

**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 9 May 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 (*arrived at 9.21pm*)
 Shawn Armitage (SA) – Hunter Valley Gliding Club Representative
 Cr Godfrey Adamthwaite (GA) – Singleton Council (Online)
 Jan Davis (JD) – Hunter Environmental Lobby (Online)
 Aislinn Farnon (AF) – UWJV
 Nick Slater (NS) - UWJV
 Jake Hawkins (JH) – UWJV
 Lori Depczynski (LD) – UWJV
 Peter Jaeger (PJ) – Wambo Coal
 Morgan Katsch (MK) – Wambo Coal

Observers: Marianne Gibbons (MG) – Peabody (Brisbane)
 Ildike Piercy (IP) – Peabody (Brisbane)

Apologies: Dianne Gee (DG) – Community Member
 Shane Gee (SG) – Community Member

1.	Welcome & Apologies (LA)
	<p>The chairperson opened the meeting at 9:06 am, welcoming all to Wambo / UWJV CCC meeting and delivering an acknowledgment of Country.</p> <p>The observers were introduced, MG - Senior Manager, Environmental & Approvals and IP - Snr Manager, Environment Systems & Processes/Cultural Heritage/Native Title visiting from Peabody’s head office and interested in the CCC process.</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 31 January 2023 were finalised and distributed to members on 21 February 2023.</p> <p>Action items from the previous CCC:</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="277 344 1315 674"> <thead> <tr> <th data-bbox="277 344 456 450">Date</th> <th data-bbox="456 344 916 450">Action</th> <th data-bbox="916 344 1102 450">Responsible</th> <th data-bbox="1102 344 1315 450">Complete (Y/N)</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td colspan="4" data-bbox="277 450 1315 495">Item 1</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="277 495 456 674">31/01/2023</td> <td data-bbox="456 495 916 674">Share video of the underground mining process with CCC members at the next meeting. Included in presentation.</td> <td data-bbox="916 495 1102 674">PJ</td> <td data-bbox="1102 495 1315 674">Y</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Date	Action	Responsible	Complete (Y/N)	Item 1				31/01/2023	Share video of the underground mining process with CCC members at the next meeting. Included in presentation.	PJ	Y
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4.	<p>Correspondence (LA) – as emailed with meeting notice on 26/4/23 with one additional item.</p>												
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 6/2/23 – Email from ND with the consolidated development consent. • 6/2/23 – Email from HVGC (Shawn Armitage) with new delegate on this CCC. • 13/2/23 – Email to HVGC with welcome and governance forms for completion. • 13/2/23 – Email to Mick Webster thanking him for his contribution on the CCC. • 13/2/23 – Email to members with the draft minutes for review. • 21/2/22 - Email to members with the finalised minutes and presentation. • 26/4/23 - Email to members with the Meeting Notice, Agenda and Correspondence Report for this meeting. • 8/5/23 – Email to members with a reminder for this meeting. 												
5.	<p>United Wambo Coal 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 production values. Outlining that actuals are in line with budget <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ NS confirmed that there are a number of new recruits to the business, including trainees and eleven operators from Liddell. • AF – summarised UWJV government interactions including with Department of Planning and Environment (DPE), the Resources Regulator (RR), Environment Protection Authority (EPA), NSW Biodiversity Conservation Trust (BCT), Singleton Council. Key discussions to note: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ AF – advised that updates have been made to the forward work plan and rehabilitation objectives to ensure they are in line with site forecast. ○ AF – advised that consultation with EPA is still ongoing for the Resource Recovery Exemption. More data is required. ○ AF – The Golden Highway realignment project has been withdrawn, it will be formally removed following Life of Mine planning. • AF – provided a summary of the Annual Review submission on the 31 March 2023, and the follow up actions (management plan review), and non-conformances from the 2022 reporting period. 												

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LD – Provided a summary of rehabilitation activities being completed for 2023. There has been a revision to the forecast rehabilitation and disturbance hectares (as per slide). • LD – outlined that bulk push has commenced and 10ha has been completed. The next steps will be erosion and sediment controls and topsoil spreading to commence at shaped areas. • AF – outlined the status of the silent horn project. It has been completed and the system will be reviewed to determine the benefits to the operation. • JH – outlined the UWJV Family Day event held on the 6 May 2023 to celebrate the workforce. The sentiment was that it was a fantastic day, and everyone was pleased with the execution. • AF – outlined that UWJV is continuing to progress the biodiversity stewardship sites (BSA) and that a land management contract is being finalised. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ JF – asked what a stewardship site was? ○ AF and PJ advised BSA work similar to Conservation Agreements or generally biodiversity offsets. AF then mentioned that they are currently UWJV and Wambo’s responsibilities, there could be an opportunity to transferred over to BCT/National Parks in the future ○ JF asked how long the stewardship sites are managed for. ○ AF advised that they have a plan of management for 20 years. • LD – outlined that while conducting pre-disturbance inspection as part of the Ground Disturbance Permit process, she identified artefacts. One of the artefacts found was a blade which was museum quality. If possible, it will be kept onsite. • AF – summarised the environment and community performance for the 2023 (YTD). <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Zero complaints received: ○ One incident in January 2023, reported to the EPA ○ 13.7ha of new disturbance, no rehabilitation completed so far. • LD – provided an update on water management onsite. 200ML transferred to Peabody water storages. 1200ML runoff since Jan 2023. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ AF advised that UWJV and Wambo are talking with other sites to establish a water sharing agreement. ○ JF asked where the water comes from and its quality. ○ PJ advised that it is mine water that is transferred between sites. • JH – provided an update on community consultation since the last meeting. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Noted that the next community information evening to be held on the 1 June 2023 and that impact mitigation is ongoing • AF outlined that UWJV would be conducting an exploration program in Q3/4 2023 to the north-west of the operation. • JH – Advised that UWJV are still seeking opportunities for community sponsorship. He also outlined that on the 22 April, UWJV and Bulga Coal attended the Singleton Park run following the upgrade works completed under the 2022 community sponsorship.
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	<p>QUESTIONS: Nil</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • General Business – moved to end of Wambo Update.
6.	<p>Wambo Business Update (PJ) – commencing at 9.56am</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, also introducing Morgan - Environmental Advisor and Brad Rigby - General Manager. • PJ – provided a current and future operations plan for review. • PJ – provided a plan of the current operations at Wambo. He advised that LW22 was complete and LW23 commenced 07 March 2023 – longwalls need to be developed to ensure mine continuity. • PJ – advised changes to the environment and community metrics since last meeting. There were no reportable incidents or complaints. • 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, for Longwall 24-26 to be submitted June 2023. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ JF asked when the longwalls would finish, or would Wambo go into care and maintenance after LW24-26. ○ PJ advised that Wambo wouldn't go into care and maintenance, South Wambo is approved and is undergoing technical and financial review. ○ LA asked whether Wambo had any workforce changes. ○ PJ advised that there were approximately 30 new employees on, also outlining that it is important as Wambo has an older workforce. • PJ advised that investigations into the elevated electroconductivity (EC) of Stoney Creek is still being monitored and investigated. SCT Operations Pty Ltd has been engaged as a technical expert. Current theory is that strata is saturated and flowing through subsidence zones. • PJ – gave a Projects update and outlined that work has commence on the North Wambo Creek Diversion – it was too wet to undertake work in 2022, so stage 3 and 4 have been scheduled for 2023. Construction for the recommissioning of South Dam as a water storage has commenced. Mulcher is mobilising and tender process started for re-commissioning. Construction of the upcast ventilation shaft is underway at South Bates Extension. PJ advised that shaft drilling was complete using raised bore technique. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ JD asked PJ to outline the process for reinstating the South Wambo dam ○ PJ advised that new liner will be laid and subsidence remediation completed. The design minimises risk in conjunction with installing a bituminous liner. • PJ – spoke to two slides regarding Wambo's submission of its annual review and the non-conformances of 2022. • PJ – outlined the community sponsorships made for 2022/2023. Peabody is the major sponsor for the Newcastle Cystic Fibrosis Race Day. <p>QUESTIONS: Nil.</p>

7.	General Business (LA)
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Action Item from Previous Meeting <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ PJ played a video which outlined how an underground coal mine is operated. Also advising that new videos to support the mine safety culture are to be created and can be shared with the CCC upon their completion. ○ BA asked how long the underground shifts were. PJ responded – 12 hours. ○ BA asked if it was more expensive to mine underground. PJ responded – yes. ○ PJ suggested that Safety Interaction Videos could be shown in the future if CCC were interested.
8.	Next Meeting (LA)
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LA confirmed meeting times for 2023 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Quarter 3 – 25 July 2023 (Note - changed from 8 August 2023) ○ Quarter 4 – 14 November 2023 (Note - change from 7th due to Melbourne Cup Day) <p>Note: It was agreed to undertake a site inspection, next time the soil consultants are on site.</p>
9.	Meeting Finalisation
	Meeting closed at 10.31 am with LA thanking members for their attendance and contribution.

Action Register:

Date	Action	Responsible
9/05/2023	Confirm recent changes to offsets, are National Parks able to take responsibility	AF
9/5/2023	Send website link to Annual Review	LA