

# MANDALONG COAL MINE COMMUNITY CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT FOR YEAR 2018

## Mandalong Community Consultative Committee Details

<b>CCC / Project Name:</b>	Mandalong Mine	<b>Reporting Period:</b>	January - December 2018
<b>Independent Chairperson:</b>	Margaret MacDonald-Hill	<b>Proponent Contact:</b>	Jeffrey Dunwoodie

### 1. Executive Summary

The Mandalong Community Consultative Committee (CCC) was established in 1998 following a Commission of Inquiry into the then State owned mine. Centennial Coal purchased the mine in 2002 and subsequently became part of Banpu Public Company in 2010. Mandalong Mine is an underground longwall operation located on the western side of Lake Macquarie near Morisset and west of the M1 Motorway.

The Committee operates in accordance with the Department of Planning and Environment's 2019 Community Consultative Committee Guidelines for State Significant Projects.

The committee is currently comprised of:

- six local community representatives, three of whom are members of the Mandalong Community Association with two designated alternates;
- one Lake Macquarie City Council elected representative;
- two Mandalong Mine representatives, with attendance from other personnel as required;
- one independent Chairperson.

Meetings are held three times per year with at least one annual site inspection, particularly with the progress of the Mandalong South expansion.

Despite the two decades elapsed since the committee was formed, attendance numbers at the meeting remain consistent, one of the founding members only retired in recent years. Interest in the functions of the committee is strong as this is a close knit community where all members are very much involved in their community and local environment. Of note, Centennial developed a comprehensive community consultative committee training manual in conjunction with members of the committee; a 101 on the why, how, when and where of mining approvals and activities to provide a better understanding and to assist the members in their roles.

For the reporting period, the committee interest has mainly focused on the Mandalong South expansion. This includes the Ausgrid 33kV power line project; the Transgrid relocation and decommissioning of transmission towers. Prior to the work commencing, a representative from Transgrid met with the committee to discuss how this work would be undertaken and answer any questions. Centennial also held two community open days in September last year for the project.

As part of the Mandalong South site expansion the CCC is regularly briefed on increased traffic movements and traffic management. The committee has raised local road safety concerns, including changes to road safety signage and speed limits, line of site at the intersection of Mandalong Road and Tobins Road and the condition of the road base.

Other topics of discussion for the reporting period also included:

- site clearing, both visual and impacts to native flora and fauna, interest in tree species used
- management of wetlands and the impacts of drought
- subsidence and increased ponding - potential flooding impacts to property and infrastructure
- remnant ponding remediation
- general environmental management and monitoring
- management of Centennial owned land, including fireweed
- complaints
- progress of Rural Fire Shed transfer negotiations between Council and Centennial
- approvals update
- current mining status
- exploration activities
- community complaints
- broader community engagement and sponsorship.

This CCC has the benefit of comprehensive pre-meeting reports prior to every meeting, covering current mining status, exploration, environmental monitoring, planning approvals, community consultation and land management. Centennial also provides a further report and powerpoint presentation at each meeting. The CCC is an effective communication forum between the community, the Council and the company. It functions well and accordingly, fulfils its objectives under the Department's guidelines.

## 2. CCC activities over last 12 months

- The committee met February, June and October during the reporting period meetings.
- Attendance at meetings is well attended with occasional apologies because of other commitments.
- Site visits included the TL 24 tower inspection in February 2018 and the Mandalong South shaft construction in October 2018.
- There were no joint CCC's held.
- Two Community open days were held for the Transgrid project.

## 3. Key issues

Trending topics of committee discussion can be summarised as the Mandalong South expansion construction continues.

Issue	Actions Taken	Next Steps
<b>Increased traffic from Mandalong South expansion</b>	Additional road safety signage, road pavement, enforceable road safety and speed limits, hours of operation, induction for all contractors to Centennial Mandalong.	Ongoing.

	Close liaison with Lake Macquarie Council.	
<b>Land transfer for Mandalong Rural Fire Shed</b>	Discussions with Lake Macquarie Council and Centennial to progress transfer.	Ongoing.
<b>Land management and remediation</b>	Water ponding map and remediation undertaken provided at each meeting. Weed control - fireweed management.	Ongoing.  Included on Centennial action plan for Centennial owned land, presented to CCC meetings as required.


#### 4. Focus for next 12 months

The planned activities for 2019 will be guided by the contributions of the CCC members. These activities are likely to include:

- site inspections of interest on progress of Mandalong South expansion.
- updates on transfer of land for Mandalong Rural Fire Shed.
- updates on Centennial owned land; property sales, land management and remediation.
- investigation through Telstra of potential use of existing fibre optic cable to improve internet/mobile reception in the Mandalong Valley.
- quality and impacts of stormwater during a rainfall event.

To the best of my knowledge, there are no outstanding or emerging issues that have not been addressed or are in the process of being so, to the committee's satisfaction.

Committee Meeting minutes and presentations are available on the website within two weeks of each meeting.

Signature of Chair:	
Date:	March 15 2019