

**ABEL UNDERGROUND COAL MINE
COMMUNITY CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE (CCC) Meeting #48
11th September 2023
Abel Underground Mine Administration Building
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1. OPENING & WELCOME

Ms MacDonald-Hill declared the meeting opened at 3.05pm.

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).

Mr William Farnworth (arrived at 15.20) (Donaldson Operations, Mining Engineering Manager)

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

Mr A. Jennings raised that a discussion was had at the last meeting regarding the point in time when a principal residence is subject to a pre-mining survey. This discussion was not noted in the previous minutes.

The minutes of the September 2022 were amended to correct this and were confirmed by Mr A. Jennings and seconded by Mr T. Lewin.

6. BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

Mr Jennings raised the matter of when does a property receive a pre-mining inspection as a property owner did not receive an inspection on a shed prior to first workings and believed that the shed had been impacted from subsidence. The Committee discussed at what stage in mining a pre-mining survey occurs. Mr P Brown noted that it was previously resolved by Donaldson Coal that it would conduct pre-mining inspections on principal residences prior to first workings occurring. It was noted that these inspections are only for principal residences.

7. CORRESPONDENCE

As per agenda with the exception of the CCC TOR being sent on the 31/08/2023 not the 30/08/2023.

29/9/22 – email PB to CCC dog baiting notices

6/10/22 – email MMH to CCC on review of CCC guidelines

23/6/23 – email MMH to CCC on revised guidelines

31/8/23 – email MMH to CCC TOR

8. COMPANY REPORTS AND OVERVIEW OF ACTIVITIES

8.1 Abel Mine Update – William Farnworth

The mine continues in care and maintenance with seal repairs, general maintenance and water management being the primary activities in the past twelve months.

A company called APA are now using infrastructure at Abel (offices for administration works and storing pipes at Abel) to prepare for the construction of a gas pipeline between Seahampton and Kurri Kurri. The gas pipeline runs through the Abel/Donaldson site roughly parallel to the Hunter Water pipeline. Mr Farnworth confirmed that there is a commercial lease agreement in place for APA using Abel facilities.

8.2 Environmental Update

Refer to presentation.

Mr Lewin asked about the plans for rehabilitation of the Abel Portals. Mr P Brown and Mr Farnworth described the sealing of the portals including the roadways under John Renshaw Drive.

9. COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVE QUESTIONS/COMMENTS

Nil

Revision History

Edition	Revision	Comment	Author	Date	Authorised by:
1	0	Draft Minutes	J Benson	15/09/2023	

10. GENERAL BUSINESS

Ms MacDonald Hill provided an overview of the changes in the CCC amendment Terms of Reference (TOR) and asked the Committee members if there was any specific feedback.

Moving forward, The Chair advised that the CCC Agenda will be required to be placed on the Donaldson Coal website. Mr Farnworth was not listed in the Terms of Reference, and this will be updated to include him. The Committee agreed to adopt the Terms of Reference.

11. NEXT MEETING

Next meeting date is scheduled for 9/9/2024.

The meeting was declared closed at 3.42pm by the Chairperson.