

Dendrobium Community Consultative Committee (DCCC) – Annual Report

Dendrobium Colliery	South 32/Illawarra Metallurgical Coal	Reporting period:	Financial year 2023-2024
Independent chairperson:	Mike Archer (until end May 2024)	Proponent contact:	Antony Leone - South 32/Illawarra Metallurgical Coal

1. Executive summary / introduction

The Dendrobium Community Consultative Committee (DCCC) continued to operate as a responsible and considerate representative group for the communities close by the Dendrobium Mine at Mt Kembla, NSW.

2. CCC activities over last 12 months:

- The DCCC met on six occasions at approximately two monthly intervals.
- Meetings were held at the Colliery and were generally well attended. All committee members maintained a good attendance record. One committee member had an approved leave of absence for several months.
- Site visits were requested into the Sydney water catchment 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 swamps and flora and fauna within the catchment.
- The DCCC 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.
- The retirement of very long-term committee members Vivien Twyford and Alex Beccari are noted. Both served on the DCCC for in excess of 20 years and as local residents of Mt Kembla brought a sincere and responsible concern for the health and well-being of the community. Viv's and Alex's wisdom and balanced participation will be missed.

3. Key issues

Issue	Actions taken	Next steps
Health of the Sydney water catchment	Regular monitoring and reporting of water levels pre and post longwall mining. Site visits to inspect the health of flora and fauna within the catchment.	Continued monitoring and appraisal of performance against regulatory standards.
Impact on community of above ground activities in and around Mt Kembla village and adjacent	New and more precise sound monitoring. Code of Conduct for heavy vehicles bringing supplies to the colliery.	Assess effectiveness of new monitors. Assess ongoing compliance with Code of Conduct.

communities. Road and rail noise, dust, lighting, fire risk on and around mine property.	Curfew for mine related vehicles travelling through Mt Kembla village during the night.	
Long term future for mine site in view of end of mining within the foreseeable future	Only preliminary discussion at this stage.	A closer and more detailed understanding of when mining might cease, the future of the mine site and plans for rehabilitation.
Coal wash beneficial re-use and emplacement	Coal wash is used as a beneficial waste product typically in large scale site developments where fill is required.	Continue to direct as much coal wash as possible to beneficial re-use. Responsibly manage and rehabilitate coal wash emplacements where they are approved.

4. Focus for next 12 months:

- Appointment of new chairperson.
- Recruitment of replacement committee members.
- Continued monitoring and assessment of long-wall mining impacts in water catchment.
- Continued monitoring and assessment of coal wash emplacements.
- Assessment and planning around expected mine closure during foreseeable future.

Name of chairperson:	Mike Archer (retiring end May 2024)
Date:	3 May 2024.