

Community Consultative Committee (CCC) – Annual Report 2024

CCC project name:	Clarence Colliery CCC	Reporting period:	January – December 2024
Independent chairperson:	Deborah Palmer	Proponent contact:	Peter Smith, Centennial

1. Executive Summary / Introduction

The Clarence Colliery Community Consultative Committee (CCC) was established as a requirement of the Development Consent for DA 504-00. The CCC serves as a platform for monitoring the environmental performance of the mine and fostering dialogue between Centennial, stakeholders, and the local community.

In 2024, the CCC convened four meetings to discuss key operational and environmental matters, project approvals, and community concerns. This report outlines the main activities and discussions from the meetings.

2. CCC activities over the last 12 months

Number of Meetings

Four meetings were held throughout 2024:

- 12 March 2024
- 11 June 2024
- 10 September 2024
- 10 December 2024

All meetings were conducted in person at Clarence Colliery.

Minutes of each meeting are published on the project website at: [Mining Operations & Energy Solutions In Clarence: Centennial](#)

Attendance

- Engagement from stakeholders remained strong, with active participation from community representatives, Lithgow City Council and Centennial.

Changes in membership

- James Marshall departed from Centennial and was replaced by Peter Smith as the proponent contact.
- Dennis Wallace joined the CCC as Clarence Colliery's mine manager, replacing Brian Nicholls.
- Ian de Beuzeville retired from the committee. A recruitment campaign, including a letterbox drop in the surrounding community, was conducted to attract additional local representatives. New community representative Ian Wilkinson joined the committee following this process.

- Following the local government elections in September 2024, Cr Elizabeth Fredericks replaced Cr Maree Statham as the Lithgow City Council representative.
- The committee discussed further expanding membership in 2025 to ensure diverse perspectives are represented.

Site visits

- An underground tour was discussed but deferred due to availability constraints.

Meetings overview

March 2024 Meeting:

- Review of Clarence Colliery Operational Report (Dec 2023 – Mar 2024).
- Updates on Clarence Continuation Project, including feasibility assessment for mining beyond 2029.
- Discussion of water discharge transition to the Oakley Park Water Treatment Plant.
- Introduction of new mine Manager, Dennis Wallace.

June 2024 meeting

- Noise and air quality monitoring updates; all results remained within compliance limits.
- Presentation on Banpu's renewable energy focus and Centennial's sustainability plans.
- Discussion of Modification 10 approval, allowing continued coal transport via road until 2026.
- Progress on Clarence Continuation Project, Extraction Plans, and future approval processes.

September 2024 meeting

- Discussion of minor exceedances at Licensed Discharge Point 2 (LDP2) and steps taken to improve water quality.
- An update of the Enforceable Undertaking was provided including the implementation of safety commitments.
- Approval of Modification 8, extending mining into the Northern Mining Area and extending consent time to 2029.

December 2024 meeting

- Introduction of new community representative and council members.
- Clarence to Wallerawang Pipeline Project discussions on how it supports regional water security and environmental outcomes.
- Annual rehabilitation and environmental monitoring results reported
- Discussion of Modification 11, which will extend operational timelines.
- A review of the Terms of Reference was undertaken. Amendments agreed to be made to update the membership to reflect recent changes.

- The CCC also gave verbal agreement to abide by the Code of Conduct for CCC members.

Effectiveness review

The CCC continued to play a critical role in reviewing operational performance, environmental compliance. Key highlights include:

- Ongoing monitoring of subsidence, water discharge, and air quality, ensuring all metrics remain within regulatory compliance.
- Updates on the Clarence Continuation Project, which seeks to consolidate mining consents and extend operations sustainably.
- Increased community involvement efforts, including recruitment initiatives for additional members.
- Implementation of Enforceable Undertaking commitments.

3. Key issues and actions taken

Issue	Actions Taken	Next Steps
Water quality exceedance at LDP2	Investigated minor exceedances, engaged water treatment specialists, and notified regulatory authorities.	Continued monitoring and system optimisation.
Clarence Continuation Project approvals	Updates and consultation with CCC.	Submission of MOD 11 in 2025.
Coal transport	Modification 10 approved; compliance measures in place.	Ongoing monitoring.
Recruitment of additional members	EOI process initiated; new members appointed.	Further recruitment in 2025.
Community member recruitment	EOI process run with recruitment of one new member	CCC members continue to generate interest in the local community for additional members

4. Focus for the Next 12 months

The CCC will continue to:

- Monitor mine operations, ensuring compliance with environmental and safety conditions.
- Be consulted on the Clarence Continuation Project.
- Review water treatment improvements and infrastructure projects such as the Clarence to Wallerawang Pipeline.
- Facilitate site visits and operational tours to improve CCC understanding of mine activities.

Name of chairperson:	Deborah Palmer
Date:	23 January 2025