

**Minutes of Community Consultative Committee Meeting
Wambo Coal Pty Ltd and United Wambo Joint Venture**

Meeting of the Community Consultative Committee (CCC) for Wambo Coal Pty Ltd (**Wambo**) and United Wambo Joint Venture (**UWJV**), held at Minimbah Teaching and Keeping Place on Tuesday 2 August 2022 at 9:00am.

Chairperson: Lisa Andrews (**LA**) – Independent Chairperson

In attendance: Janet Fenwick (**JF**) – Community Member
 Dave Thelander (**DT**) – Community Member
 Brian Atfield (**BA**) – Community Member
 Robert Ball (**RB**) – Community Member
 Godfrey Adamthwaite (**GA**) – Observer
 Aislinn Farnon (**AF**) – UWJV
 Jake Hawkins (**JH**) – UWJV
 Lori Depczynski (**LD**) - UWJV
 Peter Jaeger (**PJ**) – Wambo Coal
 Nicole Dobbins (**ND**) – Wambo Coal

Apologies: Dianne Gee (**DG**) – Community Member
 Mick Webster (**MW**) – Community Member, Hunter Valley Gliding Club
 Shane Gee (**SG**) – Community Member
 Jan Davis (**JD**) – Hunter Environment Lobby Inc
 Nick Slater (**NS**) – UWJV

1.	Welcome & Apologies (LA)
	<p>AF welcomed all CCC members to the Minimbah Teaching and Keeping Place. She outlined the history of the building and its significance and purpose for the Wonnarua people and Bulga Coal, UWJV and Mt Owen Coal.</p> <p>The chairperson opened the meeting at 9:16 am, welcoming all to Wambo / UWJV CCC meeting.</p> <p>Dianne Gee, Mick Webster, Shane Gee, Jan Davis, and Nick Slater are an apology for this meeting.</p>
2.	Declarations
	<p>LA declared that she is an approved Independent Chairperson, appointed by the Secretary for the Department of Planning and Environment – engaged by UWJV to chair the CCC. No changes to members’ previous declarations.</p> <p>LD to provide declaration for the Wambo / UWJV CCC.</p>

3.	<p>Business Arising</p> <p>The minutes from the previous meeting held on 3 May 2022 were finalised and distributed to members on 30 May 2022.</p> <p>Action items from the previous CCC:</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="280 342 1385 712"> <thead> <tr> <th data-bbox="280 342 424 450">Date</th> <th data-bbox="424 342 986 450">Action</th> <th data-bbox="986 342 1198 450">Responsible</th> <th data-bbox="1198 342 1385 450">Complete (Y/N)</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td colspan="4" data-bbox="280 450 1385 506">Item 1</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="280 506 424 607">3/05/22</td> <td data-bbox="424 506 986 607">Provide an update to the surface and groundwater trigger assessment to CCC</td> <td data-bbox="986 506 1198 607">PJ</td> <td data-bbox="1198 506 1385 607">Y</td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="4" data-bbox="280 607 1385 712">Comments: Detail provided in Wambo Coal presentation. Met with the EPA, need to increase the monitoring at Stony Creek and provide regular updates.</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Date	Action	Responsible	Complete (Y/N)	Item 1				3/05/22	Provide an update to the surface and groundwater trigger assessment to CCC	PJ	Y	Comments: Detail provided in Wambo Coal presentation. Met with the EPA, need to increase the monitoring at Stony Creek and provide regular updates.			
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4.	<p>Correspondence (LA)</p>																
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 19/5/22 - Email to members with the draft minutes for review. • 30/5/22 - Email to members with the finalised minutes and presentation. • 16/6/22 – Email from PJ regarding the Wambo Coal Mine - Rehabilitation Objectives and Rehabilitation Completion Criteria Consultation. This information forwarded through to members on 17/6/22. • 7/7/22 – Email to members with offers of assistance to the community following the recent flooding event. • 22/7/22 - Email to members with the Meeting Notice, Agenda and Correspondence Report for this meeting at the Minimbah Teaching & Keeping Place. 																
5.	<p>UWJV Business Update (AF)</p>																
	<p>AF provided the members with an update on UWJV via a PowerPoint presentation (attached), noting the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AF – outlined personnel changes in the UWJV E and C team, Sean Pigott has moved to Liddell and Lori Depczynski has come from Liddell. • AF – outlined the UWJV meeting agenda • AF - advised that quarter one production values were behind due to the wet weather and manning. During the last intense rainfall event, the site had to be evacuated. Currently initiating a recovery plan to return production rate back to budget and working to increase blast inventory. AF displayed images of UWJV during the floods. • AF – Provided a summary of rehabilitation activities which have commenced for 2022. LD outlined the next steps of stripping and bulk push to reach the final woodland goal. • AF – spoke to progression photos of the United and Montrose pits, outlining that the in-pit water is slowing production, but the Pit Services team are making progress. • AF – summarised UWJV government interactions including with DPE, Mining Exploration and Geoscience Division (MEG) and Resources Regulator, Environment Protection Authority (EPA), NSW Biodiversity Conservation Trust (BCT), Transport for NSW (TfNSW), Dam Safety NSW and Singleton Council (SC). 																

- AF – outlined the Rehabilitation Reform updates – noting that it is in line with an amendment to the Mining Act to make the process of reporting and completing rehabilitation and disturbance more transparent at sites.
- AF – spoke to aerial site photos of UWJV access roads
- AF – summarised the environment and community performance for the 2022 year.
- AF – provided an update on water management onsite – rainfall for July and the flooding impacts.
- AF – Discussed each of the complaints for 2022. Lighting related complaints were the main impact over the quarter. Outlined that the ‘other’ complaint was in relation to tailgating by a UWJV contractor.
- AF – provided an update on community consultation for the last quarter – delivery of the newsletter, upcoming tank cleaning program, family day planning.
- JH – outlined the two school programs which were run over the last quarter – Upper Hunter Mining Dialogue School Tours and HunterWISE tours. Both tour programs were well received.
- AF – provided an update on the VPA meeting – the minutes of the last meeting and the approved plan which is with council for approval. Meeting minutes for the Council meeting had not been released.
- AF – provided a summary on the support UWJV provided to Broke, Warkworth and Whittingham during the July flooding event and damage to Broke Rd.
- JH – provided an update on the community spend – happy to have approved Jerrys Plains Public School P and C and touch on those applications pending.

QUESTIONS:

- Production progress
 - DT – asked what height Wambo Creek reached during the flooding
 - PJ – stated that the level was significant, lots of areas were cut off
 - DT – commented on the damage that the flooding caused.
 - DT – expressed his thanks to UWJV and Wambo Coal for their efforts in making the secondary access safe
 - AF and PJ – accepted the thanks and outlined that there is still more that can be done for future events
- Pit Progression
 - JF – asked how the in-pit water may affect groundwater?
 - AF– advised that the in-pit water is not saline at the moment due to the amount of rain (currently 1500-3000 $\mu\text{S}/\text{cm}$).
 - PJ – advised that the previously mined United UG working being used as a store.
 - DT – asked whether the water could be used for agriculture
 - AF – advised that it could, but not needed in agriculture given the rainfall received this year

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Approvals update <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ RB – asked whether the Golden Highway will go back at the end of mining and whether they will be putting an overtaking lane in? ○ AF – advised that it was not going to be moved back. AF could not confirm overtaking lane included. AF would get the design and send it with the presentation.
6.	Wambo Coal Business Update
	<p>PJ provided update on the Wambo operations via a PowerPoint presentation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PJ – outlined the presentation agenda • PJ – provided a plan of the current operations at Wambo and key areas of approval. He advised that LW22 commenced being mined at the end of May. First workings for LW24 have been approved, extraction of longwalls 24, 25 and 26 captured in MOD 19. • PJ – advised that there were no complaints to date, no changes from the last CCC meeting. There were 2 regulator visits – EPA and DPE. There was 1 reportable incident for the quarter. He advised 1GL was discharged under the HRSTS during the July flood event, for a total of 1.5GL year to date. • PJ – outlined the support which Wambo Coal provided to the community of Warkworth during the flooding. Provided support through the GIVIT platform for the Bulga community. • PJ – outlined the incident of the Hales Crossing sump inundation. He advised that after reporting to the EPA and DPE, there is no further action required. • PJ – advised that a modification to DA305-7-2003 (MOD 19) was submitted to DPE 1 August 2022 – realignment of LW24 and 25 and addition of LW26 • PJ – spoke to the points of the regulator interactions slide – after meeting with DPE and EPA, additional monitoring and updates must be provided in relation to the exceeded water quality results at Stony Creek. Also, the Rehabilitation Management Plan was submitted with data in the portal as per the rehabilitation reforms. • PJ – stated that the Vivian Dwyer art is on exhibition and that members should take the opportunity to have a look. • PJ – advised that there was 3.5 GL of surface inventory water that is planned to be dewatered to allow continuity of the UWJV mine dump plan. Currently evaluating options to where the water can be pumped and stored. <p>QUESTIONS:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Environment and Community metrics <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ RB – asked where Wambo Coal discharge ○ PJ – advised that water is discharged into the Wollombi Brook under the HRSTS, maximum daily discharge is 250ML a day, a condition of the Environmental Protection Licence (EPL).. PJ and LD to provide slides on the HRSTS and updated to the Water Sharing Plan.

7.	General Business (LA)
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • JF – asked what was being done regarding the pigs <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ AF – outlined that traps are being set in buffer properties and onsite. Cameras will be going out soon. • BA – advised that there will be a two day Youth Mental Health first aid course held at the Jerrys Plains Hall on 13th & 14th August 2022, concentrating on youth suicide.
8.	Meeting Finalisation (LA)
	Meeting closed at 10.42 am with LA thanking members for their contribution.
9.	Next Meeting (LA)
	The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday 8 November 2022, 9am at the UWJV Administration Building.

Action Register:

Date	Action	Responsible
09/09/2022	Obtain the Golden Hwy realignment design and send it with the presentation	AF
09/09/2022	Provide slides on the HRSTS and Water Sharing Plan	PJ/LD