

# ABEL UNDERGROUND COAL MINE

## COMMUNITY CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE Meeting #36

Monday 20<sup>th</sup> February 2017  
Abel Underground Mine Administration Building  
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### 1. OPENING & WELCOME

Chairman, Mrs Margaret MacDonald-Hill declared the meeting open at 4:10 pm.

### 2. PRESENT

Ms Margaret MacDonald-Hill, Mr Alan Brown, Mr Allan Jennings, Mr Ian Turnbull, Mr Phillip Brown, Mr Aaron McGuigan and Mr Ryan Tubridy (minutes).

#### 2.1 APOLOGIES

Mr Greg Lamb, Mr Terry Lewin, Mr Brad Ure, Mr Tony Sutherland

### 3. PECUNIARY INTERESTS

The Chair made her usual declaration.

### 4. CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

Previous Minutes 29<sup>th</sup> of August 2016 confirmed by Mr A Jennings and seconded by Mr A Brown.

### 5. BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

#### 5.1 Update on Mine Subsidence District (MSD)

Ms MacDonald-Hill reiterated that the Blackhill area will be included in a MSD and stated that what was displayed on the website is what is proposed to go through and is almost finalised. Ms MacDonald-Hill also advised that Subsidence Advisory NSW are developing a user friendly website that displays where mining has occurred for public information. This will be completed following the finalisation of the mine subsidence districts. Ms MacDonald-Hill confirmed that there will be a consultation process to ensure that the correct information is displayed. Ms MacDonald-Hill advised that all changes to the Board are planned to be finalised by 2018.

### 6. CORRESPONDENCE

#### 6.1 Community Consultative Committee Guidelines

Ms MacDonald-Hill distributed the Code of Conduct Agreement and the Pecuniary Interest Declaration forms for all members to fill out as per the guidelines.

Ms MacDonald-Hill briefly went through the new CCC guidelines. Copy to be circulated with the Minutes. Ms MacDonald-Hill also stated that the Chair's Annual report had been submitted to DPE. A copy will be circulated with the minutes.

### 7. COMPANY REPORTS AND OVERVIEW OF ACTIVITIES

#### 7.1 Abel Mine Update

*Presented by Mr McGuigan.*

Mr McGuigan advised that Abel mine has progressed to fulltime Care and Maintenance reducing the number of employees onsite to 4.5 equivalent full time roles with some equipment moved to other sites requiring less labour to maintain what is left. Approvals etc. are on hold still as advised at the last meeting.

Mr A Brown asked if the Yancoal takeover of Rio Tinto would change Abel's status.

Mr McGuigan advised that there is no information on the company's direction after the acquisition. He confirmed that nothing has changed with regard to the future of Abel.

#### 7.2 Environmental Update

*Presentation by Mr P Brown. Refer to Presentation.*

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1	0	Draft Minutes	R Tubridy	21.02.2017	P. Brown
		Approved Minutes			

**8. COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVE QUESTIONS/COMMENTS**

Mr Jennings expressed his and his neighbour's unhappy dealings with a subsidence claim regarding their access road and the repairs that need to take place. He also told of a near miss incident on Blackhill Road at the Meredith Road intersection due to bad line of site involving a truck and one of the residents of Meredith Road. Mr Jennings said that the road needs to be fixed quickly to avoid any incidents.

Mr P Brown advised that the MSB had submitted the road designs to get council sign off. Mr P Brown advised that he will call the Subsidence Advisory Office or Cessnock City Council to find out the status.

Mr A Brown noted the timeline he has kept of the many modifications made by Abel Mine in respect to mining techniques and areas to be mined in Blackhill.

**9. GENERAL BUSINESS**

Ms MacDonald-Hill suggested as Abel Mine is on Care and Maintenance, that the CCC meetings be moved to twice a year with the condition that if any changes occur or a member requires it, an extraordinary meeting can be held. All members present agreed to that meeting schedule.

**10. NEXT MEETING**

4<sup>th</sup> September 2017 4.00pm

**The meeting was declared closed at 4:53 pm by the Chairman.**