

## Wongawilli Community Consultative Committee (WWCCC) – Annual Report

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| <b>Wongawilli Colliery</b>      | <b>Wollongong Resources</b>  | <b>Reporting period:</b>  | <b>FY 2023-2024</b>                             |
| <b>Independent chairperson:</b> | <b>Mike Archer (until end May 2024). Post May 2024 Donna Rygate.</b> | <b>Proponent contact:</b> | <b>William Vatovec<br/>Wollongong Resources</b> |

### 1. Executive summary / introduction

The Wongawilli Community Consultative Committee (WWCCC) continued to operate as a representative group for the communities close by the Wongawilli Colliery at Wongawilli, NSW.

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

- Wongawilli Colliery does not produce coal at the current time. It is in care and maintenance.
- The WWCCC met on three occasions at approximately three-month intervals. The February 2024 meeting was cancelled at short notice following unexpected changes to Wollongong Resources business circumstances. The meeting was not rescheduled.
- 2023 meetings were held at the Colliery and were generally well attended. The May 2024 meeting was held at the Ribbonwood Centre Dapto. Most committee members maintained a good attendance record.
- The WWCCC has not been a particularly effective community consultative committee. There has been little to no trust between the proponent and some committee members. However, there are very encouraging signs that the new incoming chairperson and new company representative(s) will foster greater mutual trust between some of the community representatives and the proponent.
- A new community representative was recruited to the WWCCC during FY 23-24. There was one resignation.

### 3. Key issues

| Issue  | Actions taken  | Next steps   |
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| <b>The colliery property is immediately adjacent to the village of Wongawilli. Most concerns arise from the spread of feral animals and weeds.</b> | Professional hunters have been engaged to cull feral deer under strict regulation and protocols.<br><br>Weed eradication is ongoing but a challenge. | Continued monitoring and culling where and when possible.<br><br>Illawarra District Weeds Authority commenced an ongoing program of weed eradication January 2024. |
| <b>Uncertainty around re-commencement of mining.</b>   | Ongoing discussion within the committee about if or when mining might re-commence.   | Recent structural changes at Wollongong Resources add more doubt and uncertainty. It   |

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|   |  | is hoped guidance will be forthcoming in the near term.                                    |
| <b>Long term future for mine site if mining does not re-commence.</b> | <p>Given the immediate proximity of the mine to the village of Wongawilli there is concern over the rehabilitation of the site if the mine closes permanently.</p> <p>Reassurances were provided at the May 2024 meeting that Wollongong Resources would meet its obligations.</p> | A closer and more detailed understanding of the longer-term plans for Wongawilli Colliery. |
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#### 4. Focus for next 12 months:

- Adjustment to a new chairperson and new company representative(s).
- Continued monitoring and assessment of feral animal and weed management programs.
- Better understanding of the future of Wongawilli Colliery and Wollongong Resources more generally.
- Mine site rehabilitation.

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