

**MAXWELL
COMMUNITY CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF MEETING HELD VIA ZOOM*/ONSITE
ON WEDNESDAY 16th MARCH 2022 AT 1.04pm**

GROUP	NAME	ORGANISATION
CCC MEMBERS PRESENT	Lisa Andrews (LA)	Independent Chairperson
	Jennifer Lecky (JL)	Deputy Chairperson
	Theresa Folpp (TF)	Muswellbrook Shire Council
	Michael White (MW)	Representative for Coolmore/Godolphin
CCC MEMBERS APOLOGIES	Tim Wolfgang	Community Representative
	Aaron Moon	Community Representative
	Fiona Webber	Community Representative
	Robert Halloran	Community Representative
	Peter Horder	Community Representative
MALABAR REPRESENTATIVES	James Johnson (JJ)	General Manager Development and Operations – Malabar Resources
	Donna McLaughlin (DM)	Manager Health, Safety, Environment & Community – Malabar Resources
	Teresa Coleman (TC)	Environment & Community Coordinator – Malabar Resources
	Courtney Chetty (CC)	Environment & Community Coordinator – Malabar Resources
OTHERS	Kerri Garvie*	Independent Minute Taker

**Attended via Zoom*

WELCOME	<p>The meeting was opened at 1.04pm with the Independent Chair welcoming all members to the March 2022 Maxwell Community Consultative Committee (CCC) meeting.</p> <p>The Independent Chair advised Tim Wolfgang, a Community Representative, has resigned due to his work commitments. LA thanked TW for his contribution on both committees.</p>	<p>LA</p> <p>TW</p>
DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTERESTS	LA advised that she is an approved Independent Chairperson, approved by the Secretary, Department of Planning and Environment (DPE) and engaged by Maxwell to chair this CCC. No changes to members' previous declarations.	LA
CONFIRM MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS	Minutes of the Extraordinary meeting (Maxwell CCC 17 th February 2022 meeting) were distributed to members for review on 24/2/22 and finalised on 4/3/22.	LA
BUSINESS ARISING/ ACTION ITEMS	<p>Actions arising from the Extraordinary meeting:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Members to forward "community questions" within 14 days in advance of scheduled meetings (no advanced questions submitted for this meeting, will be an ongoing action item) <p>It was confirmed that no further business has arisen from previous meeting.</p>	Complete
CORRESPONDENCE REPORT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 24/2/22- Email to members with the draft minutes from the extraordinary CCC for review. 4/3/22- Email to members with the finalised minutes. 4/3/22- Emails to FW & TW advising of committee's resolution regarding the meeting schedule. 4/3/22- Email to members with meeting notice for this meeting. 4/3/22- Email from TW resigning from this CCC. LA acknowledged and thanked TW for his contribution on both committees. 9/3/22- Email sent out with video link for this meeting. 	LA
SPUR HILL UNDERGROUND	JJ provided an update on the Spur Hill Underground (UG) Metallurgical Project. JJ noted that site access and line routes for the 2D seismic project have been confirmed with landholders. A total of	JJ Slides 3-4

METALLURGICAL PROJECT UPDATE	<p>17.5km as per plan. Wet weather has caused delays in getting the Archaeological and Ecological surveys done. This has been scheduled for next week weather permitting.</p>	
MAXWELL UNDERGROUND PROJECT UPDATE	<p>DM provided an update on the Maxwell UG Metallurgical Mine. DM provided an overview of the key changes for Modification 2 (MOD2):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Re-orientate the longwall panels by 35 degrees. • 145m wide longwall panels as appose to 300m and later on transition to 300m. • Relocation of vent shaft to suit revised mine layout. <p>Assessment report to be finalised and submitted mid-May then will go on public exhibition. Depending on the timing, the next CCC meeting could possibly be held in the early stages of exhibition to allow everyone time to have a look and then raise any questions from the community.</p> <p>JJ discussed the schedule:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mining leases and management plans complete. • Site readiness and construction preparation are being finalised. • Construction of the access road and mine entry area is scheduled to start at end of this current quarter. • Rest of the schedule will follow on as planned. <p>TF enquired if the work force will be contracted out to an agency? JJ confirmed the focus is largely owner operator with some contractors when needed.</p>	<p>DM Slides 6-7</p> <p>JJ Slide 8</p>
ENVIRONMENTAL PERFORMANCE & MANAGEMENT PLANS	<p>TC provided an update on the site rehabilitation including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Currently in early stages of preparing tree beds for autumn planting. • Approximately 13,000 trees from Hunter Indigenous Plants will be planted late April/May. • Started weed spraying for the year. • Annual ecological monitoring completed. <p>TC discussed the continuation of the cattle grazing trial, lightweight cattle to be sold to feedlot market mid-March, others will stay on site to graze more before going to the abattoir.</p> <p>DM discussed a notice from the Resources Regulator to undertake long term erosion modelling for mine rehabilitation. 3 scenarios were modelled including 10,100 and 1000 years. A report was submitted on 28/1/22. The Resources Regulator has requested further information to be provided by 1/4/22. Maxwell are currently preparing this information.</p> <p>DM discussed the recent rainfall events. On Tuesday 8 March 2022, the DC2 Dam and the Rail Loop Dam started to overflow following excessive rainfall on the day of and in the days preceding the incident. Both dams had pumping infrastructure operating to transfer water, it was reported to downstream neighbours and detailed incident investigation reports have been submitted to Environment Protection Authority and DPIE. Water quality samples were collected from both dams with the results indicating it was within or less than the guidelines values. 90.8mm rainfall on the 8/3/22 with a total of 255.8mm rainfall in 11 days.</p> <p>DM provided a summary of the 24-hour PM₁₀ and PM_{2.5} data for December 2021 to 28th February 2022 for TEOM-1 and TEOM-2. All results were below the 24-hour average and annual average criteria.</p>	<p>TC Slide 10 & 12</p> <p>DM Slide 11-17</p>

INDEPENDENT ENVIRONMENTAL AUDIT	DM discussed the requirement for an Independent Environmental Audit (IEA) every 3 years as per Development Consent condition E13. DPIE has asked to focus on Aboriginal Heritage, Air Quality, Biodiversity, Rehabilitation and Social Impacts. Proposals have been received back from several consultants to undertake the audit. The preferred consultant will need to be endorsed by DPIE. Maxwell are hoping to have endorsement in the next couple of weeks with an early April start. Report and feedback will be shared with CCC.	DM Slide 19
COMMUNITY COMPLAINTS	TC confirmed no community complaints had been received since the last meeting.	TC Slide 21
COMMUNITY UPDATES	TC provided an update on Malabar's recent sponsorships and donations: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Donated and prepared Christmas gifts for all 38 residents at Mercy Services Singleton during COVID times. • Major sponsor of the Upper Hunter Education Fund Inc • Donated school supplies to Muswellbrook Day View Club for children at Muswellbrook south, High and Public Schools. 	TC Slide 22-23
COMMUNITY QUESTIONS	No questions received prior to meeting. MW had an enquiry relating to MOD2; have DPIE confirmed that they are happy that it's a modification under section 4.55(2) of the EP&A Act? DM confirmed they are happy with that and with the assessments that were put forward and committed to provide a copy of the DPIE letter. MW enquired if details of the exhibition period are known yet. DM confirmed no, DPIE will set the date once the assessment report had been submitted and checked by DPIE for adequacy.	DM
GENERAL BUSINESS	No General Business.	LA
NEXT MEETING	As previously planned the next meeting will be on 15 June 2022 Onsite at Maxwell UG Project at a commencement time of 1pm. LA will inform everyone prior if date changes due to exhibition of MOD2.	LA

Meeting closed at 1.35pm with LA thanking members for their attendance and participation.

ACTION ITEMS

ITEM	ISSUE	RESPONSIBILITY
1	Members to forward "Community Questions" 14 days in advance of scheduled meetings.	LA
2	Maxwell to provide DPIE's response to MOD2 scoping letter.	DM
3	Inform CCC members of exhibition period for MOD2 when known	LA