

Record of Meeting – Community Consultative Committee

Date	25 th June 2021
Time Start	10:04 am
Time Finish	11:53 pm
Location	MACH Energy Mount Pleasant Operation Boardroom
Minutes	Lesley McLoughlin [LM]

Opening of Meeting	Meeting opened at 10:04 am
	Chairperson: Wej Paradise [WP] (The Chair participated by Teams due to Covid restrictions)
	Community Consultative Committee Members: 1. Rod Upton [RU], Trevor Parkinson [TP], Jonathan Moore [JM], Llewellyn Bates [LB], Tim Troon [TT] – (<i>Departed 11.14am due to work commitments.</i>)
	Apologies: 2. Mayor Martin Rush [MR], Ian Webber [IW], Andrew Reid [AR]
	Government Department Representatives: Nil
	Muswellbrook Shire Council: Sharon Pope [SP]
	Mount Pleasant Operation: Ngairé Baker [NB], Lesley McLoughlin [LM], Richard Bailey [RB], Chris Masters [CM], Chris Lauritzen [CL], Sandy Lettice [SL],
	Thiess: Peter York [PY]
Declaration of Pecuniary Interests	WP requested that Members disclose if they have any pecuniary interests: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> [WP] Receives payment to chair the CCC to meeting for the 25.06.21
Safety Share	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Local road incident discussed; minor injuries sustained. Drive to conditions. <i>MACH Energy</i> Residents observed a damaged vehicle on Wybong Road on Monday 23rd June. Interaction with a kangaroo. <i>Community Member.</i>
2. Previous Minutes	<p>The Minutes from the previous meeting 23rd April 2021 were moved to be accepted as a true record of the meeting, (Moved by [RU] seconded by [JM]) however, the Chair received the draft minutes late and indicated that he needed to review the minutes prior to accepting the motion.</p> <p>Minutes from previous meeting 23rd April 2021 to be reviewed by [WP] prior to final acceptance.</p>

	<p>Request for draft Minutes to be issued within 14 days of the last meeting. [WP]</p> <p>ACTION: Draft Minutes to be sent to Chairperson within 14 days of meeting date.</p>
3. Matters Arising	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Summary of the Air Quality Report compiled by the Upper Hunter Mining Dialogue was provided to the members of the Committee.
4. Community Update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Question from a member of the Muswellbrook community to a CCC representative regarding a noise that sounded like a shovel banging on Wednesday 23rd June. No time provided. MACH Energy confirmed that shovels are not in use at the Mount Pleasant Operation. Is the Rail Loop Project on time? We have noticed the large concrete girders being delivered. MACH Energy confirmed the Project is on time with target completion by November/ December 2021. Commissioning expected to commence in late December early January. Has work commenced on Wybong Road? MACH Energy confirmed work is underway. Expected completion is September due to unexpected work needing to be undertaken. The community will be notified.
4. Mount Pleasant Operation Update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Operation update provided. A Fines Emplacement Facility (FEF) lift will take place over the next 18 months. <i>MACH Energy</i>. Rehabilitation work on the current FEF wall appears to be slow compared to the work undertaken on the front of the mine. Is this because it is out of sight? MACH Energy has had plenty of opportunity over the past two years to establish grass etc, it is very visible to neighbours. Why has progress been so slow? <i>Community Member</i> It relates to how the FEF was constructed and the initial topsoiling was not good quality. It did not support the growth we expected. The next phase will see topsoiling, the same way we have on the front rehabilitation. The Tender documentation for the next stage caters for this standard to be achieved. <i>MACH Energy</i> We are concerned about the diversion bank. Is it new? One of our biggest concerns is the impact on reducing the catchment into neighbouring properties. The area is getting bigger. As Mount Pleasant develops you are reducing the runoff into the catchment on our properties. We rely on this run off. <i>Community Member</i> Are there any calculations on how much water is this reducing? <i>Chair</i>. There are calculations and the impact on the catchments has been modelled in various approvals. There is a Condition in our Consent relating to this matter. There is a replacement requirement for water

	<p>for downstream landowners. MACH Energy has and will have discussions with individual landholders on the requirement.. <i>MACH Energy.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We understand all of that, we just wanted the CCC to be aware of our concerns. <i>Community Member.</i> • How does MACH Energy make up the water, and how do you determine how much water? <i>Chair.</i> • MACH Energy has a Water Balance Model across the whole site, and we can determine how much water is captured by the facility. <i>MACH Energy.</i> • [JM] and [LB] is this affecting you both? <i>Chair.</i> • Yes, correct. Agree with Chair comments, how do you determine how much? If there is a significant rain event and we find we are not getting the runoff due to the large structures you have built. <i>Community Member.</i> • Is it MACH Energy's intention to pump out of the Hunter River to make up the difference? <i>Chair.</i> • We have a closed water system, if we provided water to our neighbours, it would be from our Hunter River allocation. <i>MACH Energy.</i> • You would have to look at water licences, these are all important issues to be considered. <i>Chair.</i> • The improvement to the Mount Pleasant site entrance is quite impressive, as people are not using Wybong Road at the moment there have not been any comments. We are confident as soon as traffic is allowed back on Wybong Road the improvements will be noticed. Work is of a very high standard. <i>Community Member</i> • Observation that there is a significant amount of coal on the Run of Mine (ROM), is there any reason for this? <i>Community member</i> • Mainly the fluctuation of coal flow, particularly more is present at the end of the month to meet production targets. <i>MACH Energy.</i> • Update provided on the Rail Loop Project. MACH Energy. • Does the upgrade of Wybong Road extend to Kayuga Road? <i>Community member</i> • The roadworks start at the Mount Pleasant site access road and finish on the eastern side of Overton Road.
<p>5. Applications & Approvals</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Applications & Approvals update provided.
<p>6. Land Management</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Land Management update provided.
<p>7. Environment</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Environment update provided. • What are the tree species recently planted along the access road and around site? <i>Community Member.</i> • These plantings are part of our Autumn program and they are a variety of local species consistent with the ecology on site. They are purchased

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	<p>from Aberdeen Nursery; the program will see a total of 10,000 planted this year. <i>MACH Energy</i>.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Great to hear of the visits to Mount Pleasant by the environment teams from Glencore's Mangoola and Mount Owen Mines. It is good to hear you are sharing ideas. <i>Community Member</i>. • The Mount Pleasant rehabilitation is outstanding compared to other local sites. It is 15 years ahead of them. It is spot on and looks really good from town. <i>Community Member</i>. • I agree, the rehabilitation is looking very good and everyone in town is looking at it. <i>Community Member</i>. • The Resource Regulator carried out an Audit of the rehabilitation recently and was very impressed. They are planning an industry update using Mount Pleasant as an example. <i>MACH Energy</i>. • You should all be very proud. <i>Community Member</i>.
8. External Relations & Community Engagement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • External Relations & Community Engagement Update provided. • Are noise complaints mine specific? <i>MSC</i>. • Yes, they relate to the mining operation. No complaints have been received in relation to the Rail Loop Project. <i>MACH Energy</i>. • In relation to Upper Hunter Mining Dialogue School Tours, it was mentioned that a lot of schools from outside of the Hunter Valley are envious that they are not able to attend coal mine tours. <i>MSC</i>. • It would be great for children to see the mining process and really show them the difference the rehabilitation makes. <i>Community Member</i>.
9. General Business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How is the St Heliers/Blackrock Industries and MACH Energy Inmate program going? I had the opportunity to meet a few of the men recently and they said they just blend in and really enjoy the opportunity they have been given. <i>Community Member</i>. • The Inmate Program is going very well, the current workforce has settled in extremely well and they are accepted by all on site. <i>MACH Energy</i>. • Does the Thiess contract finish up next month? <i>Community Member</i>. • The current contract with Thiess runs through to end of April 2022. It is an extensive process to go to tender and make assessment. <i>MACH Energy</i>. • Local Government elections will be held on the 4th September 2021. Two MSC meetings will be held prior to the Election on the 27th June & 27th July. <i>MSC</i> • It was also noted that MACH Energy has commenced their Bushfire Management Program and they are to be congratulated for this as other sites are not as proactive. <i>MSC</i>.
10. Next Meeting	<p>Date: 17th September 2021</p> <p>Site Tour: 10.00am Meeting: 11:15am – 1.15pm (Approx.) Location: Mount Pleasant Operation</p> <p>Details: Arrive: 9.45am (Covid Check In/PPE allocation) Mine Tour: Rehabilitation area and Tailings Storage Facility</p>
11. Close	Meeting closed at 11:53pm

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