

Ulan Coal Mines Community Consultative Committee – Annual Report

CCC / Project Name:	Ulan Coal Mines	Reporting Period:	March 2018 to June 2019
Independent Chairperson:	Lisa Andrews	Proponent Contact:	Robyn Stoney

1. Executive Summary

The Ulan Coal complex is located approximately 1.5 kilometres from Ulan Village, within the Mid-Western Regional Council Local Government Area. The project area is located approximately 38 kilometres north-east of Mudgee in New South Wales. The company, Glencore operates both underground and above ground mining operations for thermal coal. The mine is one of the longest established in the central west of NSW, having been operational for over 20 years.

A Community Consultative Committee (CCC) was established in 2002 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:

- Five local community representatives
- One Mid Western Regional Council delegate
- Two company representatives; and
- One Independent Chairperson.

The meetings are held quarterly March, June, September & November and attendees receive a comprehensive presentation from the proponent. Topics of discussion during the reporting period included:

- Briefing on the results of the Annual Review
- Monitoring and Environmental Performance (water monitoring & discharge, environmental incidents, community complaints, etc)
- Progress reports on all mining activities (Ulan West, Open Cut, Ulan Underground and East Pit)
- Updates on Modifications
- Extraction Plans
- Goulburn River Diversion Remediation
- Exploration Program
- Mining Operational Plan
- Air Quality
- Noise
- Rehabilitation; and
- Community Sponsorship program.

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 March 2018, June 2018, September 2018, November 2018, March 2019 and June 2019.

- A Cultural Heritage Presentation was conducted in June 2018 by a representative of the local Aboriginal Land Council.
- CCC members benefited from a site inspection in September 2017 and a presentation from a Senior Compliance Officer with DP&E in December 2017.
- A workshop to assist in formulating the Community Development Plan was conducted.
- 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
Water data and monitoring information	Community representative requesting water data	Requests made and where required, information provided to CCC.
Groundwater impacts and Goulburn River flow due to drought conditions and mining activities	The company continue to provide water monitoring information and investigate complaints/enquiries.	Ongoing.
Proposed exploration (Bungaba area)	Consultation with the local community has commenced, with information (BBQ) sessions and newsletters.	Ongoing presentations to CCC.
Railway line derailments and potential impact on service from proposed Bylong Valley coal mine	Ulan Coal has raised this issue with the railway operator and made a submission to DP&E regarding its concerns with the operator in being able to meet transportation of coal supply obligations.	Ongoing.
Amenity Issues (Noise & Dust)	Ongoing discussions and information provided by the company at each CCC.	Ongoing.

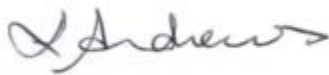
4. Focus for next 12 months

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

- A site inspection in September 2019.
- Continued updates on environmental monitoring of the site.
- Continued updates on Community Support Program.
- Continued requests for water data and monitoring information.
- Continued updates on the progress of mining operations.
- Continued updates on Modifications and proposed expansions.

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