

Bulga Coal Community Consultative Committee Annual Report 2024

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1. Executive summary/introduction

The Bulga Coal Community Consultative Committee (CCC) meets twice a year in the Minimbah Teaching Place at Bulga.

One new stakeholder member has been added to the CCC representing Broke Residents Community Association and a community representative has also been added.

The Department of Planning and Environment terminated one CCC position.

A further member has indicated that she will retire at the next meeting having served over 20 years on the CCC or like body.

This will leave three community members/stakeholder members and may require advertising for further members.

As in previous years, the CCC works well and the mine provides considerable input and information, including making a large number of specific employees available to brief and answer any CCC queries.

The CCC was addressed at one of its meetings by a representative of The Upper Hunter Mining Dialogue.

The Terms of Reference and Code of Conduct were affirmed during the year.

2. CCC activities over the last 12 months

Number of meetings: two

Attendance at meetings: One member did not attend the meetings for procedural reasons. All other members attended the meetings.

Effectiveness: This is a very effective CCC with a cross over of community and mining information.

The company, as noted above is very forthcoming with information concerning their operations.

Site visits: Nil. The CCC has not expressed a desire for a site visit. Presentations at the CCC of the mines operations adequately outline the various facets of the actual operations.

Additional consultation activities related to the CCC: The company continues to interreact with the villages of Broke and Bulga and is involved in a number of community activities including the Broke to Bulga Trail project.

3. Key issues

As reported last year, dust remains an issue. However as also reported last year it is very difficult to source the dusts origins with so much activity in the area from other operations.

4. Focus for next 12 months

The committee will continue to meet twice a year.

It will need at least one more member on the CCC when the member who indicated they will retire at the next meeting does so.

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