

**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 UWJV Administration building on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2026.

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

**In attendance:** Janet Fenwick (JF) – Community Member  
 Robert Ball (RB) – Community Member  
 David Thelander (DT) – Community Member  
 Shaun Armitage (SA) – Hunter Valley Gliding Club / Community Member (online)  
 Cr Godfrey Adamthwaite (GA) – Singleton Council  
 Jan Davis (JD) – Hunter Environmental Lobby (online)  
 Nicole Dobbins (ND) – Wambo Coal Senior Environmental Advisor (contract)  
 Morgan Katsch (MK) - Wambo Coal Environmental Advisor (E&C)  
 Aislinn Farnon (AF) – UWJV Environment and Community Manager  
 Cheryl Henriques (CH) – UWJV Environment and Community Coordinator  
 Nick Slater (NS) – UWJV Operations Manager

**Apologies:** Shane Gee (SG) – Community Member  
 Brian Atfield (BA) – Community Member

<b>1.</b>	<b>Welcome (LA)</b>
	The chairperson opened the meeting at 09:03 am, welcoming all to Wambo / UWJV CCC meeting and delivering an acknowledgment of Country.
<b>2.</b>	<b>Declarations</b>
	LA declared that she is an approved Independent Chairperson, appointed by the Secretary for the Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure – engaged by UWJV and Wambo to chair the CCC.
<b>3</b>	<b>Apologies &amp; Business Arising</b>
	LA advised Brian Atfield (BA) and Shane Gee (SG) are apologies.  LA advised SG has accepted a position on the NSW Irrigators Council board, which meets 1 <sup>st</sup> Tuesday of the month. Suggested moving UWJV CCC meetings to 4 <sup>th</sup> Tuesday of the month so SG could remain as UWJV CCC member. Moved for consideration in “Next Meeting” agenda item.

The minutes from the previous meeting held on 11<sup>th</sup> November 2025 were finalised and distributed to members on 28<sup>th</sup> November 2025.

Action items from the previous CCC (Nov 2025) summarised in table below. Discussion of actions held – comments and follow up below table.

Date	Action	Responsible	Complete (Y/N)
5/08/2025	Arrange and conduct Wambo Homestead Tour May 2026	Wambo - PJ	N <sup>1</sup>
11/11/2025	Inspect and slash boundary fencing of the Harris property and within the triangle paddock for hazard reduction/fire control	Wambo - PJ	Y <sup>2</sup>
11/11/2025	Boundary fence across the creek.	United - AF	N <sup>3</sup>
11/11/2025	Road repairs at the Fenwick's and removal of the pile of rocks	United - AF	N <sup>4</sup>
11/11/2025	Maintenance of monitoring equipment near water tank at the Thelander property.	United - AF	Y
11/11/2025	Control of African Boxthorn on Montrose property and properties along Redmanvale Rd	Wambo – PJ United - AF	N <sup>5</sup>

1. This action to be held over to next meeting
2. MK advised this action completed. JF raised issue of fenceline with Longs, which was raised in Nov meeting (GB) - needs clearing too – **Action added to Action Register**
3. AF explained Frank's Fencing has been onsite to quote to fix boundary fence. JF asked for this to be actioned promptly as cattle are entering her property.
4. AF explained she has met with Alex Fenwick and he has expressed a wish to move the road. AF said a plan needs to be developed to do this (budget and timeframe). The pile of rocks will be removed as part of this work.
5. AF said she would follow up on this action as she thought it had been completed. Note: After the meeting AF reviewed previous minutes (Nov 2025) and can confirm that weed control has been completed on Glencore properties. Wambo (MK) to follow up on weed control for Montrose Property (Wambo-owned) - **Action in Action Register.**

<b>4.</b>	<b>Correspondence (LA)</b>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 21/11/25 – Email to members with the draft minutes for review.</li> <li>• 28/11/25 – Email to members with finalised minutes &amp; presentations.</li> <li>• 20/01/26 - Email to members with the Meeting Notice, Agenda and Correspondence Report</li> <li>• 20/01/26 - Email to members advising of Air Quality Exceedance at United Wambo Coal Mine on 10 January 2026.</li> </ul>
<b>5.</b>	<b>United Business Update</b>
	<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"> <li>• AF gave update on actions from previous meeting.</li> <li>• AF outlined the agenda for the presentation.</li> </ul> <p><i>2025 Environment and Community Performance</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• As outlined in presentation, AF discussed: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Nine (9) complaints (8 noise, 1 dust).</li> <li>○ Zero (0) externally reportable incidents and noise criteria exceedances.</li> <li>○ One (1) warning – for Level 4 Blast Fume event reported on 9 July 2024.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p><i>2025 Production</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• NS discussed United’s production figures for 2025 – all targets met, a very successful year all round not just in production but safety, environment and community also. 94ha of rehabilitation completed in 2025, which was a significant achievement.</li> </ul> <p><i>Approvals Update and Government Interactions</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• AF provided an update on government interactions and approvals since last meeting.</li> <li>• DPHI – 7 environmental management plans approved on 23 December 2025. Remainder still being reviewed including Air Quality, which was updated last week following RFI from EPA. Warning letter received regarding 2024 Level 4 Blast Fume Event.</li> <li>• MEG – 7 holes drilled in 2025. Exploration has recommenced on HVO and private land. Renewal for ML1572 submitted (mining lease for Montrose pit).</li> <li>• BCD – Offsets Year 1 actions ticked off after BCT visit in 2025. Funds released for 2026 actions.</li> <li>• Fed DCCEEW – Letter received regarding audit of EPBC 2015/7600 – dates TBC.</li> <li>• Council – Has endorsed allocation of accumulated interest (~\$49k) back to UW VPA.</li> <li>• RR, EPA, Dam Safety, Heritage Div – Nothing to report.</li> </ul> <p><i>Rehabilitation and Disturbance 2025</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• AF advised 94 hectares of rehabilitation achieved. 2026 rehabilitation target = 55ha. Approx 35ha in Homestead started (bulk push).</li> </ul>

- JF questioned what rehabilitation she could see from her property. AF explained this was Homestead rehabilitation, completed in 2025. Discussion held on geoflume design and rehabilitation establishment, including planting of woodland vegetation communities and cover crops (which provide ground cover while native species grow, which can take years).
- AF discussed rehabilitation repair program in West United older rehabilitation, damaged by storms.
- AF summarised planned disturbance for 2026 = approx. 11ha for extension of NE highwall at Montrose, drain and haul road to U1 dam and small area of Strip 11 in SW corner of U2 dam.

#### *Key Project Updates*

- AF gave update on U1 Dam project - Mining fleet completed excavation in December 2025. Currently working on developing civil scope. Plan is to commission U1 then decommission U2, mid-year target.

#### *Biodiversity Offsets*

- AF advised Year 1 of the BSA is now complete with all required works completed including fencing, weed spraying, monitoring and vertebrate pest control.
- AF outlined key works for first half of 2026 – pest and weed control, fencing, targeted tubestock planting & prescribed burn planning.

#### *Onsite and Buffer Land Management*

- AD advised 11 pigs trapped 2026 TYD (off-site). Focus for 2026 on slashing and weed control on Montrose pasture rehab, powerline easements, rehab areas.

#### *Exploration*

- AF advised the exploration program in Redmanvale Road area is proceeding.

#### *North MIA Demolition*

- AF explained that the NMIA demolition is progressing – showed before and after photos of reclaim tunnel, western hardstand, service cart/trick tray scrapping.

#### *Sealing Works*

- AF gave an update on the Sealing works project – 118/137 holes drilled to date and 18/26 barriers grouted. Approx 50% working filled.

#### *2025 Environment and Community Metrics*

- As outlined in presentation, AF discussed:
  - 9 complaints, 8 regulator inspections, 4 community tours.
  - Land disturbed 21.1ha (newly disturbed), 25.3ha rehab disturbed.
  - 94.6ha rehab completed.
  - 829.2mm rainfall received.

#### *Water Management, Weather and Air Quality*

- AF gave water management overview - Open Cut storage low. UWJV dam volume 227ML as at 31/12/25
- Weather data presented – temp and rainfall for 2025
- PM10 and TSP data presented for 2025

	<p><i>Community Investment &amp; Engagement</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• AF summarised 2025 community spend - \$60k <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ AF explained 2026 Smarty Grants Round 1 is open. Closes 30 June. Round 2: 1 Aug – 6 Dec 2026. Links to application form provided</li> </ul> </li> <li>• AF summarised 2025 Stakeholder engagement completed (as per presentation)</li> </ul> <p><u>Q&amp;A after United Presentation</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• JD asked if rehab needed to be reseeded, for example after hot weather? AF explained that United has not had to reseed due to hot weather. Some reseeding will be necessary in areas where rehab repairs are being undertaken. Sometimes targeted planting of tubestock may be undertaken if required, for example when rehab inspections/ecology monitoring identify the need.</li> <li>• JD asked if the ecology monitoring reports are available to the public? AF explained that ecology monitoring is discussed in the annual review report, but the actual reports are not included in the report due to their large size. The consultant’s reports are available and can be provided to the public on request. JD asked if the ecology report could be provided to the CCC members. AF agreed (<b>Action added to Action Register</b>)</li> <li>• RB asked if the North MIA access would be cut off once demolition is complete? AF said this access point will be maintained. NS added that the gate will probably be locked at some point; to stop unauthorised access but United would maintain the access point as it is a good strategic access point for equipment shutdowns etc.</li> </ul>
6.	<p><b>Wambo Coal Business Update</b></p>
	<p>MK provided update on the Wambo operations via a PowerPoint presentation (attached) noting the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Outlined the presentation agenda and discussed actions arising from previous minutes (as discussed earlier in meeting).</li> </ul> <p><i>Current operations</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• MK gave an overview of Wambo’s current operations, explaining that Wambo continue to manage water for the complex and operate the CHPP. Monitoring, inspections, environmental management and reporting obligations continue.</li> <li>• MK reported on status of SBUX mine – all portals and shafts have been sealed and the vent shaft has been removed. Power has been isolated to the UG area. Recovered gear is progressively being sold/moved to other sites.</li> <li>• MK advised South Wambo Dam Discharge Pipeline Project to be completed at the end April.</li> <li>• MK advised that there is no update on South Wambo Underground. Active approval in place but no works being undertaken.</li> </ul> <p><i>Environment and Community Metrics</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• As outlined in presentation – MK summarised 2025 metrics: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ 2 externally reported incidents – inundation of Hales Crossing sump by floodwaters 24 May 2025 and pH exceedance during HRSTS discharge Aug 2025</li> <li>○ 2 regulator inspections - DPHI 14 April 2025, BCT 18 June 2025,</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ 2 community tours including Singleton Historical Society who toured the Wambo Homestead.</li> <li>○ 778mm of rainfall recorded</li> <li>○ 174ML water discharged</li> <li>● MK gave update on 2026 metrics – 43mm rainfall recorded for Jan 2026. All other metrics = no count.</li> </ul> <p><i>Approvals Update</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● MK - Nothing to update.</li> </ul> <p><i>North-East Tailings Dam Capping</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● MK provided update of ~61.5% completion (up from 51% at Nov meeting). Showed progress aerial, as at 22/01/2025. Target completion in 2026.</li> </ul> <p><i>Management of Offsets and BSAs</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● MK gave overview of the Offsets and BSAs, explaining that Wambo manages 1731ha of biodiversity offset areas for long term conservation.</li> <li>● MK explained tubestock planting program proposed for 2026: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ RWEA A – Wollomi Brook River Red Gum Floodplain (4.5ha) ~1800 plants.</li> <li>○ RWEA E – Stony Creek floodplain (2ha) ~800 plants.</li> <li>○ RWEA E – paddock ~1300 plants.</li> <li>○ South Wambo BSA (12.7ha) ~12,000 plants.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p><u><i>Q&amp;A after Wambo Presentation</i></u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● JF mentioned that the Soil Conservation Service did repair work in Stony Creek, some of which failed and needed to be fixed. Further, the boundary fence was to be repaired after that, as access is through that fence. JF noted that she has been waiting for over 8 years for this to be rectified. MK to follow up (<b>Action added to Action Register</b>).</li> <li>● JD asked how many hours the remote dozers do? MK said the dozers operate Monday to Friday, around 10hrs/daily. NS added that there are 4 remote dozers, each with an operator that controls the dozer with a remote control, and 2 conventional dozers, which feed capping material to the remote dozers to push out onto the tailings. The same number of personnel are employed, only 4 of the operators are not sitting in the dozers, for safety.</li> <li>● JF asked if Pete Jaeger had left yet? MK advised his last day is 27 February 2026.</li> </ul>
<p><b>7. General Business (LA)</b></p>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● LA asked for any general business from CCC members.</li> </ul> <p><i>General Business</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● SA asked when the next round of tank cleaning will be carried out? AF said it is usually done mid-year but for SA to reach out if there is an issue and an inspection can be organised.</li> <li>● DT asked if there was an update on bridgework on Golden Highway at Warkworth, as he noticed work happening below bridge? General discussion held but road is a state-owned road and there has been no update provided by government.</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>GA asked if CCC presentations could be provided today. AF committed to sending through after meeting (<b>Action for Action Register</b>).</li> <li>LA asked if CCC members agreed to change dates for future CCC meetings to 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of month, as mentioned at beginning of meeting. All agreed. Invites for 2026 meetings to be sent out (<b>Action for Action Register</b>). MK asked if Wayne Bower (Wambo Coal Complex Operations Manager) could be added to invites.</li> </ul> <p><i>2026 Dates for the CCC Meetings (note change to 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of month) – commencing on site at 9am.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>26 May</li> <li>25 August</li> <li>24 November</li> </ul>
<b>9.</b>	<b>Meeting Finalisation</b>
	Meeting closed at 10:12am with LA thanking members for their attendance and contribution.

**Action Register:**

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11/11/2025	Boundary fence across the creek (Fenwick).	United - AF
11/11/2025	Road repairs at the Fenwick's and removal of the pile of rocks	United - AF
03/02/2026	Inspect and clear vegetation to boundary fencing of the Long property	Wambo - MK
03/02/2026	Fix boundary fence near Stony Creek revegetation area	Wambo - MK
03/02/2026	Provide latest ecology reports to CCC when available	United - AF
03/02/2026	Send CCC presentation to GA after meeting	United - AF
03/02/2026	Send invites for 2026 meetings to CCC members – include Wayne Bower	United - AF