

MAXWELL COMMUNITY CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ONSITE AND VIA PHONE* ON WEDNESDAY 14th SEPTEMBER 2022 AT 11.00am

GROUP	NAME	ORGANISATION
CCC MEMBERS PRESENT	Lisa Andrews (LA)	Independent Chairperson
	Jennifer Lecky (JL)	Deputy Chairperson
	Theresa Folpp (TF)	Muswellbrook Shire Council
	Mark Bowditch (MB)	Community Representative
	Peter Horder (PH)	Community Representative
	Susan Pickersgill (SP)	Community Representative
	De-Anne Douglas (DD)	CEO Wanaruah LALC
APOLOGIES	Michael White (MW)	Representative for Coolmore/Godolphin
	Les Jones (LJ)	Community Representative
MALABAR	James Johnson (JJ)	General Manager Development and Operations – Malabar
REPRESENTATIVES		Resources
	Alex Newton (AN)	Environment & Approvals Coordinator – Malabar Resources
	Donna McLaughlin (DM)	Manager Health, Safety, Environment & Community –
		Malabar Resources
	Henk Lemmer (HL)	Construction Manager- Malabar Resources
OTHERS	Kerri Garvie *	Independent Minute Taker

^{*}Attended via phone

WELCOME APOLOGIES	The meeting was opened at 11.08am by the Independent Chair, welcoming all members to the September 2022 Maxwell CCC meeting. LA confirmed apologies from MW & LJ.		LA	
DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST	LA advised that she is an approved Independent Chairperson, approved by the Department of Planning and engaged by Malabar Resources to chair this CCC meeting.		LA No changes to members previous declarations	
CONFIRM MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS	Minutes of the CCC held on 15 June 2022 and the Extraordinary CCC meeting on the 9 th August 2022 were distributed to members for review and finalised on 16 th July 2022 and 29 th August 2022.			LA
BUSINESS ARISING/ ACTION ITEMS	Actions a	rising from the previous two meetings: ISSUE	RESPONSIBILITY	LA Complete
	2	Members to forward "Community Questions" 14 days in advance of scheduled meetings. LA confirmed that no questions had been received. Inform stakeholders if the previous mentioned dates (September) change for the blasting for Woodland Hills and Whynot.	LA (Ongoing)	(Ongoing item) Action item
	3	Included in presentation. IEA report will be shared with CCC when received. Holdover – submitted to DPE on 5 July 2022 and awaiting review. DM to arrange a site visit for members. To be held with Q4	DM	
	It was cor meeting.	meeting Ifirmed that no further business has ari	isen from previous	



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SPUR HILL UNDERGROUND METALLURGICAL PROJECT UPDATE	 As sent with Meeting Notice on 2/9/22 with 1 additional item: 8/7/22 – Email to members with the draft minutes for review 16/7/22 – Email to members with the finalised minutes. 28/7/22 – Email to members with a proposed date for the extraordinary meeting of the CCC to discuss MOD 2. 8/8/22 - Email to members with agenda, video-link & reminder for this meeting. 19/8/22 – Email to members with the draft minutes for review 29/8/22 – Email to members with the finalised minutes. 2/9/22 Email to members with meeting notice for this meeting. 12/9/22 – Email to members with the reminder for this meeting. JJ provided an update on the Spur Hill Underground (UG) Metallurgical Project. Wet weather has caused delays. Archaeological and ecological surveys completed. ESF4 form to be submitted. Velseis Integrated Seismic Technologies planned to commence once approvals in place. 	JJ Slide 3
MAXWELL UNDERGROUND PROJECT UPDATE	JJ discussed the schedule: Construction continuing of temporary access road & infrastructure at the mine entry area (MEA) Longwall machine due to be ordered for delivery in 2024 Wet weather has caused minor delays. TF asked what country does the Longwall machine come from? JJ explained the parts and where they are manufactured including China, Germany and Australia.	JJ Slide 5
	 HL provided an update on the construction: Construction of the temporary access road to the MEA is complete HL showed photos including clean water drain, the clean water drain and the MEA Dam. 	HL Slides 6-7
REALIGNMENT MODIFICATION OVERVIEW (MOD-2)	DM discussed the Modification 2 (MOD-2) - Realignment Modification Overview: Key changes: Re-orientation of longwall panels. Reduction of the width of the initial panels from 300m wide to 145m wide. Relocation of the Woodland Hill seam ventilation shaft to suit the revised mine plan. DM shared the results from the public exhibition that ran from 2 nd until 22 nd August 2022 noting that there were 70 submissions received: 8 from Government agencies	DM Slides 8-9
	 23 from Local organisations 39 from Members of the public 2 were opposing with 68 in support The two opposing submissions raised some questions around subsidence impacts on Hunter River and Saddlers Creek, groundwater predictions, groundwater model update and noise modelling predictions. Malabar provided a response to DPE regarding the submissions on the 2nd September. Malabar are currently waiting the DPE assessment report for the modification. TF asked if the two opposing submissions were raised by the public or government agencies. DM confirmed one was the Hunter Thoroughbred Breeders Association and a joint submission from Coolmore and Godolphin. 	



	SP asked why they extended the exhibition period for a week. DM explained that the Hunter Thoroughbred Breeders Association approached the DPE asking for a two-week extension and received one week. TF asked if Malabar reiterated on the previous response. DM confirmed in some cases they refer to what was put forward in the EIS. LA asked if Malabar had engaged with the Hunter Thoroughbred Breeders Association prior to the exhibition commencing with DM confirming no, however. Malabar had met with both Coolmore and Godolphin.	
ENVIRONMENTAL PERFORMANCE & MANAGEMENT PLANS	 AN provided an update on the site rehabilitation including: 10 ha of ground preparation for tree planting has occurred including ripping, slashing, spraying and kangaroo control Dog and fox baiting undertaken with surrounding neighbours 5000 plants are to be planted in two rehabilitated areas on site during Spring 1000 trees to supplement the existing tree screen adjacent to the MEA Weed control conducted during July Successful pig trapping during July & August AN provided a summary of the 24-hour PM₁₀ and PM_{2.5} data for TEOM 1 & 2. Explained some issues with the monitoring equipment resulting in being sent to the supplier in the US to resolve; all results were significantly below the 24- hour average and annual average criteria. TF queried if the monitoring equipment failure had been reported to the EPA. AN & DM confirmed that they would be reported in the end of year Annual Review to the DPE and the Annual Return to the EPA 	AN Slide 11 AN Slides 13-16
	and that a replacement instrument had been secured. DM briefly discussed the mine rehabilitation erosion modelling of the 10, 100 & 1000-year scenario for the mine site to identify any highrisk areas. An inspection following the modelling with the regulator showed no evidence. Improvement works completed- • Undertaken high density lidar on mine rehabilitation • Soil testing undertaken • Reviewing drainage designs (contours and drop structures) Management plans completed- • Exploration Activities and other Surface infrastructure Management Plan • Maxwell Underground Coal Mine Forward Program. • Commenced preparing the Extraction Plan The Independent Environmental Audit required by Development Consent SSD_9526 was submitted to DPE on 5 July and awaits DPE review.	DM Slide 12
COMMUNITY COMPLAINTS	AN confirmed no community complaints had been received since the last meeting.	AN
COMMUNITY UPDATES	AN provided an update on Malabar's recent events • Blackrock Industries provided a BBQ on site to celebrate NAIDOC week.	AN Slide 19



	 Malabar sponsored Muswellbrook High School NAIDOC League Tag event - Providing a BBQ, Dancers and a Digeridoo player, painting and free drink bottles 	
COMMUNITY QUESTIONS	LA confirmed there was no community questions prior to the CCC.	LA
GENERAL BUSINESS	A discussion was had regarding kangaroo control ideas. JL mentioned it was great to see the Drayton void (located on Mt Arthur Coal's lease) was being filled.	LA
NEXT MEETING	As previously planned the next meeting and site visit will be on 7 th December at 10am. Details to be confirmed. Noting that the Joint Mt Arthur/Maxwell Infrastructure CCC will also be held that day.	DM/LA

Meeting closed at 11:43am 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.	CCC Members
		(ongoing)
2	JJ to provide the response to CCC regarding the blasting of the Woodland Hill and Whynot	IJ
	portals.	
3	IEA report to be shared with CCC when reviewed by DPE.	DM
4	DM to send CCC site requirements prior to the December meeting/site visit.	DM