

ABEL UNDERGROUND COAL MINE
COMMUNITY CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE Meeting #38
26th March 2018
Abel Underground Mine Administration Building
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1. OPENING & WELCOME

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

2. PRESENT

Mrs Margaret MacDonald-Hill, Mr Alan Brown, Mr Allan Jennings and Mr Phillip Brown (minutes).

Mrs MacDonald-Hill advised that following a discussion with Mr Andrew Pace, he had tendered his resignation from the Committee.

2.1 APOLOGIES

Mr Terry Lewin, Mr Brad Ure, Mr Bill Farnworth, and Mr Greg Lamb.

3. PECUNIARY INTERESTS

The Chair noted no changes to her previous declarations or that of CCC members.

4. CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

Previous Minutes 4th September 2017 confirmed by Mr A Jennings and seconded by Mr P Brown.

5. BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

5.1 Repairs to Black Hill Road

Mr P Brown advised that he sent an email to Matt Montgomery (SA NSW) on 18th December 2017.

Mr A Brown commented that Daracon had not increased the speed limit following the repairs to Black Hill road.

Mr P Brown will seek an update from SA NSW concerning the road repairs and Cessnock Council re speed limit.

5.2 Feral animal baiting

Mr P Brown tabled a plan showing the location and results of baiting. Donaldson will undertake another baiting program in 2018 and will seek other landholders in the area to participate.

5.3 Controlled RFS burn

Controlled burn off deferred by RFS due to hot dry weather. Will reassess and undertake in 2018.

5.4 Donaldson trust status

Mr P Brown advised that the Trust was financially supporting the Richmond Vale Railway trail

6. CORRESPONDENCE

as per Agenda

7. COMPANY REPORTS AND OVERVIEW OF ACTIVITIES

7.1 Abel Mine Update

Mr P Brown advised that Abel is still under Care and Maintenance and there is no current plan to change this at this stage.

Mr A Brown asked if there was any plan to recommence mining at Abel due to the increased price for coal.

Mr P Brown advised that there is no current plan to recommence mining.

Mr A Brown asked if there were any plans for longwall mining at Abel.

Mr P Brown advised that Donaldson currently had longwall mining approved under the existing consent.

Mr A Brown asked if there were any plans to change longwall mining at Abel.

Mr P Brown advised that if Donaldson were to consider additional longwall mining at Abel then it would require an amendment to the current consent.

7.2 Environmental Update

As per the presentation.

8. COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVE QUESTIONS/COMMENTS

Mr Jennings advised that a resident in Black Hill had their claim regarding damage to buildings rejected by SA NSW recently. The Chair suggested Mr Jennings advise the resident to seek a review of the claim.

9. GENERAL BUSINESS

Nil

10. NEXT MEETING

3rd September 2018 4.00pm

The meeting was declared closed at 4:35 pm by the Chair.

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