

# Minutes

Meeting Title	Community Consultation Committee Meeting				Meeting No.	2
Project/Dept	Invincible Colliery & Cullen Valley Mine					
Date	10 March 2016					
Location	Invincible Colliery - Castlereagh Highway, Cullen Bullen					
Attendees	Name	Init	Present	Name	Init	Present
Chairperson	Greg Barton (Insight)	GB		Barry Fitzgerald (Cullen Bullen)	BF	
	Andrew O'Brien (Sedgman)	AO		Reg Larkin (Cullen Bullen)	RL	
	Liz Clough (Sedgman)	LC		Jessica Heath (Lithgow City Council)	JH	
	John Duffy (Sedgman)	JD		Ray Blackley (Cullen Bullen)	RB	
	Graham Goodwin (Castlereagh Coal)	GG		Barbara Milne (Cullen Bullen)	BMi	
	Brett Moore (Castlereagh Coal)	BMo		Narelle Wolfe (Umwelt)	NW	
Apologies	Michael Bulkeley	MB				
	Michelle Gallop	MG				
Distribution	As above +					

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<b>1. Open (10:05am)</b>	
GB	Apologies – Michael Bulkeley is away, Michelle Gallop is unable to attend
GB	No declarations of pecuniary or other interests.
GB	No changes to the previous minutes. AO and RL confirmed minutes as correct.
GB	No correspondence.
LC	Business arising from previous meeting - new CCC members were appointed following an advertisement in local newspaper; information packages were sent to CCC members on 16 September 2015; the first community newsletter was published on the Castlereagh Coal website in October 2015; and Manildra is to give a presentation to Council in the near future.
JH	Marie Statham (LCC Mayor) is the Council representative for the committee and should be invited to future meetings.
<b>2. Company reports and overview of activities</b>	
AO	Statutory reporting has been conducted by Sedgman on behalf of Castlereagh Coal as required including annual exploration reports and community consultation reports as well as liaison with State Agencies.
AO	The care and maintenance Mining Operations Plans (MOPs) have been updated and submitted to the Department. The MOPs will run for a period of 2 years or until future operations are approved. Copies of the MOPs are provided for CCC members on USB.
AO	The Independent Environmental Audit (IEA) was recently conducted for Invincible Colliery and Sedgman is awaiting submission of the IEA report. The IEA will be submitted to the Department before June 2016, possibly earlier. The timing of the IEA to be conducted for Cullen Valley will be discussed with the Department following finalisation of the IEA for Invincible.
AO	Subsurface heating assessments have been undertaken in conjunction with expert consultants OCG and management of these areas is ongoing.
AO	The Department compliance audit identified erosion and sediment (E&S) issues and these are being addressed with rectification works being conducted at Cullen Valley.

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AO	Weed spraying and annual biodiversity monitoring has recently been conducted by Kleinfelder in accordance with Department requirements.
AO	Surface water monitoring has been intensified to be in accordance with the sites Water Management Plans.
RL/BF	More E&S works are to be conducted at Cullen Valley. Drains near the Fitzgerald property overflow and muddy water enters the property from Cullen Valley Mine.
AO	E&S works from December 2015 will be inspected again by Sedgman today after the meeting.
JH	Before and after photos of the rectification works should be taken and shown at future CCC meetings.
BF	What are the plans for future rehabilitation works at Cullen Valley Mine?
AO	Current works are focused on rectification works. Rehabilitation of final landforms will be conducted once Castlereagh Coal have certainty of approvals for future mining operations.
BF/RL	The Cullen Valley Mine looks bad especially dieback overlooking the Fitzgerald property
AO/BMo	Kleinfelder have inspected vegetation dieback in subsurface heating areas. Rectification works are also being conducted in the subsurface heating areas, which are monitored regularly.
BF/RL	There is a concern that when rectification works are done in one area the heating moves to another area.
AO	Castlereagh Coal has engaged experts in subsurface heating who are guiding the management of these areas.
BF	Barry had to close the windows of his house a few nights ago due to smoke/odour emanating from the subsurface heating area at Cullen Valley Mine
AO	It is likely that excavation and capping of this area will be required to manage smoke/odour.
RL	There is also vegetation dieback at the Hillcroft property near Larkin's.
AO/BMo	Most of the issues pre-date Castlereagh Coal/Sedgman involvement and the issues are still being worked through to decide on the best way to manage the sites. All rectification works are being undertaken in accordance with the approved MOPs and any works beyond that will be conducted according to budget constraints.
RL	Can the rehabilitation security bond be used for rectification works?
BMo	No. the bond can only be used for rehabilitation or rehabilitation maintenance works, not for rectification works.
RL	There is a concern that the bond will be insufficient to fully rehabilitate Cullen Valley Mine. There is a concern that rehabilitation of Cullen Valley Mine will not be completed by Castlereagh Coal. Can the rehabilitation works be guaranteed?
RL	Reg's concern is that Shoalhaven Coal is a subsidiary company of the Manildra Group and may be able to more easily walk away from responsibilities relating to rehabilitation works as they are separate from the Manildra Group.
BMo	The security bond is held by the Department for the purpose of guaranteeing the works will be done. The bond is assessed by the Department and regularly reviewed to ensure accuracy.
BMo	Manildra/Castlereagh Coal is aware of their obligations and will not do anything to damage their reputation in the area. Castlereagh Coal have responded to requests by the Departments and the CCC members (ie weed spraying and subsurface heating assessments).
BMo	Brett is unable to disclose the bond amounts as this could be in breach of their contract with the Coalpac administrators. BMo will check if this can be disclosed.
<b>3. Briefing on proposed Southern Extension Project</b>	
NW	Umwelt is conducting the Social Impact Assessment for the mines and issued a community newsletter in February.
NW	Stakeholder interviews have been conducted, door-knocking and letter-drops have been conducted as well as briefings with agencies and interest groups. The response to community consultation has been good and feedback has been provided to Umwelt.
NW	The top issues identified so far are local employment, blasting damage, rehabilitation legacy at Cullen Valley, rehabilitation types and processes, economic contributions, and truck tyre mud.
NW	Consultation is ongoing and there is an information display at Cullen Bullen Hall on Saturday

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NW	The next phase will involve analysis of community consultation data and preparation of another newsletter to summarise the results (April 2016)
NW	Environmental studies are underway and will be presented to the community in May 2016
BMo	For clarification, Umwelt has been engaged for the application process and Sedgman has been engaged to conduct day-to-day environmental management.
BF	Are consultation letters delivered by Australia Post or Umwelt personnel?
NW	Letter delivery is through a combination of methods: Australia Post delivers to PO Boxes and Graham Goodwin delivers the rest.
<b>4. General Business</b>	
BMi	Are houses/structures checked for structural damage prior to blasting?
GG	Houses are inspected if required by residents/Departments.
BF	Lithgow Coal used to inspect properties within 2km of blasting.
RL	How close can blasting be conducted to power lines?
JD	This depends on the type of powerlines. All required buffer distances are maintained.
BF	How long will mining be conducted by Castlereagh Coal?
BMo	Castlereagh Coal is awaiting test results on the quality of coal. The mine life will most likely be 4 to 5 years but could be up to 20 years depending on the type of coal. Rehabilitation works will be done as the mine progresses.
GB	Issues will be raised at the CCC meetings and will continue to be addressed this way. However, community members also have the opportunity to raise issues through consultation conducted by Umwelt. CCC members should encourage individual community members to raise issues and provide feedback through the consultation process.
<b>5. Close (11:20am)</b>	
GB/LC	The next meeting could be held on 15 <sup>th</sup> or 16 <sup>th</sup> September.
All	Preference for the next meeting is for Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> September at 10am.
GB	Meeting closed at 11.20am.



Signed: Greg Barton (Chairperson)

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