



**Community
Consultative
Committee**
27 July 2017



Action List

ITEM	RESPONSIBILITY	PROGRESS UPDATE
Clarify the discrepancy between the CCC guidelines and requirements of Ashton's Development Consent with respect to sitting fees for CCC members (PB).	PB	Refer to handout
CCC Presentation to include environmental activities update, employment and safety statistics. A summary of environmental monitoring report to be circulated with discussion by exception when distributing the agenda and presentation. (PB)	PB	Updated in July 2017 presentation
Ensure the old butcher shop is cleaned up adequately prior to the next CCC meeting (PB)	PB	Area cleaned up following last meeting
Progress demolition of derelict houses in Camberwell as discussed and update CCC at next meeting (PB).	PB	Request for tender documents issued to three companies
Tree Screen at New England Hwy requires maintenance	PB	Dead acacias removed.

Ashton Mine Production CY2017

Ashton Coal Key Statistics		
	2017 Budget	2017 Actual (as at 30 June)
ROM (t)	1,310,593	1,007,355
Product Coal (t)	660,540	399,574
Total Coal Sales (t)	746,147	608,803
Lost Time Injury (LTIFR)	18.1	23.8
Total Recordable Injuries (TRIFR)	19.7	28.88
Total Employees (FTE)		202
Complaints	0	2
Environmental Incidents	0	0

Current Mining Area

b. Environment Monitoring Data

- Refer to attachment to Agenda

Complaints

One Complaint on 24/06/17 at 8:24 am regarding 'whining and machinery noise'.

- A review of ACOL operations indicated there was minimal site operations occurring at the time as there was a long wall move on.
- Asked the complainant to call at the time of the noise issue next time to allow an investigation to be undertaken

Environmental Update

Community

- Six monthly meeting of the Ashton Coal Project Aboriginal Community Consultation Forum held.

Government

- DRE environmental officers undertook annual site inspection following submission of the Annual Environmental Management Report. No major issues identified.
- Attended Singleton Council Mayoral Academic Awards Presentation where Greg Pawley (Ashton Coal Operations Manager) presented the Award that Ashton Coal sponsors.
- Meeting with Singleton Council regarding proposed water treatment plant for Camberwell village. Water plant, installation and pipes to individual house – no charge to property owners. Installation project dates back to 1996.
- Revised Management Plans (Air Quality & Greenhouse Gas, Noise, Flora Fauna, Biodiversity offset, Aboriginal Heritage Cultural Heritage Management and EMS) submitted to Department Planning & Environment.

Environment update

Monitoring

- Flora monitoring of Bowmans Creek banks undertaken.
- Archaeology survey of proposed gas pipeline undertaken.
- Monthly noise monitoring undertaken. No issues identified.
- Autumn macroinvertebrate sampling of Bowman creek diversions undertaken.
- Ground disturbance permits approved for gas pipeline construction.
- Inspection of Bowmans Creek by geomorphologist to identify any maintenance works that are required.

Property

- weed spraying along banks of Bowman's Creek, Hunter River undertaken
- Continued work on cataloguing salvaged artefacts.
- Dog baiting program undertaken on Ashton surface land.

NEOC Flora

- The rehabilitation of the NEOC spoil emplacement is proceeding satisfactorily, and data shows that the majority of the monitoring criteria has been achieved.
- Generally the Pasture – NEOC areas have suitable vegetation coverage on the majority of the emplacement. The south-facing slope may have some localised decreases in vegetation cover since the last survey that require further investigation.
- Trees over Grass areas have successfully established canopy species, with Spotted Gums (*C. maculata*) fruiting again this survey. The density of the shrub and mid-storey species has resulted in low ground cover on those areas that have been established on sloping ground, but appear to be reasonably stable with little evidence of further erosion.
- Overall, the NEOC – Pasture and Trees over Grass domains are achieving the stated aim of maintaining or improving the agricultural capability of the land, with the proviso that the northern slopes can maintain the current good vegetation cover.
- Listed weeds are not widespread on the spoil emplacement, but early control of the relatively listed weed species identified is required to meet legislative requirements and prevent these species becoming more problematic in the future.

Camberwell update

- Camberwell property
 - 33 homes tenanted, 1 vacant to be tenanted
 - 4 homes vacant
 - Tenders are being called for demolition and removal of four houses.

Any Questions?