

**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 online on Tuesday 28 September 2021 at 9:00am.

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

**In attendance:** Janet Fenwick (**JF**) – Community Member  
 Brian Atfield (**BA**) – Community Member (Phone Conference only)  
 Shane Gee (**SG**) – Community Member  
 Robert Ball (**RB**) – Community Member  
 Dave Thelander (**DT**) – Community Member  
 Cr Godfrey Adamthwaite (**GA**) – Singleton Council Representative  
 Aislinn Farnon (**AF**) – UWJV  
 Nick Slater (**NG**) – UWJV  
 Sean Pigott (**SP**) - UWJV  
 Tamie Gray (**TG**) – UWJV (minute recorder)  
 Peter Jaeger – Wambo Coal  
 Kim Hines (**KH**) – Wambo Coal

**Apologies:** Mick Webster (**MW**) – Community Member, Hunter Valley Gliding Club  
 Julie Gray (**JG**) – Community Member  
 Dianne Gee (**DG**) – Community Member

<b>1.</b>	<b>Welcome &amp; Apologies (LA)</b>
	<p>The chairperson opened the meeting at 9:02 am, welcoming all to Wambo / UWJV CCC meeting.</p> <p>Acknowledged the original CCC meeting was scheduled to occur on 10 August, however, due to Covid-19 lockdowns and restrictions this was postponed until today in the hope to have this meeting in person.</p> <p>LA informed the CCC that Julie Gray has resigned from the CCC as of 27 September 2021 due to selling her property and moving out of the district. LA spoke to Dianne Gee, who has been endorsed by DPIE as an ‘alternate’ delegate. Dianne has agreed to replace Julie as a community representative on this CCC.</p> <p>Mick Webster, Julie Gray and Dianne Gee were apologies for this meeting.</p>
<b>2.</b>	<b>Declarations</b>

	LA declared that she is an approved Independent Chairperson, appointed by the Secretary of the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment – engaged by UWJV to chair this CCC. No changes to members' previous declarations.																																								
<b>3.</b>	<b>Business Arising</b> The minutes from the previous meeting held on 4 May 2021 were finalised and distributed to members on 26 May 2021.																																								
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 19/5/21 – Email to DPIE with chair's CCC annual report for 2020-21.</li> <li>• 20/5/21 – Email from Di Gee with her completed Pecuniary Interest and Code of Conduct forms and requesting a hard copy of the 2020 Annual Review. This request was forwarded through to the project team for action.</li> <li>• 18/5/21 – Email to members with the draft minutes for review, with presentation and acronym sheet.</li> <li>• 26/5/21 – Email to members with the finalised minutes.</li> <li>• 7/7/21 – Email from AF advising of proposed modification to SSD 7142. This information forwarded on to all members.</li> <li>• 29/7/21 – Email to members advising that CCC will be held on site and via tele/video-conferencing.</li> <li>• 29/7/21 – Email from UWJV advising of an attended noise monitoring exceedance in the South Wambo area. This information was forwarded on to members on 30/7/21.</li> <li>• 3/8/21 - Email to members with the Meeting Notice, Agenda and Correspondence Report for this meeting.</li> <li>• 6/8/21 – Email to members postponing CCC for 10/8/21. Likely to be held in September 2021.</li> </ul>																																								

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 14/9/21 – Email to members with Meeting Notice, Agenda &amp; Correspondence Report. Also advising that this meeting will be held via video-conferencing (Microsoft Teams).</li> <li>• 24/9/21 – Email to members with a reminder about upcoming rescheduled meeting on the 28/9/21.</li> <li>• 27/9/21 – Email received from Julie Gray resigning from the UWJV CCC due to moving out of the district.</li> </ul>
<b>5.</b>	<b>UWJV Business Update (AF)</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>• A figure showing a summary of the UWJV mine plan showing 2 open cuts and current mining progression through the upcoming years.</li> <li>• AF advised that UWJV are looking at relocating a section of the golden highway and are developing the required approvals documentation with a possibility of this progressing in the first half of next year.</li> <li>• NS introduced himself as the new Operations Manager at UWJV.</li> <li>• Southern MIA has been completed and staff have moved in during July and August.</li> <li>• Provided key production statistics since last meeting and confirmed UWJV are on track to meet budget at the end of the year.</li> <li>• New excavator fleet started up smoothly with UWJV meeting current target production.</li> <li>• Overview was provided for a recent Project for 2021 – the Blast Observation Program involved in the field observations on blast plumes in an effort to improve onsite pre blast plume modelling. The observations which were undertaken at UWJV, Glendell and Ravensworth operations were used to calibrate the model with the improvement approx 20%, this will allowed better advice to be provided to blasting team as to when are the most suitable times for blasting to occur.</li> <li>• One reportable incident occurred since last meeting for attended noise monitor on 22 July at monitor NM-02 (South Wambo). Low frequency penalty of 2dB was applied which caused an exceedance at this location. No complaints were received from this event. No action has been taken to date by EPA or DPIE. Working with consultants to better manage low frequency in future.</li> <li>• MOD 1 Application was submitted to DPIE on 15 July which involves expanding the current approved size stockpile. Current approval for 250kt (about 6 hectares), MOD1 is seeking an increase to 16 hectares and allowance for in pit coal stockpiles. MOD 1 went on exhibition for 14 days with UWJV receiving 3 submissions (Westrac, MEG and EPA). Westrac and MEG in support, EPA requested further information.</li> <li>• Explained EPA queries relating to sediment control of the ROM area to limit sediment entering the Process Water Dam. UWJV provided further detail as requested. DPIE has since requested further detail relating to justification on the area required for the ROM stockpile and further definition of additional controls to be implemented – response is currently being drafted. UWJV are hopeful to have approval in November 2021.</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• SP provided an update on landform design at UWJV. Figures presented showing modelled final landform showing a natural looking design using the Natural Regrade software associated with Geofluv.</li> <li>• Proposed rehab for the rest of this year is approx. 10 hectares – currently planned for November. Area to be topsoiled, ripped and seeded with tree seed. Rehabilitation is looking to ramp up over the coming years as mining progresses.</li> <li>• 46 complaints received this year to date. Noise is noted as a key issue at UWJV accounting for 30 of these. Noise mitigation works are ongoing with building works almost finished at majority of residences which appear to have made a difference with overall complaint numbers being generally lower than historical numbers. We have received good feedback from residents to date. Lighting is an ongoing issue with UWJV looking at strategies to reduce this.</li> <li>• Photos shown of school tours (5 schools) occurred at UWJV during June which was part of the Upper Hunter Mining Dialogue. UWJV looking to hold more tours next year.</li> <li>• UWJV was a part of the publishing of a cultural heritage photograph book ‘Spirit of Place’ by Wonnarua elder Warren Taggart which celebrates the Aboriginal cultural heritage in the Upper Hunter Region. A book launch event occurred 21 July. Books to be provided to schools and education centres. UWJV will provide members of the CCC a copy of this book.</li> <li>• Cultural heritage scholarship was awarded to Violet Craven-Miller for \$30,000 to complete university studies with one more scholarship still available.</li> <li>• UWJV has approved a community investment grant to Singleton PCYC to obtain a new boxing ring for their boxing program.</li> </ul> <p><b>QUESTIONS:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No questions were raised</li> </ul>
<p><b>6. Wambo Coal Business Update</b></p>	<p>PJ provided update on the Wambo operations via a PowerPoint presentation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• General business - Emma Morgan has moved on from Peabody and Kim Hines will be on leave from February 2022.</li> <li>• Provided a plan of where the underground is in accordance with key areas such as Redmanvale Rd and Warkworth.</li> <li>• An additional longwall crew commenced in August to support activities.</li> <li>• Long wall 21 commenced on 10 April 2021 and scheduled to be completed January 2022.</li> <li>• Stage 2 rehabilitation has commenced with Chutes 3 and 7 being targeted this year – current photo of Chute 7 and video of Chute 10 of north Wambo Creek diversion works.</li> <li>• No complaints received to date.</li> <li>• As discussed in the last meeting (May 2021), a Penalty Notice (PIN) was received in April however was regarding a noise exceedance in 2020.</li> <li>• Approval received 2 September 2021 for LW 21-24 Extraction Plan to shorten longwalls 22-24 due to faulting at the main headings and finishing ends. No</li> </ul>

	<p>increase in previously assessed environmental impacts. DPIE requested an update to the Extraction Plan to include these changes.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Groundwater Management Plan has been updated and submitted to DPIE for approval.</li> <li>• Biodiversity Management Plan revised to remove open cut monitoring locations.</li> <li>• Biodiversity Conservation Trust (BCT) conducted site visit to the Remnant Woodland Conservation Areas in May 2021.</li> <li>• Provided an update of sponsorship and donations including Singleton PCYC youth boxing program, Singleton Business Chamber (Including Annual Business Awards, Men's health and International women's day) and Jenny's Place – Women's Domestic Violence and Homelessness.</li> <li>• GA mentioned Peabody also support the Wambo Singleton Hall of Fame event. PJ confirmed this event was coming up in the next month or so and will send through details of this with the meeting minutes.</li> </ul> <p><b>QUESTIONS:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• GA -Any reluctance from Government when considering changes to the longwalls in the sterilisation of coal? PJ confirmed that this is always a consideration and a key point the Department looks at however in this situation this is required due to technical factors (faulting).</li> </ul>
<b>7.</b>	<b>General Business (LA)</b>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• AF – UWJV have updated their address to 300 Watt Street.</li> </ul>
<b>10.</b>	<b>Meeting Schedule for 2021 (LA)</b>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Tuesdays at 9am (quarterly) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ 9 February (at United Wambo Northern MIA) - <b>Completed</b></li> <li>○ 4 May (at Wambo - possible inspection of the Creek diversion) - <b>Completed</b></li> <li>○ 28 September (online only) – delayed from 10 August due to Covid restrictions - <b>Completed</b></li> <li>○ 9 November (at Wambo)</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<b>11.</b>	<b>Meeting Finalisation</b>
	Meeting closed at 10.07am with LA thanking members for their contribution.

**Action Register:**

Date	Action	Responsible
28/09/2021	Link and details to the upcoming Wambo Singleton Hall of Fame event	PJ