Daracon Group has been awarded the tender to undertake the reconstruction from the Mount Pleasant Operation entrance to Overton Road. <i>MACH Energy.</i></li> <li>• The community concern regarding the upgrading of Wybong Road is that vital sections might not be upgraded, for example the blind crest and how narrow the road is. If these areas are ignored it would be a shame, could this please be passed on for consideration? We will never get a chance to have this road repaired again for many years. <i>Community Member.</i></li> <li>• The design for the reconstruction has been completed and approved by Muswellbrook Shire Council (MSC). Lane will be wider, there will be increased double line marking and the road will be considerably different to what it was prior to the reconstruction. It is a substantial improvement. <i>MACH Energy.</i></li> <li>• Thanks to all involved for organising the tour of the rail loop project during our last meeting, it was very interesting and good to see the progress. The community consultation with letter drops and advertising has been very good for the wider community. <i>Community Member.</i></li> <li>• Complaints have been received about the atmosphere and what we are breathing in. Air quality and dust in pools. <i>Community Member.</i></li> <li>• The Upper Hunter Mining Dialogue can provide a review of the air quality report which we are happy to provide and breakdown. The Newcastle Herald reports daily Muswellbrook Air Quality statistics and over the last few months they have been rating as good. <i>MACH Energy.</i></li> <li>• We have several monitors located around site and we will shut down and cease to operate if we exceed the required limits. No other coal mine in the Upper Hunter operates under these conditions. <i>MACH Energy.</i></li> <li>• In relation to complaints, we encourage committee members to pass on our 24/7 Community Hotline number – 1800 886 889. Our External Relations Manager will then contact the complainant to discuss. <i>MACH Energy.</i></li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>ACTION:</b> Summary of report that was released by the Upper Hunter Mining Dialogue regarding Air Quality. For Peter York &amp; MACH Energy environmental team to provide data/information to the next CCC meeting.</li> </ul>
<p><b>4. Mount Pleasant Operation Update - RB</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Overview of mining, CHPP and rail loop project provided.</li> <li>• Rainfall in March impacted site operations.</li> <li>• Rehabilitation progressing well with topsoil completed in stages 10 &amp; 11 and initial drains constructed.</li> <li>• What are you doing with the areas where the drains are? Do they need to be that wide? <i>Community member.</i></li> <li>• Yes, they do. This is to cater for major flooding events.</li> <li>• Two Aboriginal process operator trainees have commenced in the CHPP, both live locally and have never worked in coal mining.</li> <li>• Update on employee statistics, 356 full time employees on site, approximately 220 in temporary construction roles. Seven apprentices and 13 trainees all live locally. A total of 71% of employees live in the local area.</li> <li>• Are the additional people included in the 356 full time employees? <i>Community member.</i></li> <li>• The 220 temporary construction roles are additional contractors on site.</li> <li>• Please define 'local area'. <i>Community Member.</i></li> <li>• The local area is defined as Singleton, Muswellbrook &amp; all areas of the Upper Hunter.</li> <li>• To date we have welcomed more than 50 Aboriginal inmates to the Mount Pleasant workforce through Blackrock Industries and the Gundi Program with St Heliers Correction Centre.</li> <li>• Do the inmates require supervision while working at the Mount Pleasant Operation? <i>Community Member.</i></li> <li>• The Gundi Program employees work under normal site conditions and as such have a site supervisor during their shift, they do not require any further supervision.</li> <li>• This is a wonderful program and as a community we are very pleased that MACH Energy continues to support it and the inmates. <i>Community Member.</i></li> <li>• The Gundi Program speaks for itself in many ways, the recidivism rate for inmates has reduced from 90% to 50%. They also learn many other life skills to assist with their transition to life after St Heliers.</li> <li>• Are any other mining companies involved? <i>Community Member.</i></li> <li>• There is interest, however, no other companies have employed inmates to date.</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What is the idea of Dreampath, what does it represent? <i>Community Member.</i></li> <li>• Dreampath is the Aboriginal employment section of Blackrock Industries.</li> <li>• A further 5000 trees will be planted around the Eastern of the rehabilitation.</li> <li>• Are you still buying trees from Aberdeen Nursery? <i>Community Member.</i></li> <li>• Yes.</li> </ul>
<b>5. Applications &amp; Approvals - CL</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Overview of the State Significant Development Application for the Mount Pleasant Optimisation Project provided.</li> <li>• 268 Submissions were received, including objections, support, and comments.</li> <li>• Of these, 223 were from members of the public, 18 from public authorities and 27 from other organisations.</li> <li>• MACH Energy will now respond to all submissions.</li> </ul>
<b>6. Land Management</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Overview provided on various land management and off set property items.</li> </ul>
<b>7. Environment</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Overview provided on all aspects of environment including, air quality management, blasting, noise, and operational activities.</li> <li>• Regarding the PIN from the EPA, did you receive a community complaint about blasting in June 2020? Was there an odour associated with the blast? <i>Community member.</i></li> <li>• Yes, one complaint was received in relation to a blasting event in June 2020. The level of fume was minor and dispersed prior to leaving the mining lease and there was no associated odour.</li> <li>• Positive feedback was received from the Resources Regulator during the Targeted Assessment Program for Landform Establishment.</li> <li>• Dams Safety NSW reported zero non-compliances during recent audit of the prescribed dams.</li> <li>• Please provide further explanation on the “nil shutdown” recorded on the graph included in the presentation. <i>Community Member.</i></li> <li>• In relation to one of our EPL conditions. If we reach 44 micrograms per meter cubed, we must shut down all operations (except water carts) in the pit. Dust levels have been low, and we have not reached the above limit in the first quarter of 2021. Nevertheless, on many occasions we do shutdown machinery before this condition is met. The Air Quality Management Plan details how real-time air quality monitoring data and visible observations are used to identify when ambient levels of PM<sub>10</sub> are elevated prior to reaching the EPL condition. Real-time response triggers are in place and designed to provide a system (green, amber red) to alert operational personnel (via email and/or SMS) of levels approaching a relevant criterion and to provide management/control actions which include shutting down equipment. These are known as Real-time Response Management Measures and are detailed in Table 13 of the AQMP.</li> <li>• Who makes this decision? <i>Community Member.</i></li> <li>• It is part of our EPL set by the State Government and a consent condition to allow us to operate Mount Pleasant.</li> </ul>

<b>8. Community</b>	<b>Community Engagement &amp; Sponsorship</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Overview of Community Complaints Data, Community Engagement &amp; Sponsorship.</li> <li>• A total of 16 complaints received in March.</li> <li>• Is lighting a major issue? does it cause a lot of angst in the community? and how does MACH Energy address the complaint? <i>Community Member.</i></li> <li>• No, it is not. Referring to our complaint history, no, lighting does not cause a lot of angst in the community. Lighting and all other complaints are addressed in the same way. Firstly, a visual inspection will take place and as the lighting complaint is received at night, the mining supervisor will inspect the area of concern, take photos of the lighting tower position and supply photos and GPS tracking information to the External Relations Manager via our internal communications tool.</li> <li>• Do you provide a response to the complainant? <i>Community Member.</i></li> <li>• Yes, we do via phone call within 24hours of receiving the complaint.</li> <li>• Will work be undertaken on the rail loop project at night-time? <i>Community Member.</i></li> <li>• The rail loop project does have permission to work out of normal work hours and this includes throughout the night during the ARTC Rail Shut periods near Logues Lane only, however, extensive community consultation must take place prior to any out of normal work hours work proceeding.</li> </ul>
<b>9.General Business</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• N/A</li> </ul>
<b>10. Next Meeting</b>	<p><b>Date:</b> 25<sup>th</sup> June 2021</p> <p><b>Time:</b> 10:00am</p> <p><b>Location:</b> Tour of the Rehabilitation area from 10.00am with the meeting to commence from 11:30am</p>
<b>11. Close</b>	Meeting closed at 1:38pm

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