

Glencore – Ravensworth Operations

Annual Report [2021]

Community Consultative Committee Details

CCC / Project Name:	Glencore – Ravensworth Operations	Reporting Period:	Jan – Dec 2021
Independent Chairperson:	Dr W.E.J. Paradise AM	Proponent Contact:	Mr Sam Palmer

1. Executive Summary

The Ravensworth Community Consultative Committee was established as part of the condition of consent by the Minister for Planning’s approval of the Ravensworth Operation (Project Approval09_0176).

The Ravensworth Operation is an open cut coal mining project that is situated at Ravensworth south of Muswellbrook, in the Singleton Local Government Area. The project produces high quality thermal coal that is approved to be exported via the Port of Newcastle, and used for the local energy market.

The Committee currently includes a group of two interested members, one community member and a Singleton Council member who are interested in discussing the project’s current and future operations. The Committee follows the Department of Planning and Environment’s Community Consultative Committee Guidelines for State Significant Projects. Meetings are held quarterly during the year with members of the Committee, including:

- One local community representative;
- One member from Singleton Shire Council;
- Members from Ravensworth Operations. Some members are invited depending upon the agenda and issues to be discussed; and
- One independent Chairperson.

Discussions held in the Committee meetings where on numerous topics related to the project, including:

- Future plans for the mine, including updates to the Mining Operations Plan,
- Policies and procedures to minimize the impact of Covid-19;
- Updates on rehabilitation progress;
- Construction activities onsite;
- Updates on production of coal ;
- Contractors that are working on site;
- Noise, dust, blasting, biodiversity monitoring and management;
- Water management – tailing dams, mine water dam, fines emplacement dams and the Hunter River Salinity Trading Scheme (HRSTS);
- Environmental incidents and compliance;
- Land and property updates, including historic sites and offset management;

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- Community complaints, community investment and sponsorship
- Mitigation/ acquisitions granted to properties.
- Site inspection including Cumnock Rehabilitation and Tailings area and Hillcrest Biodiversity Offset Area

2. CCC activities over last 12 months

- Four CCC meetings were held in 2021 in February, May, August and November;
- Strong regular attendance from all members;
- The August meeting was held online due to Covid concerns.

3. Key issues

Issue	Actions Taken	Next Steps
CCC membership	Advertising in Ravensworth Newsletter, website and on Muswellbrook and Singleton Community Noticeboards. Investigate interest from local school representatives to attend CCC meetings.	Ongoing advertisement and recruitment.
Mine Operations Plan and Rehabilitation Management Plan	Updating plans.	Updating access road location, final landform and sediment dams location.
Covid-19	Development of health and safety measures to minimize the spread of the virus.	Ongoing monitoring and implementation of health and safety policies.
Ravensworth Underground Mine (RUM)	RUM closure studies have commenced.	Completion of studies and development of actions.
Groundwater assessment	External consultant engaged.	Assessment to be undertaken.

4. Focus for next 12 months

The planned activities for 2022 will be guided by the contributions of the CCC members. These activities are likely to include:

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- Further updates on Covid protocols.
- Focus on new areas of rehabilitation with a rework of Narama.
- Ravensworth Open Cut main access road realignment.
- Site tours to be conducted prior to selected meeting.
- Tours of rehabilitated land and offset properties.
- Integration of the Ravensworth Underground Mine and the Ashton Underground Mine.
- Continued updates on the operational status of Ravensworth.
- Continuing effort to recruit further community members for the CCC.

Community Consultation Committee Meeting minutes are available on the Glencore-Ravensworth website.

Signature of Chair:	W.E.J. Paradice
Date:	9 th April 2024