

**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 31 January 2023 9:08am.

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 (via video link)
 Shane Gee (**SG**) – Community Member
 Cr Godfrey Adamthwaite (**GA**) – Singleton Shire Council delegate
 Lori Depczynski (**LD**) – UWJV
 Chaye Goldie (**CG**) - UWJV
 Peter Jaeger (**PJ**) – Wambo Coal
 Aaron Curtis (**AC**) – Wambo Coal
 Nicole Dobbins (**ND**) – Wambo Coal

Apologies: Aislinn Farnon (**AF**) – UWJV
 Nick Slater (**NS**) - UWJV
 Mick Webster (**MW**) – Hunter Valley Gliding Club delegate
 Jake Hawkins (**JH**) – UWJV

1.	Welcome & Apologies (LA)
	<p>The chairperson opened the meeting at 9:08 am, welcoming all to Wambo / UWJV CCC meeting and delivering an acknowledgment of Country.</p> <p>Apologies – as listed above. LA advised that Mick Webster has resigned from the CCC due to competing commitments. LA requested that an alternate delegate for the Hunter Valley Gliding Club be canvassed. TBA.</p>
2.	Declarations
	<p>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.</p>

3.	<p>Business Arising</p> <p>The minutes from the previous meeting held on 8 November 2022 were finalised and distributed to members on 28 November 2022.</p> <p>Action items from the previous CCC:</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="277 311 1385 562"> <thead> <tr> <th data-bbox="277 311 485 416">Date</th> <th data-bbox="485 311 986 416">Action</th> <th data-bbox="986 311 1197 416">Responsible</th> <th data-bbox="1197 311 1385 416">Complete (Y/N)</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td data-bbox="277 416 485 562">08/11/2022</td> <td data-bbox="485 416 986 562"> Confirm whether there is equipment at Montrose without silent horns. Update provided in presentation by LD (Item 6). </td> <td data-bbox="986 416 1197 562">AF</td> <td data-bbox="1197 416 1385 562">Y</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Date	Action	Responsible	Complete (Y/N)	08/11/2022	Confirm whether there is equipment at Montrose without silent horns. Update provided in presentation by LD (Item 6).	AF	Y
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4.	<p>Correspondence (LA)</p>								
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 18/11/22 - Email to members with the draft minutes for review. • 28/11/22 - Email to members with the finalised minutes and presentation. • 12/12/22 – Email to members with the December 2022 Community Newsletter • 16/01/23 - Email to members with the Meeting Notice, Agenda and Correspondence Report for this meeting. • 18/01/23 – Email from LA to AF, PJ, JH advising that MW has resigned from the CCC. (Email thread asking MW if anyone else from the Hunter Valley Gliding Club might be interested in representing the group). • 27/01/23 – Email to members with a reminder for meeting. 								
5.	<p>Wambo Coal Business Update</p>								
	<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 LW22 is complete and LW23 is planned to commence in March 2023. • PJ – advised changes to the environment and community metrics since last meeting. There were no reportable incidents. • PJ – advised that Modification to DA305-7-2003 (MOD 19) was approved by DPE 25 January for the reorientation and extraction of Longwalls 24 to 26. The revised Extraction Plan, to allow for an additional 30m of coal to be recovered from Longwall 23 was approved 19 January 2023. A copy will be placed on the Wambo website. • PJ – gave a project update and outlined that work will commence on the North Wambo Creek Diversion in February 2023. Construction for the recommissioning of South Dam as a water storage will commence in March 2023. Construction is underway on the South Bates Extension ventilation shaft. • PJ – outlined the community sponsorship and events since the last meeting which included Movember and the Singleton Council Hall of Fame. The Hall of Fame awards celebrate individuals, families and community organisations who have given their time and energy for the Singleton community. The awards were held 10 November 2022 and there were four new inductees in 2022. Inductees have personalised commemorative pavers on the walkway at the Civic Centre • PJ – asked if there were any questions on the presentation or Wambo Operations. 								

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ LA – asked if the video presentation of the underground mining process shown at the Careers Day could be shown to CCC members at the next meeting. <p>QUESTIONS: Nil</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • General Business – Nil.
6.	UWJV Business Update (LD)
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LD - addressed the action item from the previous meeting regarding audible horns. LD advised that the current system that requires horns to be manually switched to silent horns is being upgraded to an automated system that should be complete in late February to March. DT advised the horns were audible again on Friday night and into Saturday morning. LD advised that communication has been provided to the mining team, requesting horn noise be minimised until the upgrade is complete. <p>LD provided the members with an update on UWJV via a PowerPoint presentation (attached), noting the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LD – outlined the UWJV meeting agenda. • LD – provided an update on the pit progression in United and Montrose, pointing out features on the plan. • LD – provided an update on production values. Outlining that for 2022 United fell a little short on production targets due to the wet weather and manning. • LD – Provided a summary of rehabilitation activities being completed for 2022. LD outlined bulk push will start in the first area above U3 dam in quarter one and design work in the other two areas (Montrose and Western United Pit) will be next. Sections of former Peabody rehabilitation are being disturbed with the topsoil and subsoil are being recovered for reuse. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ JF - asked what will remain in these areas after the topsoil and subsoil is recovered. LD explained that the area will be used as a waste dump, prior to reshaping in the future as per the final landform plan and rehabilitated. LD advised United is seeking to maximise the recovery of the topsoil/subsoil resource for reuse. • LD – summarised UWJV government interactions including with DPE, the Resources Regulator (RR), Environment Protection Authority (EPA), NSW Biodiversity Conservation Trust (BCT), Singleton Council. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ LD -advised BCT should be providing comments shortly following the Credit Supply Taskforce site visit in November. This will assist in progressing the new Biodiversity Stewardship Agreements. ○ LD - advised that December noise monitoring was slightly above the criteria within the Environment Protection Licence (EPL). The exceedance was reported to the EPA. The noise monitoring was compliant with conditions of consent so was not reported to DPE. ○ LA – asked what the role of the Resources Regulator Mine Rehabilitation Section? LD explained that they regulate rehabilitation performance and explained that United is navigating the process around the very specific Rehabilitation Objectives that the RR requires.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ LD – advised that the offer of purchase for the Golden Hwy was rejected by Singleton Council. The area has now been removed from the mine plan and the Golden Highway will not be relocated at this stage. ○ DT – raised the speed monitors and cameras on the Wollombi Brook Cockfighter Bridge on the Jerrys Plains Rd and the emergency repairs that were completed recently. RB advised that he believes the bridge is slumping at both ends and understands it will be repaired as necessary. ● LD – summarised the environment and community performance for the 2022 year. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Four (4) complaints were received since the last meeting which included: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ One (1) complaint relating to vibration from blasting and movement to the complainants’ house. The investigation concluded that the vibration levels from the vibration monitor near that residence was very low, so it is unlikely that the impact was from UWJV. UWJV continue to follow processes for blasting. ▪ Two (2) lighting complaints. Lights have been swapped out for yellow lighting plants that are less bright and will hopefully reduce impacts on the community. ▪ One (1) noise complaint. Investigations concluded that the operations were below noise criteria but the operations were modified until the source of the noise was investigated. ○ The December noise exceedance was reported to the EPA. ○ 20.5ha of disturbance (mostly in Montrose pit) and 122 ha of rehabilitation were completed during 2023. ● LD – provided an update on water management onsite. Water continues to be transferred to Peabody water storages. ● LD – provided an update on community consultation since the last meeting. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Noted that the Community Christmas dinner held 8 December 2022 was enjoyed by all. The next community day is proposed for May 26. LD asked for suggestions for the next one. ○ A Community Newsletter has been distributed, with the next one planned for mid-year 2023. ○ No further updates regarding the VPA, the next meeting with Singleton Council is 16 February 2023. The presentation provided a link to the documents held on the singleton council website. ● LD – Advised that the community budget is the same as 2022. Some money has been committed to Mental Health First Aid training. LD asked for ideas and suggestions. <p>QUESTIONS: Nil.</p>
7.	General Business (LA)
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● BA - advised that he and Jake Hawkins will be attending the combined meeting on Mental Health First Aid on 16 February 2023.

8.	Next Meeting (LA)
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LA confirmed meeting dates for 2023: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Quarter 2 – 9 May 2023 at 9am ○ Quarter 3 – 8 August 2023 at 9am ○ Quarter 4 – 14 November 2023 at 9am (Note change from 7th due to Melbourne Cup Day)
9.	Meeting Finalisation
	Meeting closed at 10.06 am with LA thanking members for their contribution.

Action Register:

Date	Action	Responsible
31/01/2023	Share video of the underground mining process with CCC members at the next meeting	PJ