

**ABEL UNDERGROUND COAL MINE
COMMUNITY CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE (CCC) Meeting #47
12th September 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 William Farnworth (Donaldson Operations, Mining Engineering Manager), 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)

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 of 7th March 2022 were confirmed by Mr A. Brown and seconded by Mr A. Jennings.

6. BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

Nil

7. CORRESPONDENCE

1. 11/3/22 – Cessnock Council / MMH emails regarding a Council Representative. No Council representative has been allocated to the Abel CCC.

8. COMPANY REPORTS AND OVERVIEW OF ACTIVITIES

8.1 Abel Mine Update – William Farnworth

Refer to presentation

There has been no change to operations since the last meeting with the site remaining on Care and Maintenance. The corporate personnel who were based at the Abel site have now relocated to the Newcastle Office. A trial Water Treatment Plant has been installed near the Big Kahuna Dam although is yet to be commissioned.

8.2 Environmental Update

Refer to presentation.

Mr P Brown noted Rainfall data has an error in the data.

9. COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVE QUESTIONS/COMMENTS

Mr Lewin asked if there was any update to the future of the site considering coal prices are high.

Mr Farnworth noted that there is no update with the site planning to continue on C&M. If a decision was made to recommence operations, there would be a 6 month delay in order to get ready.

Mr A. Brown provided an update to the condition of Black Hill Rd.

10. GENERAL BUSINESS

Mr A. Brown suggested that the Committee consider reviewing the frequency of meetings and reducing meetings to annually. The Committee agreed that this was sufficient considering the mine was in Care and Maintenance. If the mine was to change status, then more frequent meetings could be reinstated. The Chair acknowledged that a meeting can be called at any time if the situation warranted it or the Committee felt it was needed.

Mr Lewin asked what are the implications of Bloomfield closing on the future operations at Abel. Mr Farnworth outlined that Abel would be reliant on the Bloomfield rail line to rail coal from site if operations recommenced.

A discussion was held when pre-mining inspections occur on properties and at what stage of mining are these triggered. Yancoal will conduct pre-mining inspections on 'principal residences' prior to first workings.

11. NEXT MEETING

Next meeting date is scheduled for 11th September 2023 at 3:00pm.

The meeting was declared closed at 3:35 pm by the Chairperson.

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