Mangoola Open Cut Community Consultative Committee – Annual Report

CCC / Project		Reporting	
Name:	Mangoola Open Cut CCC	Period:	June 2019 to April 2020
Independent		Proponent	
Chairperson:	Lisa Andrews	Contact:	Nathan Lane

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:

- Independent Environmental Audit Findings
- Annual Review
- 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 on development application before DPIE (Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Assessment, Social Impact, noise modelling, etc)
- Voluntary Land Acquisition and Mitigation Policy (MCCO)

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 August 2019, November 2019 and February 2020.
- CCC members undertook supervised site inspections of the proposed Mangoola Coal Continued Operations area, the Hunter River Pumping Station and rehabilitation works.
- 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
мссо	The CCC receives a very comprehensive presentation at each CCC. As well as separate monthly updates via email. Newsletters are prepared and delivered to surrounding properties and available to the broader community.	CCC being kept informed of MCCO development application process and IPC referral.
Environmental Monitoring (especially air quality)	The proponent provides detailed information of its environmental monitoring on site and its commitment to meeting legislative and regulatory compliance.	Ongoing presentations to CCC.
Water & Dust	Following an extensive drought period and regional dust events; recent rain has helped the region significantly.	Ongoing presentations to CCC.
Anvil Rock Monitoring	Platform and monitoring points established at Anvil Rock and Blast Management Plan has been updated to include the new monitoring points and submitted to DPIE for approval.	Future inspection to be carried out by CCC to view works undertaken.

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.
- Regular site inspections.

This is an exemplary CCC. The company are dedicated to presenting thorough information to members who are appreciative of this commitment. There are at least two site inspections undertaken every year with Glencore proud of the work they are undertaking on site. The feedback from CCC members is very positive.

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:	Adrews
Date:	30 April 2020