

**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 1 February 2022 at 9:00am.

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

In attendance: Janet Fenwick (**JF**) – Community Member
 Shane Gee (**SG**) – Community Member
 Robert Ball (**RB**) – Community Member
 Dave Thelander (**DT**) – Community Member
 Dianne Gee (**DG**) – Community Member
 Jan Davis (**JD**) – Hunter Environment Lobby Inc joined at 9:35am
 Representative
 Aislinn Farnon (**AF**) – UWJV
 Sean Pigott (**SP**) – UWJV
 Jake Hawkins (**JH**) – UWJV
 Carla Merrick (**CM**) – UWJV
 Peter Jaeger (**PJ**) – Wambo Coal
 Nicole Dobbins (**ND**) – Wambo Coal

Apologies: Brian Atfield (**BA**) – Community Member
 Cr Godfrey Adamthwaite – (**GA**) Singleton Council
 Mick Webster (**MW**) – Hunter Valley Gliding Club
 Nick Slater (**NG**) – UWJV
 Kim Hines (**KH**) – Wambo Coal

1.	Welcome & Apologies (LA)
	The chairperson opened the meeting at 9:02 am, welcoming all to Wambo / UWJV CCC meeting. Apologies – as listed above.
2.	Declarations
	LA declared that she is an approved Independent Chairperson, appointed by the Secretary for the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment – engaged by UWJV to chair the CCC. No changes to members’ previous declarations.

	<p>Business Arising</p> <p>The minutes from the previous meeting held on 9 November 2021 were finalised and distributed to members on 27 November 2021.</p> <p>Action items from the previous CCC:</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Date</th> <th>Action</th> <th>Responsible</th> <th>Complete (Y/N)</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td colspan="4">Item 1</td> </tr> <tr> <td>9/11/21</td> <td>Investigation of African Boxthorn along Redmanvale Rd</td> <td>SP</td> <td>N</td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="4">Comments: The block in question will be targeted during 2022 Q1 weed control works</td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="4">Item 2</td> </tr> <tr> <td>9/11/21</td> <td>Address and improve the road condition on Frost Track</td> <td>PJ/SP</td> <td>N</td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="4">Comments: Inspection undertaken, suitable contractor to be engaged to undertake works</td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="4">Item 3</td> </tr> <tr> <td>9/11/21</td> <td>Inform CCC members of the winners of the Singleton Hall of fame event</td> <td>PJ</td> <td>Y</td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="4">Comments: Discussed in 2022 Q1 CCC presentation from Wambo</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Date	Action	Responsible	Complete (Y/N)	Item 1				9/11/21	Investigation of African Boxthorn along Redmanvale Rd	SP	N	Comments: The block in question will be targeted during 2022 Q1 weed control works				Item 2				9/11/21	Address and improve the road condition on Frost Track	PJ/SP	N	Comments: Inspection undertaken, suitable contractor to be engaged to undertake works				Item 3				9/11/21	Inform CCC members of the winners of the Singleton Hall of fame event	PJ	Y	Comments: Discussed in 2022 Q1 CCC presentation from Wambo			
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4.	<p>Correspondence (LA)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9/11/21 – Email from Di Gee advising that she works on Tuesdays and could she join via telephone at 9.30am moving forward. LA responded that this was okay. 9/11/21 – Email to GA with presentations for Council. 18/11/21 - Email to members with the draft minutes for review 27/11/21 – Email to members with the finalised minutes with the presentations. 24/12/21 – Email from AF with the results from the 2021 Community Perceptions Survey as well as the latest community newsletter. 24/1/22- Email to members advising that CCC will be held via video-conferencing with the Meeting Notice, Agenda and Correspondence Report for this meeting 31/1/22 – Email to members providing the video-conferencing link for the Meeting 31/1/22 – Email to members with the meeting presentation from Wambo 31/1/22 – Email to members with the meeting presentation from United Wambo 																																								
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 - A figure showing a summary of the UWJV mine plan – advised that the 2022 block includes the proposed extraction area under current Golden Highway. To be mined once the realignment is completed. 																																								

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AF - Provided an overview of the production results for the last 3 months showing both budget projections and actual production values. Making note that it was a great effort considering limitations from wet weather and COVID. • SP – Provided a summary of rehabilitation activities for 2021 (area seeded before Christmas) and what was planned for 2022 (minimal disturbance, with rehab areas to be dumped and seeded before summer). Also stated that the rehabilitation contract is currently out for tender and works will ramp up once this has been confirmed. • AF – Provided an update on MOD 1 – approved November 2021. Introduced the MOD 2 items which are currently under review. • AF - Provided an update on management plans sitting with DPIE waiting for approval. Highlighted a couple of plans had received minor comments to update and have since been resubmitted. • AF – Summarised UWJV government interactions including with DPIE, DPIE-Mining Exploration and Geoscience Division (MEG) and Resources Regulator, Environment Protection Authority (EPA), NSW Biodiversity Conservation Trust (BCT), Transport for NSW (TfNSW) and Singleton Council (SC). • SP – highlighted the six stewardship sites on the map. Stated that all BSA have been submitted – it was hard to acquire signatures, which caused delays. Next steps will be to apply to have credits transferred to new assessment method. Will have to buy credits or make a payment if there is a reduction in overall credits. An extension request has been submitted to DPIE for the BSA's. • SP – outlined the MOP Amendment C updates – only minor changes to the disturbance footprint and has been brought forward from 2023. • AF – Provided an update on the Dog-leg Strategy, including that it was submitted to DPIE and that the relocation will be included in the Jerrys Plains Recreation grounds beautification works. • AF – Outlined that the Minimbah Teaching Place was used for the 2021 Annual Cultural Heritage Meeting (combined for Bulga UWJV and Mt Owen). The official opening is still set to occur Quarter 2 of 2022. • AF – Provided an update on the mitigation works – still a few yet to be completed. Provided an update on the exploration program – it has been restarted after being delayed due to exploration near the Golden Hwy. • AF – provided an overview of the UWJV Environment and Community Annual Plan actions for 2022. Briefly discussed a few of the key projects to be completed over the year. • AF – Summarised the environment and community performance for the 2021 year. • AF – UWJV provided a summary of the air quality results at Warkworth. The EIS indicated that results would increase as operations progressed. All tenants had been notified and there was no feedback. • AF – provided a summary of the complaints of 2021 – noise impacts were the highest recorded, however it was good to see the number has dropped off thanks to noise suppression on the equipment. • AF – provided an update on the Community consultation, including discussions to be had at the next VPA meeting; newsletter distribution; status of the community information night – committee expressed desire to still go ahead; and that no perception survey submissions have been received yet.
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AF – Summarised UWJV spending in 2021. AF discussed CSI ideas for 2022 and encouraged members to send through any other sponsorship opportunities. <p>QUESTIONS:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Approvals update <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ DT – Have you assessed the impacts of Fly Ash? ○ AF – Stated that all options are being assessed, including Fly Ash. A prefeasibility assessment will be conducted ○ DT – stated that there have been issues with Fly Ash use in the past ○ AF – confirmed that grout caused the issues that DT spoke about. Reassured that Fly Ash would be pumped into the first workings. The process would be assessed with controls in place. ○ JD – asked whether aquifers would be affected by the Fly Ash? ○ SP – confirmed that impacts to aquifers would be covered in a risk assessment, with appropriate controls implemented. ○ DT – asked whether the investigation would be independent? ○ AF – stated that a suitably qualified person would be engaged by UWJV, then once submitted to DPIE, they would engage their own suitable qualified person to conduct the assessment. ○ DT – asked whether there would be community consultation ○ AF – stated that after initial meetings at site, the plan will be provided to the community for consultation. AF to provide DT additional information on Fly Ash use onsite. • 2022 Environment and Community Annual Plan <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ JD – asked about rehabilitation layers and whether they would be sent to CCC members. ○ AF – indicated that the layers can be sent, however also noted that they should be getting added to the new Resource Regulator Portal so that the public can view anytime. ○ SP – Went on to say that layers are due for submission to DPIE by the 2 July 2022. He assumed they would be publicly accessible then too, but was not sure when it would become public. SP to investigate layer submission and whether they will be added to the NSW Resources Regulator Portal. • Community Complaints <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ JD – asked about the electric trucks in the fleet. ○ AF – stated that there were 12 and an additional 4 were on order. Also stated that only the wheel motors are electric, the trucks still require diesel to operate. AF to find out proportion of diesel used in electric trucks.
6.	Wambo Coal Business Update
	PJ provided update on the Wambo operations via a PowerPoint presentation:

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provided a plan of the current operations at Wambo and key areas of approval, noting that the plan was different from the November CCC meeting – it was updated to include MOD18 • Confirmed Longwall 21 to be completed 4 Feb. There will be 8 weeks until LW22 commences. • Indicated that there was a failure while drilling a vent fan hole. Location and re-drill plan to be determined in Q1 2022, pending LW24-26 approval. • No complaints to date, with no changes from the last CCC meeting • Differences between UWJV and Wambo rainfall values. JH/PJ to determine why rainfall values are different. • Wambo South Bates Extension Underground Mine Modifications to DA 305-7-2003: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Longwall 24 First workings Modification – has been approved; and 2. Longwalls 24-26 Modification – investigations/assessments underway Q1 and Q2, plan to lodge application July 2022. • Outlined exploration program for 2022 (map provided in slide). There are 4 holes to be drilled, one started, all on mine owned land. A 2D seismic exploration program will also be conducted between February and April 2022. • Outlined that the 2021 Annual Review and 2021 Annual Return were both currently in progress. • Update to sponsorship and donations – discussed the success of the Wambo Coal Singleton Hall of Fame event. Providing an outline of the event, the application form, and inductees for 2021. • Stated that community newsletter is being drafted and will be sent out to members. Also, advised that Wambo will attend the Community information night if it goes ahead. <p>QUESTIONS:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • JD – asked about the subsidence and water report associated with MOD19 longwall extraction. • PJ – advised that this hadn't been assessed yet, but would be publicly available in July 2022 as per the approval process • JD – queried why she had read one had been drafted. Also noting that she was worried about the creeks above the panels. • PJ –Indicated on the mine plan the area of impact would be minimised to North Wambo Creek when compared against the previously assessed in Mod 17 and further confirmed that it would be covered in the assessment and be provided through the approval process. PJ advised CCC will be notified when Mod 19 is submitted (which includes subsidence and surface water) are available for consultation.
7.	General Business (LA)
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RB – stated that he was in favour of the Community Information night going ahead.

8.	Meeting Finalisation
	Meeting closed at 10.45 am with LA thanking members for their contribution.

Action Register:

Date	Action	Responsible
TBA	Provide additional information on Fly Ash use as part of MOD2	AF
3/05/22	Investigate layer submission and whether they will be added to the NSW Resource Regulator Portal	SP
3/05/22	Find out proportion of diesel used in electric trucks	AF
3/05/22	Determine why rainfall values are different	JH/PJ
TBA	Advise CCC when the technical reports for MOD 19 (LW24-26 Extraction) are available for consultation.	PJ