

Metropolitan Coal Community Consultative Committee Annual Report 2024

CCC / Project Name:	Metropolitan Coal	Reporting Period:	July 2024 to November 2024
Independent Chairperson:	Michael Ulph	Proponent Contact:	Stephen Love

1. Executive Summary

Metropolitan Coal Mine is one of the oldest continually operating coal mines in Australia and has been part of the Helensburgh community for 130 years. With its location amongst residential areas and the national park in Helensburgh, Metropolitan continues to meet its environmental monitoring requirements and community expectations in a sensitive region.

The committee members continue to receive informative presentations from staff on the mine's operations and compliance with conditions of approval, including:

- Findings of Independent Environmental Audits and Annual Reviews.
- Updates on Extraction Plan & Long Wall modifications.
- Noise monitoring and mitigation improvements.
- Air quality results.
- Groundwater monitoring results.
- Updates to the Water Management Plan (WMP).
- Pillar Extraction areas.
- Complaints register; and
- Its community investment program in the region.

The Community Consultative Committee (CCC) operates in accordance with the Department of Planning & Environment's Community Consultative Committee Guidelines for State Significant Development (June 2023). The committee membership consists of:

- Five local community representatives
- Two stakeholder group representatives (National Parks Association & one person representing Helensburgh Lions Club and Helensburgh Probus Club)
- One Wollongong City Council delegate
- Three company representatives; and
- One Independent Chairperson.

I am pleased to report that Peabody Energy continue to consult with the community at a high level with three meetings held over each calendar year, being April, July and November with quite good attendance by members.

The CCC is an effective communication forum between the community, the Council and the company. It functions well and accordingly, fulfils its objectives under the Department's guidelines.

2. CCC activities over last 12 months

- There were meetings held in April 2024 (with previous Chair), July 2024, and November 2024 on site.
- Members received comprehensive presentations on items such as:
 - The mine's environmental monitoring activities
 - Company and Mine Update

- Project Modifications
- Exploration Leases
- EPA investigations
- Camp Creek Monitoring
- Surface & Groundwater
- Water treatment plant
- Turkeys Nest Upgrade Works
- LW Extraction Plan
- The CCC also receives a summary of the project's Annual Review results.
- The members of the CCC have developed Terms of Reference for this committee as well as completed the necessary governance forms (Pecuniary Interest Declarations and Code of Conduct), which will be reviewed annually.
- There were no joint CCC's held.

3. Key issues

Trending topics of committee discussion can be summarised as:

Issue	Actions Taken	Outcome
Long Wall Extraction Plans	Regular updates are provided on the existing and proposed long wall activities	Presented at each CCC.
Noise	The company operates in accordance with its approved Noise Management Plan. All noise complaints are recorded and staff take appropriate action at the time they are reported.	Noise complaints are presented at each CCC.
Dust	The company operates in accordance with its approved Air Quality Management Plan.	Dust monitoring results are presented at each CCC.
Exploration Leases	Peabody will continue to provide updates to the CCC on proposed exploration plans.	Ongoing

4. Focus for next 12 months

The planned activities for 2025 will be guided by the contributions of the CCC members. These activities are likely to include:

- Site inspection/s.
- Continued updates on environmental monitoring of the site.
- Continued updates on the status of operations at the mine.

- Continued updates on regulatory compliance
- Continued updates on Long Wall Extraction Plans
- Continued updates on Community Support Program.

To the best of my knowledge, there are no outstanding or emerging issues that have not been addressed.

CCC minutes and presentations are available on the website.

Review of Effectiveness of the CCC

In accordance with the revised CCC guidelines, it is deemed that the CCC operates effectively.

The proponent provides comprehensive presentations, ongoing notifications, timely responses to requests and completion of action items. There have been no concerns raised by CCC members.

Signature of Chair:	
Date:	18 February 2025