

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 in person and via online on Tuesday 4 May 2021 at 9:00am (EST).

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

In attendance: Janet Fenwick (**JF**) – Community Member
 Shane Gee (**SG**) – Community Member
 Brian Atfield (**BA**) – Community Member
 Dave Thelander (**DT**) – Community Member (video conference)
 Aislinn Farnon (**AF**) – UWJV
 Cr Godfrey Adamthwaite (**GA**) – Singleton Council Representative
 Sean Pigott (**SP**) – UWJV
 Robert Ball (**RB**) – Community Member
 Peter Jaeger (**PJ**) – Wambo Coal
 Angela Vanderkroft (**AV**) – UWJV
 Kimberly Hines (**KH**) – Wambo Coal
 Julie Gray (**JG**) – Community Member
 Mick Webster (**MW**) – Community Member, Hunter Valley Gliding Club
 Emma Morgan (**EM**) – Wambo Coal (minute secretary)

Apologies: Nil

1.	Welcome & Apologies (LA)
	<p>The chairperson opened the meeting at 9:01am, welcoming all to the Wambo/ UWJV CCC meeting.</p> <p>LA welcomed and acknowledged two new committee members, Julie Gray (community representative) and Mick Webster delegate for the Hunter Valley Gliding Club. LA asked the new members to provide some background.</p> <p>LA informed the CCC that DPIE had also endorsed two “alternate” delegates; being Dianne Gee (community representative) and Jan Davis from the Hunter Environment Lobby.</p> <p>Around the table, each attendee introduced themselves and gave a brief description of their role and involvement in the mines and/or communities.</p>
2.	Declarations (LA)
	<p>LA declared that she is an Independent Chairperson, appointed by DPIE and engaged by Peabody/Glencore to chair this CCC. LA noted there were no changes to members’ declarations.</p>
3.	Business Arising (LA)
	<p>LA noted the minutes from meeting held on the 9 February 2021 were finalised and distributed to members on 1 March 2021.</p>

	<p>LA went through the action items from the previous CCC meeting noting both items have been completed.</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Date</th> <th>Action</th> <th>Responsible</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>9/02/2021</td> <td>UWJV to provide dates to CCC members for Weed Workshops when available Complete – email sent 31/3/21</td> <td>AV</td> </tr> <tr> <td>9/2/2021</td> <td>Advise LA when Environmental Audit approved by DPIE and placed on website. Complete – email sent 1/4/21</td> <td>AV</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Date	Action	Responsible	9/02/2021	UWJV to provide dates to CCC members for Weed Workshops when available Complete – email sent 31/3/21	AV	9/2/2021	Advise LA when Environmental Audit approved by DPIE and placed on website. Complete – email sent 1/4/21	AV
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4.	<p>Correspondence (LA) as per meeting notice 26/4/21</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 22/2/20 – Email to members with the draft minutes for review. • 1/3/21 – Email to members with the finalised minutes. • 2/3/21 – Email from AF requesting to forward EOI for UWJV VPA Committee to CCC members for their information. This was forwarded the same day. • 15/3/21 - Letter from DPIE endorsing new membership on the CCC. • 31/3/21 - Emails to all nominees advising them of their success or otherwise. • 31/3/21 – Email to members advising when the next Singleton Beef and Land Management Association’s next Weed Identification and Management Workshop will be held (action item from previous CCC). • 1/4/21 – Email from Glencore regarding the United Wambo JV Annual Review 2020, this was forwarded on to CCC members. • 26/4/21 - Email to members with the Meeting Notice, Agenda and Correspondence Report for this meeting • 3/5/21 – Emails to members with the reminder, mud map & video-conferencing details. 									
5.	<p>Wambo Coal Business Update (PJ)</p> <p>PJ opened his presentation noting, Wambo has a new GM, Jim Middleton and giving his apologies. PJ welcomed the new committee members.</p> <p>PJ noted the following items which have occurred at Wambo since the last CCC:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LW21 commenced on the 10th of April, operations remain at six days per week. LW22 development is continuing. UG ROM coal is currently at 503,332. • Environment & Community Metrics slide – PJ noted Peabody received a penalty notice for an exceedance of noise criteria in 2020. The penalty notice was received in April 2021. Wambo self-reported this exceedance. • 581mm of rain, 300mm in March. Discharged 75ML of water via the Hunter River Salinity Trading Scheme (HRSTS). PJ showed the committee members photos of the bridge flooding from the Wollombi Brook and spoke about the emergency procedures which were put in place during the heavy rain in March 2021. LA asked how many staff were onsite working during this time, PJ noted that only operational staff were onsite, where possible office staff worked from home during this period. • Water discharging commenced on the 22 March under the HRSTS and continued to discharge until 25 March. Grab samples were taken for every block of discharge. It was noted that a number of grab samples taken were inconsistent with the in-line monitoring system for NTU for 24 and 25 March. This was reported to the DPIE/EPA. • MW queried the noise exceedance and noted a comment from the previous minutes that he feels is incorrect relating to the noise as the noise at the gliding 									

club is quite high. Last minutes noted the *"noise is normal and under control"*. MW questioned what additional noise monitoring can be put in place at the gliding club to monitor their high noise levels. BA noted it has been previously spoken about how the noise levels go up in Autumn and Winter. PJ discussed OC is currently managed by Glencore.

HOMESTEAD

KH presented to the committee the new website which has been created for the wider public to view the Homestead, noting it is hard for members of the public to access the Homestead. KH noted this site will continue to grow with information and photos as research continues.

Website link is as follows.

<https://www.peabodyenergy.com/Operations/Australia-Mining/New-South-Wales-Mining/Wambo-Homestead>

KH noted mid last year Wambo conducted a 3D scan of the site, portions of this data have been collated to provide a virtual tour of the Homestead and surrounding buildings. KH presented the video to the committee members.

GA asked when the buildings will be moved, it was noted that this is not planned to occur, GA asked when will the area be open to the public to come and visit. KH noted public are always welcome but need to be escorted; members of the public will not be able to come and go at their own pleasure until the mine ceases operation and closes.

JG noted next year is the bicentenary of Jerrys Plains and asked if tours of the Homestead could be part of this event. KH said of course this could happen, committee members thought that would be a great idea for the day.

KH noted all of Vivien's work is archived at Singleton library. JF asked if the Homestead was still being maintained, KH noted it is being maintained, as required by the Conservation Management Plan (CMP). This year work on the servant's quarters is scheduled to commence. Work is ongoing. KH is working on getting the oral history online and working closely with Singleton library on this task.

NORTH WAMBO CREEK DIVERSION

KH noted due to the rain forecast it was decided not to take everyone out onto site, but there was a video to show the committee. The video was commissioned by Soil Conservation Service.

The video outlined the purpose of the diversion, construction and why this design was completed and put in place.

JF asked when this actually commenced, KH noted June/ July 2020. 4-5 years ago JF noted there was a creek diversion plan, KH advised that since the original commencement there has been longwall mining which impacted the original design, this latest rehabilitation repaired the subsidence from the longwall mining and continued on with further works, further remediation work to be completed this year. KH noted with all the rain received it has tested the work and design of the creek. The 5-year plan is on track.

APPROVALS/ REPORTING

- The extraction plan for LW21 – 24 was approved on the 1 April 2021. A copy is available on the website.
- 2020 Annual review was submitted to DPIE on the 30 March 2021, PJ outlined items of this submission to the members.
- PJ briefly outlined the non-compliances reported in the 2020 Annual Review.

	<p>SPONSORSHIP/ DONATIONS 2020 YTD</p> <p>In the last quarter, Wambo have sponsored/ donated to Singleton PCYC youth boxing program, Singleton Business Chamber with the Annual Business Awards, and the International Woman’s Day Luncheon. PJ noted the luncheon was a great day and ran extremely well.</p> <p>No questions from the members.</p> <p>ACTION:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Link to Homestead site to be sent out with the minutes. COMPLETED as above. • Map to be provided to committee on LW extractions.
6.	<p>UWJV Business Update (AF)</p>
	<p>AF presented the UWJV slides.</p> <p>AF noted the two actions from the previous meeting. Environmental Audit has been submitted to the Department of Planning, but there has not been any feedback received and the weed workshop dates were emailed on the 31.03.2021.</p> <p>AF welcomed the new members, noting how nice it was to have everyone back in person.</p> <p>AF went through some slides providing brief background of the UWJV and operations for the new members. The Mine has been approved for 23 years, operations are 24 hours 7 days a week, up to 500 employees including 261 previous Wambo workers, mining is completed with truck and excavators no drag lines utilised. Product continues to be washed at Wambo CHPP and transported via rail through the existing facilities at Wambo, road relocation in the future to expand the mine. MW asked if there is a timing for the road relocation, AF responded, no date as yet, possibly in two CCC meetings time there should be a date. AF pointed out to MW on the map displayed the UWJV main pit and how close the glider club is, noting this would be a contributing factor to the noise they experience.</p> <p>AF showed some images of the pit and the progress in the last 12 months. It was noted 300 hectares of disturbance. All the additional rainfall has assisted with dust control.</p> <p>Production stats for the first quarter were presented, confirming these were under budget.</p> <p>AF briefly ran through the slide with the projects 2021.</p> <p>ENVIRONMENT & COMMUNITY</p> <p>AF advised of the following for UWJV: 14 community complaints, 2 external reported incidents, 1 regulator inspection, 1 community session, 429mm rainfall. It was noted the noise complaints are ramping up as operations go into the colder months.</p> <p>AF advised that towards the back end of the year it is proposed to take community members on a tour of the site.</p> <p>INDEPENDENT ENVIRONMENT AUDIT</p> <p>AF informed the CCC of the audit covering the previous United Colliery underground mine and the United Wambo operations. AF provided the members with a hard copy of the report, whilst providing the members an explanation. United were pleased with the overall report.</p> <p>OPERATIONAL</p> <p>SP explained to the members the reportable incident – MIA sediment Dam overflow. A significant rainfall event occurred from 18-23 March 2021. The dam was expected at</p>

	<p>approx. 7:40am on 20 March and was found to be overflowing. The incident was reported to the EPA, DPIE. The EPA has confirmed no action will be taken.</p> <p>14 community complaints in total, 8 noise, 5 lighting and 1 blast dust. A discussion was held around the lighting plants located on the 125 dump.</p> <p>DT noted light vehicles going along a high wall have their high beams on and they are shining straight onto traffic travelling on the Golden Highway. AF is going to communicate this with the mining teams.</p> <p>Community Information Night - AF showed some photos and noted that it proposed to hold 2 events a year. BA noted the last one was well done, presented well.</p> <p>No questions from the members.</p>
7.	General Business (LA)
	<p>LA opened the floor to all members.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> GA requested copies of the presentation be emailed to him that afternoon. AV noted the CCC members contact list displayed at Jerrys Plains Hall needed to be updated with the new members details listed. MW and JG approved of their names and contact email addresses being added to this list. MW offered to members if they would like to go up in a glider and see the area from above please reach out to him as he is more than happy to arrange this. AF noted United is in the process of changing the complaints receival process. The company has decided to move the complaints process to a call centre. This will be in place prior to the next CCC. Notice will go out prior to this commencing. LA recommended an acronym sheet be prepared and distributed to the CCC, to assist new members with understanding what they all mean. LA to distribute. <p>ACTION:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> LA to email GA copies of the presentations this afternoon. COMPLETED on 4/5/21. LA to provide an acronym sheet to members
8.	Meeting Schedule
	LA noted the next scheduled meeting is for 9am, Tuesday August 10 th 2021, to be held at the new admin building UWJV. GA noted he will be an apology for this meeting.
9.	Meeting Finalisation
	LA closed the meeting at 10:54am thanking the group for their attendance.

Action Register:

Date	Action	Responsible
4.05.2021	Link to Homestead site to be sent out with the minutes. KH will provide to LA.	Kim Hines/ Lisa Andrews
4.05.2021	Map to be provided to committee on LW extractions.	Peter Jaeger
4.05.2021	Acronym sheet to be provided to committee members.	Lisa Andrews