

## Rixs Creek North and Rixs Creek South Community Consultative Committee – Annual Report

<b>CCC / Project Name:</b>	Rixs Creek North and Rixs Creek South CCC	<b>Reporting Period:</b>	May 2018 to June 2019
<b>Independent Chairperson:</b>	<b>Lisa Andrews</b>	<b>Proponent Contact:</b>	<b>Chris Knight</b>

### 1. Executive Summary

The Rixs Creek North and Rixs Creek South is located 5kms north of Singleton, 90 kms from the Port of Newcastle and has been owned and operated by Bloomfield in the Hunter Valley for more than 80 years. The mine produces both thermal coal and high quality, semi-soft coking coal, primarily for overseas customers, which is railed to the Port of Newcastle and loaded onto ships.

The site includes a rail loop and two coal handling and preparation plants.

A Community Consultative Committee (CCC) was established in 2014 and 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:

- Six local community representatives
- One Singleton Council delegate
- Three company representatives; and
- One Independent Chairperson.

The meetings are held bi-annually in May and October with attendees receiving a comprehensive presentation from the proponent. Topics of discussion during the reporting period included:

- The Rixs Creek Continuation of Mining Project (CMP)
- Modification 10 – extension of existing consent (whilst awaiting CMP)
- Monitoring and Environmental Performance (including, noise, blasting and air quality)
- Community Complaints and Responses
- Pest Management
- Weed Management
- Biodiversity Offsets
- Water Management
- Rehabilitation; and
- Mine Tours undertaken on site by school groups.

The CCC also benefited from receiving a presentation from the Upper Hunter Mining Dialogue in October 2018.

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, October 2018 and May 2019.

- An extra-ordinary meeting of the CCC was held on 13 June 2019 to brief members on the contingency plan for the continuation of mining project, due to the impact of the MOD 10 determination.
- CCC members undertook a supervised site inspection of the rehabilitation area in May 2019.
- 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:

<b>Issue</b>	<b>Actions Taken</b>	<b>Outcome</b>
<b>MOD 10</b>	Extraordinary meeting held on 13/6/19.	Application approved by DPE the day prior to the scheduled meeting.
<b>Rixs Creek Continuation of Mining</b>	Updates provided at each CCC with members kept informed of the progress of the application.	Ongoing.
<b>Environmental Monitoring</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>Pest Management</b>	Control of kangaroos and wild dogs.	Culling and baiting undertaken in accordance with regulatory requirements.

### 4. Focus for next 12 months

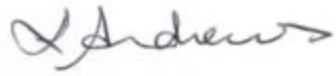
The planned activities for 2019 will be guided by the contributions of the CCC members. These activities are likely to include:

- Continued updates on environmental monitoring of the site.
- Continued updates provided on monitoring and environmental performance.
- Continued updates on the progress of the Continuation of Mining application.

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:

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Date:

28 June 2019