

MAXWELL COMMUNITY CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE

Minutes of the Meeting held on 15 November 2023

Via Zoom * & in attendance on-site at Maxwell

GROUP	NAME	ORGANISATION
CCC MEMBERS PRESENT	Lisa Andrews (LA)	Independent Chairperson
	Brian Atfield (BA)	Community Representative
	Peter Horder (PH)	Community Representative
	Sue Pickersgill (SP)	Community Representative
	Michael White (MW)	Coolmore / Godolphin Representative
	Theresa Folpp (TF)	Muswellbrook Shire Council
MALABAR REPRESENTATIVES	Henk Lemmer (HL)	Construction Manager
	Donna McLaughlin (DM)	Manager Health, Safety, Environment & Community
	Teagan Rutter (TR)	Community Administrator
	Alex Newton (AN)	Environment & Approvals Coordinator
	Doyle Pryde (DP)	Senior Geologist
EDDERTON SOLAR PROJECT Introductory Briefing	Andy Winter (AW) *	EDF Renewables
	Hannah Coffey (HC) *	EDF Renewables
	Wayne Seabrook (WS) *	Malabar Chairman
APOLOGIES	Jennifer Lecky	Community Representative
	Stephen Ward (SW)	Community Representative
	Kemer Edwards	Wanaruah LALC
	Mark Bowditch	Community Representative
	James Johnson	General Manager, Development & Operations
OTHER	Sarah Purser *	Independent Minute Taker
1. Welcome and Introductions	LA opened the meeting at 11.32 a.m. welcoming all. The Environment & Community Team were thanked for today's site tour to view the Mine Entry Area (MEA). Tim Britten and Barry Vercoe were acknowledged for their assistance during the site tour. LA noted how much progress had been achieved since the previous site tour in December 2022. Acknowledgement of Country by LA.	LA
2. Apologies	Advised and recorded.	LA
3. Declaration of Pecuniary Interests	<i>Standing Declarations</i> ; LA is an Independent Chairperson, approved by the DPE, and engaged by Maxwell to Chair this CCC meeting. MW is a consultant and representative for Coolmore and Godolphin. SP provides secretarial services as an external contractor to Maxwell.	LA
4. Confirm Minutes of Previous Meeting	LA confirmed the finalised minutes of the previous CCC meeting held 13 September 2023 were emailed to members on 9 October 2023.	LA
5. Business Arising from the Meeting held 13 September 2023 Action Items	<p>Item 1: Maxwell to provide a workforce snapshot in relation to residency, gender and indigenous workforce numbers.</p> <p>✓ Presentation by DM in today's meeting.</p> <p>Item 2: Site inspection to the Mine Entry Area</p> <p>✓ Conducted prior to today's meeting.</p> <p>Item 3: AM to confirm what chemical is used to manage the Mother-of-Millions</p> <p>✓ AN actioned post the previous meeting. Roundup Biactive is used as it contains a water-soluble surfactant and can be utilised around creek lines.</p>	LA

<p>Action Items</p>	<p>Item 4: DM to advise when underground blasting commenced. ✓ DM actioned post the previous meeting. Blasting commenced 19 July 2023.</p> <p>Item 5: For future dust monitoring reporting, AN to overlay data from the government run monitor that is located opposite TEOM2 Plashet monitor. ✓ Actioned by AN.</p> <p>Item 6: LA to circulate the Terms of Reference to members with the 13/9/23 Minutes. ✓ Completed by LA. LA confirmed all members were happy to ratify the ToR and will circulate with today's Meeting Minutes.</p> <p>Item 7: LA & DM to complete the Risk Assessment for Members. ✓ LA confirmed that the DPE are happy for the company hosting the CCC meeting to complete the WH&S risk assessments.</p>	
<p>6. Correspondence Report - Emailed to Maxwell CCC Members by LA</p>	<p>20/9/23; Advice of approval for the Antiene Rail modification. 29/9/23; Draft minutes for review. 9/10/23; Finalised minutes. 10/10/23; Action Items undertaken post meeting from Q3 CCC. 12/10/23; Information about EPA's Bust the Dust community forum. 2/11/23; Meeting notice and agenda for this meeting. 13/11/23; Reminder for this meeting.</p>	<p>LA</p>
<p>7. Spur Hill Exploration Licence Update Doyle Pryde (DP)</p>	<p>DP advised the seismic data acquisition had been completed between 6 to 11 November and the program had run well. Next step is data processing by external consultants, and review of the forward program. Rehabilitation inspections will be conducted through November and if any works are required, these will be conducted prior to year-end.</p>	<p>Slide 3</p>
<p>8. Update on Maxwell Underground Mine Donna McLaughlin (DM)</p>	<p>DM provided an update of the Maxwell Underground Mine schedule that is reviewed at each CCC meeting. DM noted members would have seen the construction of the permanent access road during today's site tour.</p> <p>DM noted that Maxwell's focus is around the Woodlands Hill drift and that Maxwell are looking to increase the workforce for this area. Maxwell are continuing with recruitment drives, noting current job opportunities are advertised on the Malabar website including for 2024 Electrical and Mechanical Apprentices. DM encouraged members to share the apprenticeship program within the community (flyers were handed out). Maxwell recently attended a Careers Expo run by Council and are engaging directly with local high schools. The Maxwell team also recently went to China to view the manufacturing of the longwall, for which completion is anticipated for 2025.</p>	<p>Slide 5</p>
<p>Workforce Snapshot</p>	<p>Residency; DM presented workforce residency by percentage across; Muswellbrook, Singleton, Upper Hunter, Maitland, Cessnock, Newcastle, Lake Macquarie and other. DM confirmed a large number reside in the Singleton, Muswellbrook and Upper Hunter LGA's. DM noted this data had been collected for permanent Maxwell roles. A program has commenced for contractors to update their details in Pegasus however this will take some time to collect this data.</p>	<p>Slide 6</p>

<p>Workforce Snapshot</p>	<p>Gender; Maxwell's target for female employment is 20%, Maxwell are tracking well at 23.8%. DM noted that Maxwell encourages more females to come on board through the New to Industry Program.</p> <p>Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander; Maxwell's target is indigenous employment is 10% and Maxwell are currently sitting at 9.5%. DM noted a small portion of employees had chosen not to disclose their answer to this question. Maxwell are actively promoting cultural awareness and diversity through the introduction of indigenous Hi Vis shirts, the placement of signage around site to Acknowledge Country, along with artwork displayed in their reception.</p> <p>DM also advised of a works release program whereby incarcerated men at St Heliers Correctional Centre are inducted to site and go out with the workforce at Maxwell doing general labouring duties. This program provides the men with important life skills and work experience whilst helping to reduce the rate of re-incarceration.</p>	<p>Slide 7</p> <p>Slide 8</p>
<p>Access Road & Conveyor Trace</p>	<p>Maxwell provided progress photos of the Conveyor Trace taken in September and October 2023 and an overview of the bulk earthworks in relation to the construction of the Access Road and Conveyor Trace.</p> <p>DM noted that in regard to the Access Road, Maxwell are using a dust suppressant on that road and will continue to do so until the permanent road is sealed. The road will be sealed in stages, the first stage anticipated for completion in early 2024.</p> <p>In response to a query regarding the likelihood for any more blasting, DM advised that surface blasting at the MEA was completed and that surface blasting was not anticipated to be required for the access road or conveyor corridor. On that basis, DM noted that the blast monitors had been uninstalled by the blasting consultant.</p>	<p>Slides 9, 10, 11 & 12</p>
<p>9. Management Plans & Environmental Performance Donna McLaughlin (DM) & Alex Newton (AN)</p>	<p>Management Plan Updates;</p> <p>DM provided detail of the Management Plans that have been updated following approval of the Antiene Modification, inclusive of those that were submitted to the DPE and those approved and or finalised.</p> <p>DM confirmed all updated Management Plans are uploaded to the company website and DM is happy to provide a hard copy for those who would prefer that format.</p> <p>DM advised there has been a delay in finalising the detail for the Mine Plan for the Whynot Bord and Pillar operation and therefore the date for completing the associated Extraction Plan had moved back.</p>	<p>Slide 14</p>

	<p>In response to a query from TF, DM advised that Maxwell has an environmental bioremediation area on-site enabling the treatment and disposal of hydrocarbon contaminated material as clean soil.</p> <p>Rehabilitation Update; Spring planting of 5,500 trees has been completed. Removal and seeding of 3.2 hectares of redundant contours banks has also been undertaken.</p> <p>Weed Control; AN confirmed that the Acacia saligna trees had been identified during today's site tour. AN noted those trees are now considered to be an invasive species, therefore Maxwell are controlling them across site. Treatment of St John's Wort is conducted on a seasonal basis.</p> <p>Pest Control; AN presented November control numbers for pigs, rabbits and hares. It was questioned if Maxwell had seen any wild dogs and AN responded not so many, but they had noticed an increase in the number of pigs. Maxwell do conduct pest control for foxes and feral dogs bi-annually in conjunction with the Local Land Services.</p> <p>Rehabilitation; AN advised a contour bank in east Void has been realigned and a rock structure widening program has commenced.</p> <p>Dust Monitoring; <i>PM₁₀ at TEOM-1 (Maxwell Infrastructure);</i> This monitor is located on the other side of Thomas Mitchell Drive. Monitoring levels were low in relation to criteria for human health protection. AN noted that Maxwell had a full complement of monitoring data since the last CCC meeting.</p> <p><i>PM_{2.5} at TEOM-1 (Maxwell Infrastructure);</i> Very low concentrations recorded for ultra fine particles.</p> <p><i>PM₁₀ at TEOM-2 (Plashett);</i> This monitor is located near the Hunter River at the Plashett property. AN advised in response to a request by the CCC, if there are monitoring gaps due to less than adequate cover, the data from an Upper Hunter Air Quality Monitoring Network (UHAQMN) monitor will be overlaid. This UHAQMN monitor is located 1.7 kilometres to the SSE of Maxwell's TEOM-2 monitor.</p> <p>Since mid-October there has been no issues with monitoring equipment and AN is optimistic that will continue now, they have resolved electrical issues with the TEOM. TF noted that it does look much better having the extra data overlaid, although it is not ideal to have power outages, it is better to have some data than not at all.</p> <p><i>PM_{2.5} at TEOM-2 (Plashett);</i> All results were significantly below the 24-hour and annual impact assessment criteria. AN noted that on 22 September 2023 the daily average concentration was elevated, AN explained on that occasion the data was strongly negative, the negative values were removed, hence the remaining numbers were high.</p>	<p>Slide 15</p> <p>Slide 16</p> <p>Slide 17</p> <p>Slide 18</p> <p>Slide 19</p>
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<p>10. Community Update Donna McLaughlin (DM)</p>	<p>No complaints were received in the reporting period.</p> <p>Sponsorships & Donations;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Open Door at the Singleton Neighbourhood Centre - provide support to those in need in the local community. Malabar gifted four new cooking pots and over \$200.00 worth of food and kitchen supplies for their pantry. • Roohaven Wildlife Rescue - are a non-for-profit organisation that is run by a local Muswellbrook couple caring for injured native wildlife. Malabar donated \$2,000.00 to assist with the costs of rehabilitation. • Martindale Public School - Malabar provided swimming packs for all students which included a swim bag, goggles, swim cap, bucket hat, sunscreen, drink bottle, bubbles and a skipping rope. • Warrior Disability Services (WDS) - Malabar collects cans and bottles for WDS to pick up and recycle. The money raised is used for end of year activities, this year WDS are saving for a trip to the zoo. Total raised so far is \$678.90 	<p>Slide 21</p> <p>Slide 22</p>
<p>11. Community Questions</p>	<p>LA called for questions from the community, nil put were forward.</p>	
<p>12. Edderton Solar Project Andy Winter (AW) Hannah Coffey (HC)</p>	<p>Introduction briefing from EDF-R</p> <p>AW advised that EDF Renewables Australia (EDF-R) is a subsidiary of the EDF Group. The Edderton Solar Project is a joint venture between EDF-R and Malabar. This is a State Significant Development that will be assessed in accordance with DPE Large-scale Solar Energy Guidelines.</p> <p>AW provided the Planning timelines and an overview of project benefits including; the projects strategic location, alignment to the Energy Transition and NSW Electricity Infrastructure Roadmap, local content and aligned objectives.</p> <p>AW advised that Community Engagement commenced November 2023 and detailed the communications process.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Government Agencies; Department of Planning & Environment (DPE), NSW Environment Biodiversity Conservation Division (BCD) and Muswellbrook / Singleton Shire Councils. ➤ Neighbours; Horse Studs and neighbours upon request following introduction letter. ➤ Community; Maxwell CCC - today's meeting being a launch pad to reach broader community. ➤ Aboriginal Groups / Local Aboriginal Land Council (LALC) ➤ Business Chamber <p>In parallel there will be a letter drop to landholders located within three kilometres from the boundary and an invitation to a community Drop-In Session at the end of November.</p>	

<p>EDF-R Contacts</p>	<p>In response to a query from LA, it was confirmed that the CCC will be provided with ongoing updates on the Edderton Solar Project.</p> <p>HC asked if anybody in the community has interest in the project to please encourage them to contact herself.</p> <p>Hannah Coffey – 0418 656 583 or hannah@taylorconnect.org</p> <p>Website www.eddertonsolarfarm.com.au</p> <p>Email australia@edf-re.com.au</p>	
<p>13. General Business CCC Member Feedback</p>	<p>In response to a query from PH, DM confirmed that Maxwell are not washing coal and that there are sprays on the stock pile that are manually turned on (as required), and this will continue.</p> <p>DM acknowledged this to be the last CCC meeting for the year, she expressed Maxwell's gratitude to the CCC members. LA noted this CCC has good representation from community and the forum works very effectively.</p> <p>LA closed the meeting at 12.39 a.m., thanking all for their attendance and contribution, and wishing everyone well for the forthcoming festive season.</p>	
<p>Next Meeting Dates</p>	<p>Via attendance on-site at Maxwell and Zoom at 10.00 a.m.</p> <p>7 February, 8 May, 7 August and 13 November 2024</p>	<p>LA</p>

ACTION	ITEM	RESPONSIBILITY
Ongoing	Members to forward "Community Questions" 14 days in advance of scheduled meetings.	Community Representatives