

**EXTRAORDINARY MAXWELL
COMMUNITY CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF MEETING HELD VIA PHONE*/ONSITE
ON WEDNESDAY 17 FEBRUARY 2022 AT 10:00am**

GROUP	NAME	ORGANISATION
CCC MEMBERS PRESENT	Lisa Andrews (LA)	Independent Chairperson
	Jennifer Lecky (JL)	Deputy Chairperson
	Theresa Folpp (TF)	Muswellbrook Shire Council
	Peter Horder (PH)	Community Representative
	Susan Pickersgill (SP)	Community Representative
	Mark Bowditch* (MB)	Community Representative
CCC MEMBERS APOLOGIES	Tim Wolfgang	Community Representative
	Aaron Moon	Community Representative
	Fiona Webber	Community Representative
	Robert Halloran	Community Representative
	Michael White	Representative for Coolmore/Godolphin
	CEO (TBA)	Wanaruah Local Aboriginal Land Council
MALABAR REPRESENTATIVES	James Johnson (JJ)	General Manager Development and Operations – Malabar Resources
	Donna McLaughlin* (DM)	Manager Health, Safety, Environment & Community – Malabar Resources
	Alex Newton (AN)	Environment & Approvals Coordinator – Malabar Resources
	Teresa Coleman (TC)	Environment & Community Coordinator – Malabar Resources
	Courtney Chetty (CC)	Environment & Community Coordinator – Malabar Resources

**Attended via phone*

WELCOME	The meeting was opened at 10:02am with the Independent Chair welcoming all members to the Extraordinary Maxwell CCC meeting.	LA
DECLARATION OF INTEREST	LA advised that she is an approved Independent Chairperson, approved by the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment and engaged by Maxwell to chair this CCC. LA informed the CCC that TF has completed and submitted the necessary governance forms (Pecuniary Interest and Code of Conduct).	LA
CONFIRM MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS	Minutes of previous meeting (Maxwell CCC December 2021 meeting) were distributed to members for review on 23/11/21 and finalised on 29/11/21.	LA
BUSINESS ARISING	<p>Actions arising from the previous meeting:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Email Declaration Forms to TF (Complete, emailed 18/1/21, forms returned 19/1/21) 2. Add Acronym Sheet to end of Presentations for each meeting (complete, included in presentation). 3. Members to forward "Community Questions" 14 days in advance of scheduled meetings (nothing received, will be an ongoing action item). 4. Members to advise LA of known conflicts for proposed 2022 meeting dates. (No feedback received regarding CCC dates, however, feedback received regarding the commencement times and the location of the meetings. LA spoke to this matter, advising that this was discussed at the last meeting, where it was agreed to hold the meeting at the Maxwell 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Complete 2. Complete 3. Complete 4. Complete

	<p>complex during the day. LA explained that she wishes to be inclusive of all CCC members and referred to the CCC guidelines. LA asked that members consider the information provided and moved this item to the end of the meeting for further discussion.</p> <p>It was confirmed that no further business has arisen from previous minutes.</p>	
CORRESPONDENCE REPORT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 23/12/21 – Email to members with the draft minutes for review. • 11/1/22 – Email to members with the finalised minutes & presentation. • 13/1/22 – Email from FW advising that she will be an apology for this meeting and advising that 1pm commencement times does not suit due to work commitments. • 18/1/22 – Email to FW advising that apology would be recorded & commencement time listed for discussion. • 18/1/22 – Email to TF MSC with governance forms to be completed & returned. • 19/1/22 – Email from TF with completed forms. Acknowledged as received by LA. • 3/2/22 – Email to members with meeting notice for extraordinary CCC 17/2/22. 	LA
INTRODUCTION	<p>DM provided an overview of the development of the Maxwell UG Project and how the project was specifically designed to co-exist with neighbours and contribute positively to the local region.</p>	DM Slides 3-4
OVERVIEW OF MODIFICATION 1 – MINE ENTRY AREA	<p>DM provided an overview of Modification 1 (MOD1) and associated benefits. DM noted that MOD1 was approved in November 2021 and included four key components:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An extension to the portal entry. • Relocation of an already approved clean water diversion. • Relocation of the water treatment plan from the mine entry area. • Realignment of the site access road to minimise impacts to existing rehabilitation. 	DM Slides 5-7
OVERVIEW OF MODIFICATION 2 – LONGWALL REORIENTATION	<p>JJ noted that Malabar had continued to evaluate options to optimise the underground mining layout to improve efficiency and safety. JJ noted that as a result of the ongoing evaluation, an improved underground mine layout had been identified that achieves the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Safer working conditions. • Lower capital cost to first production. • Quicker ramp up to longwall mining (and associated economic and community benefits). • Minimal net incremental environmental impact relative to the approved underground mine layout. <p>JJ noted that Maxwell is proposing to submit a Modification application for the improved underground mine layout. The key changes would include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Re-orientation of longwall panels to better align to geotechnical conditions 	JJ Slide 8-13

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Commencing production in the Woodlands Hill seam initially with 145m wide longwall panels, and then increasing the longwall to 300m wide. • Relocation of the Woodlands Hill seam ventilation shaft to suit this revised mine layout <p>JJ discussed the benefits of these changes.</p> <p>LA queried if the longwall panels are narrower, how would this impact on machinery. JJ advised that the same machinery is used, as the panels widen the machinery expands to accommodate the increase in panel width.</p> <p>SP queried how long it would take before the longwall interacted with Edderton Road. JJ advised that the first 145m longwall panel would not affect Edderton Road, it is proposed that the impacts to Edderton Road would be realised approximately 3 years after operations commence. The relocation of Edderton Road would not occur until the longwall mining of the Arrowfield and Bowfield seams.</p> <p>DM noted that the modification application would be under section 4.55(2) of the <i>Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979</i>. DM noted that the following key environmental aspects would be considered as part of the assessment:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Subsidence • Groundwater • Biodiversity • Aboriginal cultural heritage • Visual amenity • Surface water and flooding <p>DM provided an overview of the consultation that would be undertaken for the modification noting that Maxwell would appreciate any feedback from the Maxwell CCC.</p> <p>DM noted that Maxwell had proactively reached out to the Coolmore and Woodlands Thoroughbred Studs to arrange a meeting to discuss the modification.</p> <p>DM discussed consultation with other agencies such as DPIE Water, the Environment Protection Agency and near neighbours was ongoing. DM noted that Malabar had met with Muswellbrook Shire Council earlier in the week and provided an overview of the modification.</p> <p>CCC members were encouraged to provide feedback or ask questions, there were no questions received from members.</p>	<p>DM Slide 14</p> <p>DM Slide 15</p>
<p>UPDATE ON PROJECT TIMING</p>	<p>JJ provided an overview of the project timing and developments. JJ stated that works on site were underway in preparation for construction, the refit of the bathhouse and offices. JJ noted that preferred contractors have been selected for the bulk earth</p>	<p>JJ Slide 16-18</p>

	<p>moving works associated with the access road development to the Underground Mine. The preferred contractors have been selected for the surface to seam works, with agreements currently being finalised.</p> <p>JJ noted that the longwall purchase is a 2.5 year lead time for delivery, currently two key providers are being considered, contract to be finalised after construction commences.</p> <p>JJ stated that the forecast for the first longwall coal is proposed for second quarter of 2024, with recruitment of the workforce commencing in quarter four 2022.</p> <p>LA queried when the MOD 2 would be lodged for public exhibition, and if the public exhibition would be a 14 or 28-day turnaround time. DM stated that the EIS would likely be lodged in May 2022. LA stated that the timing may work for CCC members' feedback and submissions during the public exhibition process at the June CCC meeting or an Extraordinary meeting could be arranged earlier if required.</p> <p>JL queried the location of MOD2. JJ stated that the mine entry area remained the same as per the project approval.</p> <p>TF queried if there were any changes to the workforce. JJ stated there were no changes to the workforce.</p>	
GENERAL BUSINESS	<p>SP queried if MOD2 would be displayed in the local newspaper or newsletter. DM stated that a lodgement in the newspaper was not required, however the modification would go on public exhibition and Maxwell would also prepare a factsheet that would be available on the Malabar website and distributed to CCC members.</p>	
NEXT MEETING	<p>Following referral to all attendees, it was agreed that the proposed schedule of the 2022 CCCs would remain as resolved at the December 2021 meeting with the CCCs held quarterly at the Maxwell site, commencing at 1pm.</p> <p>Next meeting 16 March 2022.</p>	Agreed by all attendees.

Meeting closed at 10.41 am with LA thanking all members for their attendance and acknowledged Malabar Resource's commitment to community engagement by calling this extraordinary CCC to explain the proposed modification to the committee.

ACTION ITEMS-

ITEM	ISSUE	RESPONSIBILITY
1	Members to forward "Community Questions" 14 days in advance of scheduled meetings.	CCC Members (ongoing)