

**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 12 November 2024

Chairperson: Lisa Andrews (LA) – Independent Chairperson

In attendance: Brian Atfield (BA) – Community Member
 Robert Ball (RB) – Community Member (online)
 Janet Fenwick (JF) – Community Member (online)
 Shane Armitage (SA) – Hunter Gliding Club (online)
 Jan Davis (JD) – Hunter Environmental Lobby (online)
 Dianne Gee (DG) – Community Member (online)
 Peter Jaeger – (PJ) – Wambo Coal
 Morgan Katsch (MK) – Wambo Coal
 Aislinn Farnon (AF) – UWJV
 Jake Hawkins (JH) - UWJV

Apologies: Cr Godfrey Adamthwaite (GA) – Singleton Council
 Skye Vickers (SV) - UWJV
 Lori Depczynski (LD) – UWJV
 David Thelander (DT) – Community Member
 Shane Gee (SG) – Community Member
 Nick Slater (NS) - UWJV

1.	Welcome & Apologies (LA)
	The chairperson opened the meeting at 09:06 am, welcoming all to Wambo / UWJV CCC meeting and delivering an acknowledgment of Country.
2.	Declarations
	LA declared that she is an approved Independent Chairperson, appointed by the Secretary for the Department of Planning, Housing & Infrastructure – engaged by UWJV and Wambo to chair the CCC.

3.	Business Arising			
	The minutes from the previous meeting held on 13 August 2024 were finalised and distributed to members on 30 August 2024.			
	Action items from the previous CCC:			
	Date	Action	Responsible	Complete (Y/N)
	Item 1			
	1	SV to liase with Puwampi Unti Kunar Dance Group and SCCC - being able to display the cloak at one of the 2024 CCC Meetings. – rescheduled for Q1 2025	SV	Postponed to Q1 2025
	2	Frost Track Road to be graded	PJ	Half completed. Ongoing
3	Identify administrative costs of BSA's and share with CCC	AF	N	
4	Consolidate site tours of Creek Diversion at Wambo and UWJV Rehabilitation for Q4 CCC meeting with an abridged meeting agenda to be scheduled.	AF/PJ	Postponed to Q1/Q2 2025	
5	Peabody to provide two (2) videos of NSW Awards	PJ	Complete	
4.	Correspondence (LA)			
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 23 August 2024 – Draft minutes emailed to CCC • 30 August 2024 – Finalised minutes emailed to CCC • 02 September 2024 – Peabody HSEC Award videos emailed to CCC • 02 September 2024 – UWJV Community night invitations emailed to CCC • 06 September 2024 – UWJV Elevated PM10 Reading Warkworth notification emailed to CCC • 16 September 2024 – Upper Hunter Mining Dialogue Community Forum program emailed to CCC • 26 September 2024 - UWJV Elevated PM10 Reading Warkworth notification emailed to CCC • 07 Novemeber 2024 – United Wambo CCC – RSVP request emailed • 11 November 2024 – United Wambo CCC – reminder emailed 			
5.	Wambo Business Update			
	PJ provided update on the Wambo operations via a PowerPoint presentation (attached) noting the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PJ outlined the presentation agenda. 			

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PJ provided update on Frost track maintenance, work has begun, with another section to be completed in the coming weeks. <p><i>Current operations</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PJ provided a current and future operations plan for review. PJ provided an update on ROM production YTD. South Wambo Underground mining capital costs are in the development phase. <p><i>Environment and Community metrics</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PJ - Rainfall 679.6mm YTD, 37ML discharge YTD. • Regulator visits have been conducted - DPHI 22nd Feb – Site inspection, EPA 10th April - 5-year inspection review, BCD 12th August– Audit of offsets, BCT 11 November - inspection of new Biodiversity Stewardship Agreement (BSA) offsets. <p><i>Approvals Update</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PJ Extraction Plan LW 24-26 submitted to DPHI. <p><i>Water Inventory</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PJ discussed the surface water inventory and water storage curves now that South Dam in online and storing water, however Homestead and Glen Munroe have been dewatered. <p><i>North East Tailings Dam Capping</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PJ provided update on the North East Tailing Dam (NETD) capping project, technical requirements and use of remote control dozers for safety. PJ discussed the importance of meeting tight time constraints in capping NETD as the UWJV will be dumping over it in 2026. <p><i>South Wambo – Portal Construction</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PJ discussed the South Wambo – Civil Construction Project. Two (2) civil construction blasts were successfully completed, and a small civil fleet will begin to move material for a laydown area and development of the wedge cut. <p>JF asked if South Wambo will go ahead; PJ explained that the Stage 1 portal construction has commenced, however senior management has not yet made a decision on anything further.</p> <p><i>General Business</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PJ mentioned the Wambo Hall of Fame induction for the 28th of November to any community members and will provide the run program following the event.
<p>6.</p>	<p>United Wambo Coal Business Update</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 agenda for the presentation. <p><i>Production</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AF disclosed the production totals YTD 2024. Targets for ROM and waste tonnes are below current budget forecast. ROM extension is being utilised. <p><i>Approvals Update and Government Interactions</i></p> <p>AF outlined additional consultation items since the last meeting:</p>

- DPE is now Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure.
 - DPHI – as per presentation
 - MEG – as per presentation
 - RR – as per presentation site visits as per TAPS, generally positive comments regarding vegetation development
 - EPA – as per presentation, AF discussed consultation with the EPA to leave concrete when dumping was ongoing – information to be provided to EPA.
 - BCT – AF confirmed all Stage 1 biodiversity credits have been retired. BCT successful site visit on Monday the 11th November.
 - DCCEEW – no action from non-compliances, AF confirmed a show cause for non-compliances on EPBC approvals and potential to be fined. AF disappointed and confirmed administrative in nature, no impact to water or biodiversity. JD asked how many non-compliances? AF expects 8 non-compliances. JD asked what they were for? AF listed examples such as ‘did not notify when DHIP approved project’; ‘did not send BMP once approved to DCCEEW’. AF discussed there has been an increase in enforcement and action.
 - Dam Safety NSW – as per presentation
 - Singleton Council – Jerrys Plains Recreation Park upgrade cost estimate more than remaining VPA budget. Singleton Council position is the works out of budget will be contained within the Council capital work budget.

Key Project Updates

Rehabilitation and Disturbance 2024

- AF discussed being on target for 59 ha of rehabilitation in 2024 and projected 94ha rehabilitation in 2025.

Stewardship Sites

- AF confirmed six (6) BSA executed and under active management and recent visit from the BCT.
- AF advised that UWJV is acquiring additional Myotis (bat) credits.

Water Management

- AF spoke about the dewatering of Dam 2 for subsequent mining; use of U2 dam will continue. AF detailed that North MIA will begin demolition of infrastructure and buildings for mining in 2027.
- AF spoke about potential new dam in Q2 2025.

Exploration

- JH confirmed that an exploration program has commenced and reinforced contact will be made with affected residents prior to any exploration. The exploration risk assessment and strategy is underway and communication and consultation will be well in advance. Majority of locations are on Montrose or HVO land.
- JH explained that private exploration consultation will commence in Q1 2025.
- JD asked a question about access to HVO land for drilling.
- JH confirmed consultation with HVO for drilling on their land.

	<p><i>Environment and Community Performance</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • As per presentation • AF discussed dust complaint, related to dry weather. UWJV have hired an additional water cart for the summer season and confirmed next year the hire fleet will be replaced with new water carts. EPA ‘Bust the Dust’ program conducted unannounced inspection and UWJV were operating as per expectations. • AF presented metrics and highlighted the rainfall total which is contributing to dry conditions. <p><i>Community Engagement</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AF discussed First Nations Pathways program at Glencore being very successful. • AF spoke about Scholarship for community student studying music at Newcastle University for 10,000/year for 3 years. • AF discussed the potential scar tree and how archaeologists and RAPs determined that it is unlikely to be a scar tree. Artefacts are now available for viewing, after being transferred from the North MIA to the South MIA office, in accordance with the care and control permit. • AF discussed the Possum Pelt Cloak and Puwampi Unti Kunarr Dance Group, Tidda Yards program, and attendance at the smoking ceremony. AF stated that the Possum Pelt Cloak will be available for an upcoming CCC meeting. <p><i>ACTION: UWJV bring Possum Pelt Cloak to the CCC when more members are available</i></p>
7.	<p>General Business (LA)</p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentations to be sent through to GA (Singleton Council). • JD would like to see Carrie’s Place receive more funding from UWJV, and as a previous Committee member understands there is a lot more work to do. • JD recommended giving consideration to scholarship recipient money upfront to aid in cost for traveling and/or accommodation to Newcastle for University, not just tuition support. • SA advised that the Hunter Valley Gliding Club has purchased a new paraglance, one that is quieter and more fuel efficient, which is a bonus to the environment and community.
8.	<p>Meeting Finalisation</p>
	<p>LA discussed proposed dates for 2025 CCC meeting schedule:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 25 February 2025 - 06 May 2025 - 05 August 2025 - 11 November 2025 (TBC as date falls on Remembrance Day) <p>Meeting closed at 10:52am with LA thanking members for their contribution.</p>

Action Register:

Action	Responsible
1. Include Biodiversity offsets in next Newsletter	AF
2. UWJV to bring Possum Pelt Cloak to the CCC when more members are available	AF
3. Identify administrative costs of BSA's and share with CCC	AF
4. Consolidate site tours of Creek Diversion at Wambo and UWJV Rehabilitation for Q4 CCC meeting with an abridged meeting agenda to be scheduled.	AF/PJ