


MACH ENERGY AUSTRALIA PTY LTD

Mount Pleasant Operation Record of Meeting – Community Consultative Committee

PARTICIPANT'S NAME		DATE	7 June 2017
Wej Paradise (Chair)	Scott Winter (SW)	TIME START	1000HR
Llewellyn Bates (LB)	Julie Fletcher (JF)	TIME FINISH	1130HR
Trevor Parkinson (TP)	Richard Bailey (RB)	LOCATION	MPO, WYBONG ROAD
Rod Upton (RU)	Taresa Hateley (TH)	RECORDER	Julie Fletcher
Klay Marchant (KM)	Philip Price (PH)	DOC NO	
Scott Brooks (SB)		FILE LOC	
		PROJ REF	
SIGNATURE ORIGINATOR		DATE SIGNED	09 June 2017
SIGNATURE OTHER PARTY		DATE SIGNED	
COPIES	Attendees, Jonathan Moore, Tim Troon		

RECORD OF DISCUSSIONS

ITEM	ITEM DETAILS	ACTION BY AND DATE
1.	Opening of meeting <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Emergency procedures• Apologies• Declaration of interests• Acceptance of previous minutes – accepted.	
2.	Safety moment <ul style="list-style-type: none">• PP reminded everyone about being aware of changing conditions at site.	

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3. Confirmation of 16 March 2017 meeting minutes

Accepted as a true representation of discussion by RU and seconded by TP.

4. Project update

- SW provided an overview about:
 - Contractors mobilising to site.
 - Involving locals where possible at site, yet recognising that the Operation will need to search further afield if the trades people aren't available locally.
 - A new Mine Optimisation Modification has recently been submitted to regulators.
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5. Wybong Road

- For the past three months FKG has mobilised to commence early works at the Bengalla Road intersection.
 - Bypass roads have been constructed in preparation for 'off-line' section of the road.
 - Land access to Bengalla property is still not available. Work on the upgrade will continue as soon as land access is provided.
 - FKG has worked with Council to ensure appropriate traffic controls remains in place until land access is provided.
 - FKG will commence repairs to the existing pavement from 13 June. This work will take approximately 12 days to complete. LB asked when a new surface will be applied over a part of the existing road in the area. RB confirmed that this work will occur at the same time as the repairs.
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6. Land management

- Native grass seed harvesting is complete. Seeds are being dried, bagged, processed then bagged again into 5kg bags ready for storage.
- Initial estimates are at 2T of seed; 500kg was used on the Biodiversity Offsets for native pasture conversions.
- At an estimated sowing rate of 15kg/ha on the mine rehabilitation areas, there should have enough seed from this year's harvest for 100ha of rehabilitated ground cover of approximately 15 native grass and forb species.
- Ten 1080 wild dog/fox baits were laid south of Castlerock Road on the western portion of the mining lease to integrate efforts with the Local Land Service aerial baiting program. Baits were laid on 17 May and will be collected after one month; eight baits were taken last week.
- TP enquired about whether there was deer in the area. TH responded that she'd notice one at the Mangoola-end of Wybong Road. LB mentioned that pigs were following the creek line at present.
- Boxthorn control on the mining lease has started with more than two weeks of spraying committed; depending on weather conditions and the plants' growing state.
- Unsafe infrastructure across the mining lease is being attended to, including:
 - Removal of dilapidated hay sheds off Dorset Road and Rosebrook Lane
 - Covering of exposed wells with lockable covers
 - Bringing electrical infrastructure at water points up to spec.
 - Installation of new septic systems for three rented houses

ACTION: TH offered committee members the chance to meet the contractor responsible for a targeted culling program (pig and kangaroo). LB accepted this offer; TH to organise the meeting.

7. Environment and approvals

- Operator-attended noise monitoring conducted during day period in April and May, at six representative monitoring locations. Two consecutive 15-minute measurements were taken during scheduled construction hours (i.e. between 7.00am and 6.00pm).
 - Quarterly monitoring undertaken in March 2017 in accordance with EPL 20850. Day, Evening and Night survey.
 - No non-compliances recorded during each monitoring period.
 - Two noise complaints were received by MACH Energy in April and May 2017.
 - Real time dust monitoring and monthly dust gauges collected during March – April. Temporary dust monitors installed and commissioned on Wybong Road.
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- Bushfire Management Plan in early stages of revision and development. Field work and assessment of infrastructure required. KM outlined the intention to consult with the near-neighbours.
 - Various Management Plans have been submitted to regulators.
 - Mine Optimisation Modification submitted to DPE; yet to be released for public exhibition.
 - LB enquired about noise monitors being placed to the west. KM explained that the monitors are placed close to the work fronts, although there are two also set-up at Jonathan Moore's property at present. As the Operation evolves the monitors will move.
 - SB explained the purpose of the Management Plans. New Plans are being developed to include the operational phase. KM and JF confirmed that information about various Plans was presented the committee.
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8. Community

- JF provided an update relating to the community initiatives and actions that had been undertaken since the last CCC meeting, including:
 - Strategic workshops for the Aboriginal Community Development Fund committee.
 - Site tours for Member for Upper Hunter, Muswellbrook Shire Council and HunterNet.
 - 'Work @ MPO' event in Muswellbrook attracted 200+ locals in early May. Interest from a further 100+ was also received by JF. Principal Contractors were able to meet with prospective workers directly; some offers have since been made. TP mentioned that he'd attended the event and suggested that some workers may already have permanent roles so the construction phase may not suit their long-term interests at present; he also suggested operational roles may provide options in time. TP commended MACH Energy for hosting this event.
 - Landform discussion with Muswellbrook Shire Council.
 - \$1000 donation to the Men's Shed Muswellbrook.
 - Attendance at Upper Hunter Economic breakfast in Muswellbrook.
 - Blackrock Industries, a new local Aboriginal business JF kick-started at the Mount Pleasant Operation, won the 2016 Best Trade/Industry Business Award at the Muswellbrook Chamber of Commerce Awards Dinner. MACH Energy representatives also attended the dinner.
 - Reconciliation Action Week included Blackrock Industries' workers conducting a cultural dance for the pre-start warm-up and a BBQ with Blackrock Industries, local Elder Aunty Jean Hands, 2Rivers consultant Lorraine Riggs, Principal Contractors and MACH Energy.
 - SB also mentioned that MACH Energy had recently been invoiced by Council for contributions to the Voluntary Planning Agreement, which includes funding for community.
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9. General business

- LB expressed gratitude for the Operation installing a new stop sign at Gate 1 (adjacent to LB's entrance too). LB also mentioned that Jonathan Moore (absent at today's meeting) was interested in a flier being developed to promote the Operation's progress, including worker details.
 - SB provided feedback for how responsive MACH Energy was to Council communication. He believed this approach provides community and Council a level of confidence for how matters are managed.
 - LB requested that drivers reduce braking noises when moving through from the Bengalla-Wybong Road intersection.
 - RU shared feedback that everyone in the community was talking about the Operation in a very positive manner.
 - LB mentioned that one light was still shining through to her home (three had been dimmed/limited use after receiving the feedback at the previous meeting).
 - **ACTION: JF to request Safety Manager Beth Viertel to review lighting matter.**
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10. Close

Site tour

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NEXT MEETING: THURSDAY 7 SEPTEMBER 2017 – 1000HR AT MOUNT PLEASANT OPERATION.

END OF RECORDS