

## Mangoola Open Cut Community Consultative Committee – Annual Report

<b>CCC / Project Name:</b>	Mangoola Open Cut CCC	<b>Reporting Period:</b>	February 2017 to June 2019
<b>Independent Chairperson:</b>	<b>Lisa Andrews</b>	<b>Proponent Contact:</b>	<b>Nathan Lane</b>

### 1. Executive Summary

Mangoola Open Cut is an open cut coal operation in the Wybong area, 20 kilometres west of Muswellbrook and approximately 10 kilometres north of the township of Denman.

The company operates in accordance with Project Approval 06\_0014 (as modified). Run of mine (ROM) coal is extracted at a rate of up to 13.5 million tonnes per annum.

Mangoola Coal is currently seeking approval for the Mangoola Coal Continued Operations (MCCO) Project to continue its current open cut mining adjacent to the north of the existing Mine.

A Community Consultative Committee (CCC) has been operating since 2006 and in 2017 an Independent Chairperson (and alternate) were appointed by the Department of Planning & Environment. The CCC operates in accordance with the Department of Planning & Environment's Community Consultative Committee Guidelines for State Significant Development (January 2019). The committee membership consists of:

- Five local community representatives
- Two Singleton Council delegates
- Three company representatives; and
- One Independent Chairperson.

The meetings are held quarterly in February, May, August & November with attendees receiving a comprehensive presentation from the proponent. Regular site inspections are undertaken. Topics of discussion during the reporting period include:

- Company reports
- Mangoola Mine Update
- Approvals Update (including variations,
- Environmental Reports
- Noise Monitoring data
- Air Quality data
- Rehabilitation
- Blasting data
- Surface and ground water data
- Weather information (rainfall data, wind directions, etc)
- Biodiversity/Offsets management
- Exploration update
- Drone footage
- Final landforms
- Community Sponsorship/grants/involvement/support
- Complaints
- Mangoola Coal Continued Operations Update (Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Assessment, Social Impact, noise modelling, etc)
- Voluntary Land Acquisition and Mitigation Policy (MCCO)

The CCC also benefited from receiving presentations from:

- The Upper Hunter Mining Dialogue in February 2019.
- The lead archaeologist for the proposed MCCO regarding the Aboriginal archaeological investigations and preliminary findings for the project; in August 2018.
- The MCCO consultant regarding the Social Impact Assessment, in July 2017.

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 in May 2018, August 2018, November 2018, February 2019 and May 2019.
- CCC members undertook supervised site inspections of the rehabilitation area in May 2019 and the MCCO project area in May 2018.
- Attendance at the meetings is high, with the occasional apology due to competing commitments of volunteers.
- There were no joint CCC's held.

## 3. Key issues

Trending topics of committee discussion can be summarised as:

Issue	Actions Taken	Outcome
<b>MCCO</b>	<p>The CCC receives a very comprehensive presentation at each CCC. As well as separate monthly updates via email.</p> <p>Newsletters are prepared and delivered to surrounding properties and available to the broader community.</p> <p>Public information sessions (including attendance by consultants) have been provided in Wybong and Muswellbrook.</p>	CCC being kept informed of MCCO progression.
<b>Environmental Monitoring (especially air quality)</b>	The proponent provides detailed information of its environmental monitoring on site and its commitment to meeting legislative and regulatory compliance.	Ongoing presentations to CCC.
<b>Water</b>	Due to the ongoing drought conditions, water is a continuing topic of discussion.	Ongoing presentations to CCC.

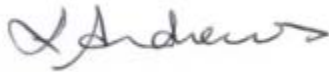
#### 4. Focus for next 12 months

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

- Continued updates on the progression of the MCCO assessment.
- Continued updates provided on monitoring and environmental performance of the open cut mine.
- Site inspections.

To the best of my knowledge, there are no outstanding or emerging issues that have not been addressed.

CCC minutes are available on the project website.

Signature of Chair:	
Date:	28 June 2019