

Mt Owen Glendell Operations and Integra Underground Community Consultative Committee – Annual Report 2021

CCC / Project Name:	Mt Owen Glendell Operations and Integra Underground CCC	Reporting Period:	March 2020 to March 2021
Independent Chairperson:	Lisa Andrews	Proponent Contact:	Jason Desmond MGO & 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
- Two stakeholder group representatives (Wonnarua Nation Aboriginal Corporation & Singleton Business Chamber)
- 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:

- COVID-19 pandemic management and operational changes on site.
- 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
- Update on proposed modifications approval
- Update on Mt Owen/Glendell Operations and Integra Underground exploration activities
- Exploration updates
- Integra Mine Presentation and Progression

- Environmental monitoring
- Mining Operation Plan
- Integra Underground Activities
- Update on mining progression (long walls, etc)
- Mine closure planning
- Environmental performance (Air Quality, Noise, Blasting, Biodiversity, Aboriginal & European Heritage, Subsidence, Weed Management, Pest Control, Land Management, Community Complaints and Greenhouse Gas)
- Independent Environmental Audit
- Annual Report

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. As a result, two community representatives and two stakeholder groups were endorsed by DPIE.

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 April 2020 (via video-conferencing due to COVID-19 restrictions and on site in October 2020.
- In 2020 there were two amendments made to the Mining Operations Plan (MOP) • Amendment A was for the approval of Glendell MOD 4, which involved the extension to the approved pit shell to access approximately 1.97 Mt of additional ROM coal from the Barrett Pit and Amendment B was predominantly to capture changes to the mining and rehab plans of Bayswater North Pit following the cessation of mining in 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.
- Meetings with the Aboriginal community were held in June 2020. The Aboriginal Working Group discussed management and maintenance of sites.
- Demolition Works "Managed ruin" → During the reporting period two properties were demolished which comprised of Former Hebden Public School as well as a Ravensworth Primary School. → Hebden and Ravensworth Public School's were damaged by fire in 2020 suspected to be lit by vandals.
- 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 currently with DPIE.	CCC to be informed when application is referred to IPC for consideration & determination.
Glendell Modification 4	Updates provided with members kept informed of the progress of the application.	Approved.
Ravensworth Homestead (potential relocation due to proposed continued operations)	Care and maintenance of Ravensworth Homestead undertaken. Currently considering options in relation to the relocation of the homestead. o	Site inspection undertaken October 2020. CCC to be kept informed and consulted with regarding the future of Ravensworth Homestead.
Wollombi Brook Teaching & Keeping Place	Previous briefing of project, plans and updated provided.	Keep CCC members informed of progress.
SEPP 44 Koala Habitat Protection	Members provided with a link to access the guidelines.	Complete.
Aboriginal Cultural Values Report	Query on whether the Aboriginal Cultural Values Report had been submitted to DPIE as part of the EIS for the Glendell Continued Operations Project.	Confirmed that it was and accessible through the Planning Portal.
Independent Environmental Audit	CCC members have been asked whether there are any particular issues they would like the auditor to include.	Complete.
Cool Burn Activities	Request for an update on cool burn activities to be provided in relation to the management of their Biodiversity Offsets	Future presentation.
Management of Biodiversity Offset areas	Drone images and an overview of Biodiversity Offsets at a future CCC Meeting.	Future presentation.
Aboriginal Cultural Heritage	Photographic Monitoring in relation to Aboriginal Cultural Heritage to be provided at a future CCC.	Future presentation.

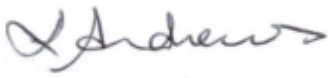
4. Focus for next 12 months

The planned activities for 2021 will be guided by the contributions of the CCC members. These activities are likely to include:

- A site inspection of the Rehabilitation Viewing Platform, Upper Betties Creek remedial work and York's Creek.
- 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:	
Date:	22 April 2021