

Mt Arthur Coal
Community Consultative Committee Meeting
10th August 2022
Community Response Line: 1800 882 044



Attendance

Chairperson:

Dr. W.E.J Paradise AM (WP) Independent Chair MAC CCC

BHP Representatives:

Katie Weaver (KW) Principal Communications
Amanda Walker (AW) Manager Corporate Affairs NSWEC
Sarah Bailey (SB) Manager Approvals, Land, Access and Heritage NSWEC
Ray Marten (RM) Principal Approvals
Hannah Farr (HF) Manager HSE NSWEC
Clive Berry (CB) Resource Strategies Pty Ltd - Brisbane
Andrew Bunch (AB) Resource Strategies Pty Ltd - Brisbane

Community Representatives:

Theresa Folpp (TF) Muswellbrook Shire Council
Kerri Garvie (KG) Independent Minute taker

Guest Presenter:

Daniel Holm (DH) Director of Square Peg

- Welcome and Apologies:** The meeting was held online at 9:10am via video conference with the chair (WP) welcoming everyone and apologizing for the technical issues causing the late start. KW acknowledged RM, CB, AB & DH. WP acknowledged country.
Apologies: WP had received apologies for Dianne Gee, Lavinia Hutchison, John Hobden and Jennifer Lecky; and Adam Lancey from BHP.
- Declaration of Pecuniary Interests: Ongoing Declaration –**
WP is paid for chairing the meeting as is KG for taking the minutes.
- Minutes of the previous Meeting:** Previous minutes had been circulated, corrected and accepted by WP as a true recording of the meeting. Further confirmation was obtained at the meeting.
- Business arising:** WP thanked BHP for organizing the site visit and presentation in July. WP & TF discussed Councils committee members policy with WP confirming that it is up to the Council who they appoint to represent them on the committee. WP to confirm with JL who will be representing the Council and to clarify if she is a community member or a councillor on the committee.
Actions 1&2 2019- WP explained this needs to stay on the agenda as Covid has had an impact on the Department of Planning representatives attending meetings.

5. **Special presentation: MAC MOD 2030 Approval - Sarah Bailey**

SB explained the purpose of the meeting was to give an overview of the MAC modification and an opportunity for the CCC to connect with DH from Square Peg.

SB undertook an Acknowledgment of Country - Wanaruah/ Wonnarua people.

BHP will retain the Mt Arthur Coal Mine in its portfolio and proceed with a managed process to cease mining by 2030. The plan to continue operating until 2030 is subject to obtaining relevant approvals beyond the current approval expiring in 2026, this process is a multi year undertaking on which work has already commenced to secure a four year extension (known as MAC MOD 2030). Key stakeholders were contacted immediately following the divestment review announcement including Government agencies, Indigenous stakeholders, NGO's, Industry associations, horse racing industry, licensees and near neighbours. Face to face meetings have also been completed with positive feedback. TF suggested councils' monthly SSD committee meeting might be worth presenting at with SB thanking her for the suggestion and agreeing to follow up.

Key aspects of MAC MOD 2030 include:

- Four year extension of mining activities beyond 30 June 2026.
- Mining to occur within existing Mining leases, no new mining tenure required.
- No requirement to develop the approved southern out of pit emplacement and other ancillary infrastructure areas.
- Revised void configuration.

SB presented indicative images of what the final landform could look like post-closure, subject to relevant approvals and closure conditions. Plans continue to be revised based on geotechnical understanding and feedback from regulatory agencies, with the CCC to be kept informed of updates as part of regular meetings.

Scope of the MAC MOD 2030 assessment may include:

- Air quality, greenhouse gas emissions, noise, social impact , economic impact, surface water, groundwater, biodiversity (), Aboriginal cultural heritage, Landscape and visual, traffic Assessments.

SB noted the following regarding the MAC MOD 2030 project:

- There are a significant number of steps involved.
- It is a multi-year undertaking.
- There are consultation phases that are well prescribed as part of this process.

It was agreed that updates on the MAC MOD 2030 project will be provided at the regular CCC meetings.

6. **Social Impact Assessment Overview: Square Peg Social Performance -**

The Director of Square Peg Social Performance Daniel Holm introduced himself and his company, which is completing the Social Impact Assessment- (SIA) for the modification (MAC MOD 2030).

DH provided background information on the SIA, noting that social impacts are the consequences people experience when a new project brings change. When evaluating social impacts each potential impact will be assessed based on likelihood and magnitude, following definitions provided in the guidelines that have been issued from the DPIE. The SIA report will form part of the Modification Report, this will include the outcomes of consultation, including identification of social impact management measures.

Key Data sources for an SIA:

- Consultation with potentially affected stakeholders.

- Analysis of secondary data about the existing community.
- Project description and specialist studies.

Questions that stakeholders will be asked:

- Information about the Muswellbrook community.
- What you believe the social impacts of the Modification might be.
- Which of those potential impacts are important to you/ the broader community.
- The future for Muswellbrook after the Modification.

Next steps are:

- Conducting one to one consultation with many stakeholders.
- In-depth SIA discussion at next CCC meeting.
- Finalise and submit SIA with application.

Members discussed initial feedback from the community regarding the modification, with comments noting potential concern about what happens beyond 2030. It was suggested that more detail on the pathway to closure engagement should be provided to enable community members to understand when and how they will be engaged.

DH will contact CCC members individually regarding MAC MOD 2030 and provide an updated report at the next CCC meeting.

7. General Business:

SB and AW thanked everyone to attending and DH for the presentation.

Future Meetings: Wednesday 9th November 2022.

WP to speak with community members confirming this date and will confirm with everyone.

8. Meeting Close: WP closed the meeting at 11.08am

ACTIONS ARISING FROM THIS MEETING:

ACTION 1- SB to follow up about undertaking a presentation to Muswellbrook Shire Council SSD Committee on the MAC MOD 2030 application.

ACTION 2- DH to contact CCC members on the SIA and provide an update on the SIA at the next meeting.

ACTION 3- TF to discuss with Muswellbrook Shire Council about the most appropriate forum to discuss the SIA with Council.

ACTIONS REMAINING OPEN FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS:

Action 1 (Feb 2019): Chair to get in touch with the DP&E (DPIE) to ascertain if a department representative could attend a future CCC meeting to speak about the cumulative impacts of dust. The DP&E were contacted	Chair to discuss with NSW Department of Planning	Ongoing
Action 2 (Nov 2019): Chair to arrange a department representative to discuss the lighting issue and associated community impacts particularly through the provision of defining offensive lighting.	Chair to discuss with NSW Department of Planning	Ongoing

Action 3 (May 2022): WP to confirm with JL who will be representing the Council and to clarify if she is a community member or a councillor on the committee.	Chair & JL	Update to be provided at next meeting
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