

**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 25 February 2025

Chairperson: Lisa Andrews (LA) – Independent Chairperson

In attendance: Brian Atfield (BA) – Community Member
 Janet Fenwick (JF) – Community Member
 David Thelander (DT) – Community Member
 Shane Gee (SG) – Community Member
 Shane Armitage (SA) – Hunter Gliding Club (online)
 Cr Godfrey Adamthwaite (GA) – Singleton Council
 Peter Jaeger – (PJ) – Wambo Coal
 Morgan Katsch (MK) – Wambo Coal
 Nicole Dobbins – Wambo Coal
 Nick Slater (NS) - UWJV
 Aislinn Farnon (AF) – UWJV
 Skye Vickers (SV) - UWJV

Apologies: Lori Depczynski (LD) – UWJV
 Robert Ball (RB) – Community Member
 Jan Davis (JD) – Hunter Environmental Lobby
 Dianne Gee (DG) – Community Member

1.	Welcome & Apologies (LA)
	The chairperson opened the meeting at 09:03 am, welcoming all to Wambo / UWJV CCC meeting and delivered an acknowledgment of Country.
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 and Wambo to chair the CCC.

3.	Business Arising																						
	The minutes from the previous meeting held on 12 November 2024 were finalised and distributed to members on 29 November 2024.																						
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4.	Correspondence (LA)																						
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 22 November 2024 – Email to members with draft minutes for review. 29 November 2024 – Email to members with finalised minutes & presentations. 3 January 2025 – Email from Glencore with copy of letter to DPIE Compliance regarding blast monitoring 22 January 2025 – Email to members with air quality exceedance information 11 February 2025 – Email to members with the meeting notice, agenda and correspondence report. 20 February 2025 - Email to members reminder of meeting and RSVP for site tour. 																						
5.	Wambo Business Update																						
	<p>MK provided update on the Wambo operations via a PowerPoint presentation (attached) noting the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> MK outlined the presentation agenda. <p><i>Current operations</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> MK provided a current and future operations plan for review. Extraction of LW26 is expected to be complete in July, which will complete the South Bates Underground Extension Mine. MK provided an update on ROM production YTD. <p><i>Environment and Community metrics</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> MK updated metrics including 4 regulator inspections in 2024 (as per presentation) 																						

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MK presented rainfall data <p><i>Approvals Update</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MK updated progress with the Stage 1 South Wambo Portal Construction (now complete) approval of the amended Extraction Plan for LW24-26 and variation 2 of Aboriginal Heritage Impact Permit #C00020000 – approved in December 2024. <p><i>Water Inventory</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MK updated the water inventory has decreased over time. PJ added site currently holds 6mths worth of water. <p><i>North-East Tailings Dam Capping</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MK provided update of ~37% completion. <p><i>North Wambo Creek Diversion</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MK provided background of North Wambo Creek Diversion and rehabilitation over the previous 10 years. PJ added the project was challenging and there is still some maintenance work to continue. <p>DT asked if, based on cost, would the project be completed again; PJ explained that it would undergo a risk and cost analysis before consideration.</p> <p><i>General Business</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nil
6.	United Wambo Coal Business Update
	<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 Year end 2024. Targets for ROM and waste tonnes for 2025. More coal was moved in 2024 than budgeted. NS added 2024 was a milestone year for the operation and that the timing of the plan was fairly accurate. <p><i>Approvals Update and Government Interactions</i></p> <p>AF outlined additional consultation items since the last meeting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DPE is now Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ DPHI – as per presentation ○ MEG – as per presentation ○ RR – as per presentation site visits as per TAPS, some actions however no issues identified. ○ EPA – as per presentation ○ BCT – AF confirmed all Stage 1 biodiversity credits have been retired. BCT successful site visit on Monday the 11th November. Stage 2 and 3 credits are being finalised. ○ DCCEEW – show cause due to delay of retiring biodiversity credits – warning letter expected.

- Dam Safety NSW – as per presentation
- DCEEW (Water) – as per presentation
- Heritage – Care and Control Permit received and artefacts moved to Minimbah Teaching and Keeping Place.

Key Project Updates

Rehabilitation and Disturbance 2025

- AF discussed budget for 2025 and progression over the next 18 months including gas sealing project.
- NS added additional information about gas sealing with fly ash from power station to be used for sealing project. GA asked about percentage of gas to be encountered. NS would confirm. PJ added similar project in Wambo approx. 10-15yrs ago. GA shared his experience with similar project.

Stewardship Sites

- AF confirmed work has begun including track maintenance, fencing, flora and fauna.

Water Management

- AF updated (as per presentation)

Exploration

- AF confirmed drilling has commenced on mine owned property near Redmanvale. Letters and emails were sent out to nearby neighbours. Landowners with proposed holes on property would be contact for Land Access Agreements.
- DT mentioned that due to high winds, a core tray had blown across the paddock and he had returned it for drillers.
- BA asked if all the drillers have cameras due to security concern. AF couldn't confirm.

Environment and Community Performance

- As per presentation
- AF discussed 2024 performance, total of 5 complaints, tours, inspections, rainfall, and rehabilitation.
- DT mentioned noise and considerations in winter for dumping. AF explained there isn't much flexibility for dumping in Montrose Pit currently and that the complaints came during times where there were no alarms. NS explained mining will work to minimise impacts, the current changes in dumping does slow and delay the process to be completed so that equipment can move below level.

Air Quality

- Provided update for PM10 and site is below criteria. Residents in Warkworth have been informed of any daily exceedances.

Noise

- AF explained independent consultant completes the noise monitoring and no exceedances.

	<p>Cultural Heritage</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> SV – Care and Control Permit was applied for, approved and received. Transfer for artefacts to Minimbah Teaching Place was completed end of December 2024. <p><i>Community Engagement</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> SV updated the CI supported in 2024. AF discussed the opening of the UWJV Smarty Grants Program, GCAA General Grant rounds and GCAA Junior Sports rounds. <p>AF provided VPA update. Storm water works approved but still to be completed. <i>General Business</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> AF - Singleton Council will be touring site on 26 February 2025.
7.	General Business (LA)
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> GA - Presentations to be sent through to (Singleton Council). Deficit in budget, asked about waste management segregation. AF and PJ commented that both sites utilise the same contractor and that materials are segregated largely already. GA also asked about legacy to be left by Wambo. PJ discussed planning challenges and that the new organisational structure will determine some of the planning. JF asked what is Anglo-American. PJ will share the media release with the CCC. PJ raised for awareness that National Parks & Wildlife Service want to do an aerial shooting for feral animals. JF mentioned pigs on property. SA vegetation on boundary for security and safety.
8.	Meeting Finalisation
	<p>LA advised that the next schedule meeting will be:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 05 May 2025 <p>Meeting closed at 10:24am with LA thanking members for their contribution.</p>

Action Register:

Date	Action	Responsible
12/11/2024	Include Biodiversity offsets in next Newsletter	AF
12/11/2024	UWJV to bring Possum Pelt Cloak to the CCC when more members are available	AF
25/02/2025	Identify administrative costs of BSA's and share with CCC – Q2, 2025	AF