

**ABEL UNDERGROUND COAL MINE
COMMUNITY CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE (CCC) Meeting #46
7th March, 2022
Abel Underground Mine Administration Building
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1. OPENING & WELCOME

Ms MacDonald-Hill declared the meeting opened at 3:01 pm.

2. PRESENT

Ms Margaret MacDonald-Hill (Chairperson), Mr Terry Lewin, Mr Alan Brown, Mr Allan Jennings, Mr Phillip Brown (Abel Mine Environment & Community Relations Superintendent) and Mr James Benson (Abel Mine Environment & Community Coordinator) (minutes).

3. APOLOGIES

Mr Brad Ure, Mr Greg Lamb (Bloomfield Group), Mr William Farnworth (Donaldson Operations, Mining Engineering Manager)

4. PECUNIARY INTERESTS

There were no changes to the previously declared pecuniary interests.

5. CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

Minutes of the Abel CCC on 15th March 2021 were confirmed by Mr Lewin and seconded by Mr A. Brown. Note the meeting scheduled for 29 November 2021 was postponed due to COVID restrictions.

6. BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

6.1 Website Updates

Mr P. Brown advised that the Donaldson Coal website has been updated with additional documents referenced at historical CCC meetings.

7. CORRESPONDENCE

1. An email was received by GHD seeking the Committee to provide any areas for review in the upcoming triannual Independent Environmental Audit.
2. The Chair's Annual Report has been submitted to the Department of Planning and Environment. It will also be added to the Donaldson website.

8. COMPANY REPORTS AND OVERVIEW OF ACTIVITIES

8.1 Abel Mine Update

Refer to presentation

There was one complaint that was received in December 2021 from a community member from Avalon Estate regarding the use of dog baiting to manage wild dogs across the mining lease.

8.2 Environmental Update

Refer to presentation.

Mr P Brown discussed the variation to the Abel Environmental Protection Licence and advised that Dust Deposition and HVAS dust monitoring ceased at the end of December 2021.

Mr Lewin asked if Donaldson Coal was aware of the proposed gas pipeline project. Mr P Brown noted that the proposed Project which runs through Donaldson Coal owned land and on the southern side of John Renshaw Drive will not have any effect on the current or future management of the site.

9. COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVE QUESTIONS/COMMENTS

Mr Jennings noted that Blackhill Road has noticeable cracks in it again in areas previously affected by subsidence. Mr P Brown advised that the matter should be referred to Cessnock Council or Subsidence Advisory NSW. Mrs MacDonald-Hill has followed up on a representative from the Cessnock City Council. Feedback was received that Council had no record of a request for the Abel CCC. Ms MacDonald-Hill will follow up with Cessnock Council.

10. GENERAL BUSINESS

Mr Benson asked if any member was interested in receiving a copy of the Abel Emergency Management Plan, he can provide a copy of this.

Revision History

Edition	Revision	Comment	Author	Date	Authorised by:
1	0	Draft Minutes	J Benson	7/03/2022	

11. NEXT MEETING

Next meeting date is scheduled for 12th September 2022 at 3:00pm.

The meeting was declared closed at 3:41 pm by the Chairperson.