

Meeting Minutes

Stratford Coal Community Consultative Committee Meeting

Stratford Mine Site
Thursday 5th February 2026

Attendees:

Margaret MacDonald-Hill	CCC Chairperson	Alan Andrews	Stratford Coal Pty Ltd
John Cullen	Stratford Coal Pty Ltd	Kevin Lowrey	CCC Member
Thomas Kirkwood	Stratford Coal Pty Ltd	Philip Greenwood	CCC Member
Graham Chase	Stratford Coal Pty Ltd	Anthony Berecny	CCC Member
Lauren Whitelaw	Stratford Coal Pty Ltd	Norm Bignell	CCC Member
Jarrad Galvin	Stratford Coal Pty Ltd	Ryan Fenning	MidCoast Council
Alan Andrews	Stratford Coal Pty Ltd		

1. Site Tour

Site tour undertaken prior to the meeting and included visiting the CODAM, BRN Rehabilitation, Stratford East and the former CHPP area.

2. Welcome and Apologies

The Chair opened the meeting at 10:37 am.

Apologies: Mr Richard Clarke, Ms Lyndie Hepple.

3. Declaration of Pecuniary and Non-Pecuniary Interests

Ms MacDonald-Hill declared that she is the Independent Chair, appointed by the Secretary of the Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure.

The declarations of the Stratford Community Consultative Committee (CCC) members remain current.

4. Confirmation of Minutes of Previous Meeting

The Minutes of the Meeting held on Thursday, 21st of August 2025 were confirmed.

Moved by Mr Norm Bignell; seconded by Mr Philip Greenwood.

5. Business Arising from Previous Meeting

1. **Annual Action Item:** *MidCoast Council to provide an annual financial report each November on the spending of the Stratford Coal community enhancement contributions made to Council.*

The Chair requested Committee confirmation of suggested projects outline on page 9 of the 2024/25 MidCoast Council Financial Report. The projects are related to the expenditure of the Community Infrastructure funds and are required to be endorsed by the Committee. Mr Lowrey requested more time to review the Financial Report and the Chair agreed to send an email to the CCC with the relevant information. The committee agreed to providing a timely response to MidCoast Council.

2. **Ongoing Action Item:** *An optional site tour to be held at the end of each CCC meeting (weather permitting)*

6. Correspondence

Details of correspondence was included in the meeting Agenda.

The Chair reminded the Committee of the Terms of Reference (TOR) correspondence sent out on 8 September 2025 and confirmed that Mr Ryan Fenning was appointed as the MidCoast Council CCC representative with Ms Lyndie Hepple as an alternative. The Committee confirmed the TOR.

7. Company Reports and Overview of Activities

SCPL presented the Company Reports and Overview of Activities:

1. Future Land Use and Divestment Strategy:

Mr Alan Andrews presented to the Committee the Future Land Use and Divestment Strategy (FLUDS) and how the strategy for divestment is closely integrated with mine closure and how it relates to the mine closure timeline.

Mr Andrews stated that Yancoal has a commitment to its shareholders and the community to have a strategic view across all its landholdings. As part of this commitment property economics are reviewed, market gap analyses are completed, and competition is identified to maximise market appeal and asset value. Mr Andrews emphasised the importance of the Yancoal property divestment being an open public and transparent approach.

Mr Greenwood then stated that he agrees the transparency regarding property divestment in the Gloucester Valley is critical for successful divestment. Mr Greenwood commended the effort and history of the CCC in maintaining positive relations with the broader community relationship and by not having land divestment as a fair process, would likely leave animosity in the area.

Mr Lowrey asked what type of land uses Yancoal is considering as part of the FLUDS. Mr Andrews spoke about land use market analysis and the viability of land uses such as heavy industrial, independent living units, rural residential and eco tourism. Mr Andrews then stated that land uses will be driven by the market and community as to what drives demand.

2. Progress at the Mine: (refer to CCC presentation available on website for further detail)

Mr John Cullen presented an overview of activities including acknowledgment of the significant rehabilitation work completed on the BRN emplacement. Mr Cullen stated that the focus for 2026 is bulk earthworks and rehabilitation with the CODAM area the first priority.

3. Environmental Management and Reporting: (refer to CCC presentation available on website for further detail)

Mr Thomas Kirkwood presented an overview of environmental management and reporting.

Mr Lowrey queried the Sound Power Level (SPL) testing completed on the mobile fleet in Q4 2025. Mr Kirkwood replied that he has reviewed the preliminary results which showed some recorded minor exceedances in regards to the mobile fleet. He then stated that the preliminary results will inform further investigations and vehicle management measures onsite. Following further investigation and potential changes, a second round of SPL testing is completed to inform the performance of the noise management measures. Mr Kirkwood stated that the results will be available to the CCC in the Annual Review.

4. Mine Closure Planning: (refer to CCC presentation available on website for further detail)

Mr Chase presented an overview of mine closure planning including the closure timeline and stated that the studies are ongoing with consents still enforced at the SMC. Mr Chase stated that updating the site Environmental Management Plans (EMPs) and updating the overall Environmental Management Strategy (EMS) are priority with a focus on transitioning the EMPs and EMS to reflect mine closure phases instead of operations based wording.

Mr Bignell asked if the Stratford East Dam (SED) discharge pipe/overflow point will be left in-situ as part of the proposed retained infrastructure. Mr Chase responded that the current overflow point would be adjusted to dam spillway to act like a farm dam.

Mr Lowrey asked Mr Chase if the rail underpass would be rehabilitated as part of the upcoming Rail Loop rehabilitation works. Mr Chase stated that the underpass will be backfilled and a S138 approval for the works within The Bucketts Way road reserve has been approved by Council. Mr Chase added that additional approval has been sought from ARTC in regards to the rehabilitation of the rail cut-in where the rail loop previously joined the North Coast Railway Line.

5. Community Complaints: (refer to CCC presentation available on website for further detail)

Mr Kirkwood provided the overview of Community Complaints.

6. Community Programs: (refer to CCC presentation available on website for further detail)

Mr Galvin provided an overview of the Community Programs. Mr Galvin stated that the Community Support Program (CSP) was finalised and outlined the success of the recent CSP Presentation Night. Mr Galvin then stated that the Education Support Fund (ESF) applications are currently being finalised and an outcome will be presented in the next CCC.

7. Stratford Renewable Energy Hub (SREH) Update: (refer to CCC presentation available on website for further detail)

Mr Galvin provided an update on the SREH. Mr Galvin stated that exchanges of information between the Department of Planning and Yancoal are ongoing. A determination of the project is expected in Q1 2026.

8. General Business

There was no further General Business.

9. Proposed Meeting Schedule

2026 proposed meeting dates:

- 13th August – 9.00am meeting and site tour

Meeting closed at: 11:32 am.

Summary of Action Items from this meeting

Nil actions