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Centennial Western Region Community Consultative Committee

Annual Report 2020

Community Consultative Committee Details

CCC / Project Name:	Centennial Western Region Community Consultative Committee (CCC)	Reporting Period:	January 2020 - December 2020
Independent Chairperson:	Howard Fisher (up to June 2020) Abigail Goldberg (from July 2020)	Proponent Contact:	James Marshall

1. Executive Summary

The Central Western Region Community Consultative Committee (CCC), was established in response to Project Conditions of Approval for Centennial Coal's mines and related activities in the Central West region of NSW. Since 2014, the CCC combines the previously established Angus Place, Springvale and Western Coal Services CCCs to facilitate a single channel of communication regarding current operations in the area.

The purpose of the CCC overall is to provide an independent forum for consultation between the community and mine representatives, as well as for sharing information and receiving feedback. The Committee aims to meet four times a year.

The committee is chaired by an Independent Chair. It is composed of:

- At least three representatives from the local community;
- One representative from Lithgow Council; and
- Four representatives from Centennial Coal, including the Environment and Community Officer.

Membership of the Committee has been largely consistent for some time. The relationship between Committee members is good, with most being long-term residents of the area.

Howard Fisher AM chaired the CCC up to June 2020, when he took retirement. Howard was a well-regarded chair as well as a warmly respected and well networked member of the local community.

In July 2020, Abigail Goldberg took over as the independent chairperson. Her appointment was undertaken in consultation with the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment (DPIE) and in line with the Department's CCC Guidelines processes and procedures. Abigail is a highly experienced manager and advisor, and was a Member of the NSW Independent Planning Commission for the maximum tenure of 6 years, up to March 2018. During this period, Abigail participated in a number of determinations related to the Springvale mine.

Due to COVID-19, the Committee was required to modify its meeting processes. Three meetings were hosted instead of the preferred four, with no meeting during the lock-down



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period applied to Greater Sydney. One meeting was held virtually, while two were held in-person with strict attention paid to safety and social distancing.

Unfortunately, COVID-19 prevented the opportunity to have tours or on-site visits.

2. CCC activities in 2020

During the reporting period, the Committee was convened in April with papers distributed electronically but no meeting. In-person meetings were held in August and November. Minutes were not produced for the April meeting as no discussions took place.

Members are invited to put forward matters for discussion both in advance of and at each meeting. Health and safety requirements due to COVID-19 prevented site visits from being undertaken.

3. Key issues

The CCC is provided with a comprehensive PowerPoint presentation of activities at each meeting outlining:

- A general Centennial update
- Angus place activities
- Springvale activities
- Coal Services activities.

Additional topics of discussion at meetings in 2020 included:

- The Angus Place and Springvale water treatment plan modifications.
- State and Federal policy approaches to coal mining.
- Environmental management matters.
- Sustainability initiatives.
- Transition to a more diversified economy.

Minutes for meetings held during the reporting period are included at Appendix 1.



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4. Focus for next 12 months

The next twelve months will retain focus on activities and planning processes for each of the Angus Place, Springvale and Coal Services sites.


Possible future agenda topics have been noted as:

- Safety
- Biodiversity
- Environmental performance.

The **preliminary** calendar of meetings is:

- February 2021
- May 2021
- August 2021
- November 2021.

Committee members were provided with this preliminary calendar in November 2020, and encouraged to nominate matters of interest and/or site visits that may be of assistance to the CCC, should these be possible.

Signature of Chair:	 <i>The Chair notes that this is the first Annual Report submitted for the Central Western Region CCC.</i>
Date:	21 January 2021



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**Appendix 1
Meeting Minutes**