

Mt Owen Glendell Operations and Integra Underground Community Consultative Committee – Annual Report

CCC / Project Name:	Mt Owen Glendell Operations and Integra Underground CCC	Reporting Period:	October 2018 to June 2019
Independent Chairperson:	Lisa Andrews	Proponent Contact:	Ned Stephenson

1. Executive Summary

Mt Owen Complex is located within the Hunter Coalfields at Hebden in the Upper Hunter Valley of New South Wales, approximately 25 kilometres northwest of Singleton, and 26 kilometres southeast of Muswellbrook.

The Mt Owen Complex consists of the Mt Owen, Ravensworth East and Glendell open cut coal mines.

In late 2004 the Mt Owen, Ravensworth East and Glendell Community Consultative Committees (CCC's) amalgamated to form the Mt Owen Complex CCC, which also included the Integra Underground development. An Independent Chairperson was appointed by the Department of Planning and Environment in April 2018. 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
- One Singleton Council delegate
- Three company representatives for Glencore
- One company representatives for Integra Underground; and
- One Independent Chairperson.

The meetings are held bi-annually in April and October with attendees receiving a comprehensive presentation from both proponents. State government agency/department representatives (compliance/environmental) are invited to attend. Topics of discussion during the reporting period included:

- Mt Owen/Glendell Operations
- The Annual Review (Operational Noise, Air Quality, Biodiversity & Land Management, Water Management/Improvements, Mine Rehabilitation, Aboriginal Cultural Heritage, European Heritage, Community Contributions, Community Complaints, Glennies Creek Rd Property Maintenance Plan, Management Plan reviews, Continued Operations Project, Underground Exploration, etc)
- Environmental performance
- Offset properties
- Community Contributions and Events
- Community Investment Program and Community Gathering
- Open Day at York's Creek Conservation Area
- Update on proposed modifications approval
- Update on Mt Owen/Glendell Operations and Integra Underground exploration activities
- Exploration updates
- Integra Mine Progression
- Environmental monitoring

- Mining Operation Plan
- Integra Underground Activities
- Update on mining progression
- Environmental performance (Air Quality, Noise, Biodiversity, Aboriginal Heritage, Subsidence and Greenhouse Gas)
- The future of Oak Park School House and associated brick building
- Update on proposed approval modification

The CCC also benefited from receiving presentations on:

- The Upper Hunter Mining Dialogue in October 2018
- A Noise Masterclass from an independent acoustic consultant in October 2018; and
- Carbon Capture Storage Project in April 2019.

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 October 2018 and April 2019.
- The proponent provides updates on the three applications currently before the Department Planning & Environment for this CCC; Mount Owen Coal – Continued Operations MOD 2 – Southern Extension, Glendell Continued Operations Projects and MOD 4 – minor extension to Barrett Pit.
- Attendance at the meetings is appropriate, with apologies due to competing commitments of volunteers.
- This is a joint CCC.

3. Key issues

Trending topics of committee discussion can be summarised as:

Issue	Actions Taken	Outcome
Mt Owen Continued Operations - MOD 2	Updates provided at each CCC with members kept informed of the progress of the application.	Ongoing.
Glendell Continued Operations Project	Updates provided at each CCC with members kept informed of the progress of the application.	Ongoing.
MOD 4 – minor extension to Barrett Pit	Updates provided at each CCC with members kept informed of the progress of the application.	Ongoing.
Ravensworth Homestead (potential relocation due to proposed continued operations)	Care and maintenance of Ravensworth Homestead undertaken.	Community to be kept informed and consulted with regarding the future of Ravensworth Homestead.

Noise, Air Quality and Blasting Monitoring	Regular monitoring information provided at each CCC.	Ongoing.
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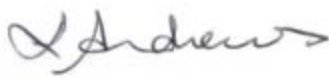
4. Focus for next 12 months

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

- A site inspection to York's Creek is planned.
- An Air Quality presentation by an independent expert is planned.
- Continued updates on environmental monitoring of the site.
- Continued updates provided on monitoring and environmental performance.
- Continued updates on the progress of the Continuation Operations Projects and extensions.

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

CCC minutes and presentations are available on the website.

Signature of Chair:	
Date:	28 June 2019