Community Consultative Committee Details

CCC / Project	Wongawilli Coal	Reporting	2019 (calendar year)
Name:		Period:	
Independent	David Ross	Proponent	Ron Bush
Chairperson:		Contact:	

1. Executive Summary

It was an active year for the CCC with four standard CCC meetings taking place as well as a visit into the catchment.

Key issues that were considered and discussed throughout the year were the possible N5 extended area works, issues with the provision of information and transparency at the beginning of the year, and safety and security issues.

While there are still some community positions available on the CCC, representation and attendance has vastly improved.

2. CCC activities over last 12 months

There were four CCC meetings held during the year. The discussion within these meetings was influenced by the mine shifting to care and maintenance mode. Secondly, after long-standing interest had been shown by committee members, a visit to the relevant parts of the catchment area was undertaken with the assistance of Water NSW staff.

It had been hoped that a mine visit could take place. However, during the year, it was deemed that the mine was to become a restricted work space due to the safety concerns. Therefore, the mine visit could no longer take place.

3. Key issues

As part of the review into the key issues discussed throughout 2019, feedback was sought from CCC members. The key issues are:

- Confusion around the legalities associated with a proposed works extension;
- Ensuring that the WCL website is up to date and transparent;
- External intruders creating safety and security issues; and
- CCC representation.

Issue	Actions Taken	Next Steps
N5 extension	There was some confusion during the year as to whether the area N5, where works were proposed to be extended in to (and owned by South32), was covered by WCL's current approvals. This was resolved, particularly as	As the mine announced planned future expansions elsewhere on the site, through time, it is expected that CCC meetings will start to focus on the implications of what is proposed.
	the mine went into care and maintenance mode.	
WCL website	There were concerns raised by CCC members with respect to the quality of information presented on the website and transparency provided. This was in comparison to what other, nearby, mines were providing to their CCCs and wider community. The mine's CEO was invited to attend meetings to hear these concerns and then attended the remaining meetings throughout the year. Notable improvements were made to the information presented on the website.	There will be an expectation from members that the quality of the updated information continues and remains current.
Safety and security issues	Members had expressed concerns early in the year with respect to safety and the wellbeing of staff. With the new CEO coming on-board, the mine went into care and maintenance mode, using the time to address notices from the DPIE Regulator. Safety statistics improved significantly. Once care and maintenance began, there were concerns with intruders creating graffiti, trespassing and causing safety concerns due to deer hunters coming on to site.	Discussions on intruders are anticipated to continue throughout 2020.

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	The mine acted on these concerns and reported back measures to the CCC.	
CCC representation	While efforts had successfully been made previously to expand the community membership on the CCC, there were still two positions available on the committee. Members requested that attempts be made to attract additional members.	In early 2020, the mine and the chair would advertise for expressions of interests for additional members.

4. Focus for next 12 months

 For the committee to learn about the mine's proposed expansion and provide advice as required.

Signature of Chair:	Moss
	24 th June, 2020
Date:	