

**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 at UWJV Administration on Tuesday 8 November 2022 at 9:00am.

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

In attendance: Janet Fenwick (**JF**) – Community Member
 Dave Thelander (**DT**) – Community Member
 Brian Atfield (**BA**) – Community Member
 Robert Ball (**RB**) – Community Member
 Dianne Gee (**DG**) – Community Member
 Shane Gee (**SG**) – Community Member
 Cr Godfrey Adamthwaite (**GA**) – Singleton Shire Council
 Aislinn Farnon (**AF**) – UWJV
 Nick Slater (**NS**) – UWJV
 Jake Hawkins (**JH**) – UWJV
 Lori Depczynski (**LD**) - UWJV
 Peter Jaeger (**PJ**) – Wambo Coal
 Aaron Curtis (**AC**) – Wambo Coal
 Nicole Dobbins (**ND**) – Wambo Coal (*via video-conference*)

Apologies: Mick Webster (**MW**) – Community Member, Hunter Valley Gliding Club
 Jan Davis (**JD**) – Hunter Environment Lobby Inc

1.	Welcome & Apologies (LA)
	The chairperson opened the meeting at 9:14 am, welcoming all to Wambo / UWJV CCC meeting. Mick Webster and Jan Davis are an apology for this meeting.
2.	Declarations
	LA declared that she is an approved Independent Chairperson, appointed by the Secretary for the Department of Planning and Environment – engaged by UWJV to chair the CCC. No changes to members’ previous declarations. AC to complete governance forms for the Wambo / UWJV CCC. Action: LA to provide.

3.	<p>Business Arising</p> <p>The minutes from the previous meeting held on 2 August 2022 were finalised and distributed to members on 26 August 2022.</p> <p>Action items from the previous CCC:</p>				
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<p>Comments: Slide provided at the end of the Wambo slides. LD will provide Water Sharing Plan update once the plan is finalised</p>					
4.	<p>Correspondence (LA)</p>				
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 15/8/22 - Email to members with the draft minutes for review. • 23/8/22 – Email to members regarding UWJV local recruitment program • 26/8/22 - Email to members with the finalised minutes and presentation. • 9/9/22 – Email to members advising that nominations for Singleton’s Hall of Fame are now open. • 19/9/22 – Email to members advising that MOD 19 is on exhibition. • 28/10/22 - Email to members with the Meeting Notice, Agenda and Correspondence Report for this meeting 				
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 – outlined the UWJV meeting agenda • AF – provided an update on the pit progression in United and Montrose, pointing out features on the plan <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ BA and GA asked what depth the United pit was currently at ○ NS advised that it was currently at 100m, roughly halfway ○ DT advised that a few weekends ago, horns were audible for a number of hours ○ AF and NS advised that the mining equipment should be fitted with silent horns. AF will confirm why equipment in Montrose were not using silent horns. 				

- NS – provided an update on production values. Outlining that we were behind due to the wet weather and manning. He also stated that it was currently a good market to be selling.
- LD – Provided a summary of rehabilitation activities being completed for 2022. LD outlined bulk push and topsoil spreading has been completed in the first sections of the area, rehabilitation is on track to be completed by the end of the year.
- LD – outlined that there was a small area of disturbance scheduled in Montrose, and stripping to commence in Strip 7 of United Pit.
- AF – summarised UWJV government interactions including with DPE, Mining Exploration and Geoscience Division (MEG) and Resources Regulator, Environment Protection Authority (EPA), NSW Biodiversity Conservation Trust (BCT), Transport for NSW (TfNSW), Dam Safety NSW and Singleton Council (SC).
 - LA asked where the BCT Credit Task Force was based and what they would be assessing
 - AF/LD advised they were in Sydney and that they will be inspecting to gain an understanding of sites and completing a general quality control check
- AF – summarised the environment and community performance for the 2022 year.
- AF – provided an update on water management onsite – water storages are reaching max capacity, which will be beneficial for dryer seasons.
- AF – Discussed each of the complaints for 2022. No complaints recorded since Q3 CCC meeting. Lighting plant trial continuing.
- AF – provided an update on community consultation for the last quarter – the H2 newsletter being drafted, upcoming tank cleaning program and Community Christmas dinner – 8 December 2022.
- JH – outlined that UWJV had its inaugural Family Day on the 29 Oct 2022. It was a great success with all attending giving positive feedback, and suppliers appreciative to have been a part of it.
- AF – provided an update on the VPA meeting – the concept plan is on exhibition currently, with work to commence Q1 2023.
- JH – provided an update on the community spend – 4 applications have been approved and there are more pending approval.
- AF – spoke about UWJV being awarded the Operation of the Year and Tristah Allen being awarded the Young Achiever of the Year award as a part of the NSW Mining Awards.
 - GA asked what Tristah’s role onsite was
 - NS advised that she is the stat and operational electrician. She was nominated by the SLT and had worked hard to put herself in a position to win the award

QUESTIONS:

- General Business
 - BA thanked UWJV for the support for the Mental Health First Aid course run through Bulga Community Centre
 - GA advised that he has been re-elected to the Singleton Council and will remain on the United Wambo/Wambo CCC

6.	Wambo Coal Business Update
	<p>PJ provided update on the Wambo operations via a PowerPoint presentation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PJ – outlined the presentation agenda • PJ – provided a current and future operations plan for review • PJ – provided a plan of the current operations at Wambo. He advised that LW23 is planned to commence in Feb 2023. • PJ – advised changes to the environment and community metrics since last meeting. There was one (1) reportable incident relating to a recent water discharge, a pH reading of 9.51 for less than a minute, the pH probe has been replaced • Wambo have been involved with the Hunter Coal Festival and Careers and Mining Day. • PJ – advised that a modification to DA305-7-2003 (MOD 19) was submitted to DPE 1 August 2022 – currently working through response to submissions • PJ – outlined recent approvals/government interactions, NSW DPE BCD have recommended that a Biodiversity Development Assessment Report be completed for MOD 19. NSW DPE Water were happy with the Groundwater Impact Assessment Modelling, however provided recommendations to be implemented. • PJ – outlined that work to commence on the North Wambo Creek Diversion. In addition to this, a focus on recommissioning South Dam as a water storage in preparation for the dewatering of the Homestead Pit. • PJ – outlined interactions had with: DPE regarding Wambo providing an update on Stoney Creek Water quality, consultants have been engaged to assess subsidence and real-time logger to be installed; and Credit Supply Taskforce to conduct a site visit – in conjunction with UWJV. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ JF asked if historical subsidence impacts were being investigated? ○ PJ advised that the investigation is ongoing to determine the historical subsidence impacts and monitoring will help inform this. • PJ – outlined the community sponsorship and events they have been a part of in the last quarter. Cancer Council and Mates in Mining were workforce lead donations. • PJ – presented on the Hunter River Salinity Trading Scheme (HRSTS). He provided links to pages that display what participants can discharge and whether they are currently discharging. He advised that Wambo have 6.1% of the total HRTS credits in the scheme. Discussed the conditions that restricted discharge under the HRSTS when notification is received, when Wollombi Brook at the Bulga flow station is less than 500ML/day which is an EPL licence condition Maximum discharge column in 24 hour period, under the EPL licence is a maximum of 250ML/day. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ BA asked whether more salt is discharged ○ PJ advised, yes, it is a load based system based on tonnes of salt, it is being diluted in the increase volume of water flowing through the system ○ JF asked what happens if UWJV/Wambo keep getting water? • PJ advised that the sites would utilise site storages above and underground to store and continue to discharge as much as possible.

7.	General Business (LA) – Nil.
8.	Meeting Schedule for 2023
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LA asked members if they were happy to continue with the same meeting schedule for 2023. Agreed: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Quarter 1 – 31 January 2023 ○ Quarter 2 – 9 May 2023 ○ Quarter 3 – 8 August 2023 ○ Quarter 4 – 7 November 2023
9.	Meeting Finalisation
	<p>Meeting closed at 10.27 am with LA thanking members for their attendance and as it was the last meeting of the year, acknowledged the contribution of the committee, wishing them all a happy festive season.</p> <p>Members undertook a site tour.</p>

Action Register:

Date	Action	Responsible
08/11/2022	Confirm why equipment in Montrose were not using silent horns.	AF