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:	July 2019 to May 2020
Independent	Lisa Andrews	Proponent	Jason Desmond MGO &
Chairperson:		Contact:	Chloe Piggford - Integra

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. 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 (long walls, etc)
- Environmental performance (Air Quality, Noise, Biodiversity, Aboriginal Heritage, Subsidence and Greenhouse Gas)
- Update on proposed approval modification

The CCC also benefited from an Air Quality Masterclass workshop delivered by Greg Collins from RAPT Consulting in October 2019 as well as presentations on the Glencore GCAA News and the Glendell Continued Operations - Community Information Sheet 3 - Impacts and Assessment Summary - September 2019.

Due to two resignations of community representatives and poor attendance of two others due to work commitments, it was decided to recruit for new membership. Advertising was undertaken in accordance with guidelines. Stakeholder groups were invited to nominate, as well as community representatives. Following this process, a report is currently before DPIE for its consideration and endorsement.

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 2019 and April 2020.
- The proponent provides updates on the applications currently before the Department Planning & Environment for this CCC; Mount Owen Coal Continued Operations MOD 4 and Glendell Continued Operations Projects.
- 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 4	Updates provided members kept informed of the progress of the application.	Ongoing.
Glendell Continued Operations Project	Updates provided with members kept informed of the progress of the application.	Ongoing.
Glendell Modification 4	Updates provided 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.

Wollombi Brook Teaching & Keeping Place	Briefing of project, plans and updated provided.	Keep CCC members informed of progress.
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4. Focus for next 12 months

The planned activities for 2020 will be guided by the contributions of the CCC members. These activities are likely to include:

- Welcoming new membership on the CCC.
- A site inspection of the Rehabilitation Viewing Platform, Upper Betties Creek remedial work, York's Creek and Ravensworth Homestead.
- Continued updates on environmental monitoring of the site.
- Continued updates provided on monitoring and environmental performance.
- Regular updates on the decision relating to the Ravensworth whether to relocate and if so, where.
- Continued updates on the progress of the Continuation Operations Projects and modifications.

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:	X Andrews
Date:	28 May 2020