

## Appin Community Consultative Committee (ACCC) – Annual Report

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| <b>Appin Colliery</b>           | <b>South32/Illawarra Metallurgical Coal</b> | <b>Reporting period:</b>  | <b>Financial year 2023-2024</b>                               |
| <b>Independent chairperson:</b> | <b>Mike Archer (until end May 2024)</b>     | <b>Proponent contact:</b> | <b>Antony Leone<br/>South 32/Illawarra Metallurgical Coal</b> |

### 1. Executive summary / introduction

The Appin Community Consultative Committee (ACCC) continued to operate as a responsible and considerate representative group for the communities close by the Appin Mine in Wollondilly Shire LGA, NSW.

### 2. CCC activities over last 12 months:

- The ACCC met on six occasions at approximately two monthly intervals.
- Meetings were held at the Menangle Rural Fire Service facility and were generally well attended. All committee members maintained a good attendance record.
- Site visits were requested into the Nepean River and George’s River catchments under which long-wall mining activity occurs. While site visits did occur, several were cancelled or postponed due to inclement weather. Topics of interest during site visits included the health of the catchment and flora and fauna within the catchment. Coal wash emplacement and emplacement site rehabilitation were also of interest to members.
- The ACCC is an effective community consultative committee. Both committee members and the proponent, South32/Illawarra Metallurgical Coal, take the committees activities and responsibilities seriously. Difficult questions can be, and are, put to the proponent from time to time and generally they are taken seriously and are addressed openly and honestly.

### 3. Key issues

| <b>Issue</b>   | <b>Actions taken</b>   | <b>Next steps</b>  |
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| <b>Health of the Nepean River and George’s River catchment areas</b>     | Regular monitoring and reporting of gas escape sites pre and post longwall mining. Regular monitoring and reporting of water quality and aquatic health. Site visits to inspect the health of flora and fauna within the catchments. | Continued monitoring and appraisal of performance against regulatory standards.  |
| <b>Impact on community property of longwall mining subsidence.</b>       | The proponent is in contact with land holders where subsidence has or might occur.   | Ongoing communication with land holders.   |
| <b>Construction of access and ventilation shafts 7 and 8 on Menangle</b> | Long consultation period with community around the locations, construction and operation of two new shafts for the Appin Mine. One shaft for   | A closer and more detailed understanding of the operation of the new shafts once |

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| <b>Road, Menangle. AMVA Project.</b>               | ventilation and the other for personnel and equipment access and egress.<br>Construction activity well underway.   | construction is completed. Site visit.   |
| <b>Coal wash beneficial re-use and emplacement</b> | Coal wash is used as a beneficial waste product typically in large scale site developments where fill is required.<br>Where it can't be beneficially re-used it is placed into approved emplacement sites. | Continue to direct as much coal wash as possible to beneficial re-use. Responsibly manage and rehabilitate coal wash emplacements where they are approved. Monitor progress. |
| <b>Emissions Monitoring</b>                        | Monitoring and reporting.  | Monitoring methodology upgraded.   |
| <b>NRAR Enforceable Undertaking</b>                | Development of a community project with Local Aboriginal Land Council.   | Execution of community project with Local Aboriginal Land Council.   |
| <b>Mountbatten House</b>                           | ACCC continues to push for rehabilitation of proponent-owned historic Mountbatten House and associated buildings.  | More rehabilitation.   |

#### 4. Focus for next 12 months:

- Appointment of new chairperson.
- Monitoring of the construction of the AMVA Project and it's possible impacts of the amenity of local communities..
- Continued monitoring and assessment of long-wall mining impacts in water catchments.
- Continued monitoring and assessment of coal wash emplacements and beneficial re-use.
- Continued understanding that subsidence impacts are being managed fairly.
- Mountbatten House

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| Name of chairperson: | <b>Mike Archer</b> (retiring end May 2024) |
| Date:                | 3 May 2024.                                |