

## Ashton Community Consultative Committee (CCC) 2025 Annual Report

<b>CCC project name:</b>	Ashton Coal Operations	<b>Reporting period:</b>	January – December 2025
<b>Independent chairperson:</b>	Margaret MacDonald-Hill	<b>Proponent contact:</b>	Phillip Brown, Environment & Community Relations Superintendent

### 1. Executive summary / introduction

The Ashton Coal Mine CCC was established in October 2002 by the Minister for Planning's approval of an open cut coal mine, an underground coal mine and associated surface facilities approximately fourteen kilometres north west of the town of Singleton within the Local Government Area of Singleton Shire. The mine produces coal for the export market through the Port of Newcastle and currently employs around three hundred and one people.

The committee is comprised of:

- three local community representatives;
- one elected Singleton Shire Councillor representative;
- two Ashton Coal Mine representatives with attendance from other personnel as required;
- one independent Chairperson.

### 2. CCC activities over last 12 months:

- The Committee met three times during the reporting period, in February, July and October and discussed general environmental management and monitoring, operational and rehabilitation activities, land management, including feral animal control and bush fire prevention, community complaints, fauna and threatened species monitoring, aquatic ecology monitoring, Ashton's Annual Review, the Aboriginal Community Consultation Forum and the Pilot program for Yancoal's Indigenous Cultural Awareness training, road works, including the Lemington Road subsidence, the Ashton community support program, Camberwell properties and acquisition and transfer of lease to the Bloomfield Group.
- Although a very small committee, attendance numbers are consistent with previous years. An established good rapport exists among all members. The currency of the committee's Terms of Reference was confirmed at the October meeting.
- The committee meets on site. A site tour of the rehabilitation area was undertaken at the conclusion of the November meeting.

### 3. Key issues

Topics of interest raised by the members remain static as in previous years. As the maintenance of the Camberwell properties has been a regular agenda item, there was speculation as to what the transfer and acquisition to Bloomfield would mean with the adjoining Rix's Creek project.

<b>Issue</b>	<b>Actions taken</b>	<b>Next steps</b>
<b>Landcare and property management</b>	Updates provided on land management works and maintenance of mine owned Camberwell properties	Ongoing updates to be provided to the Committee.
<b>Acquisition by Bloomfield including Camberwell properties</b>	Committee advised of completion of transfer in December 2025	Responsibility now with Bloomfield Group. Update expected at March 2026 meeting.
<b>Approval and progress of Ashton-Ravensworth Integration - RUMEX Project</b>	Notice of application referral under Environment Protection Conservation Act and subsequent approval to committee.	Ongoing updates to be provided to the Committee
<b>Ashton Community Support Program</b>	Company support and sponsorship within the community	Ongoing updates to be provided to the Committee

#### 4. Focus for next 12 months:

- Continued comprehensive reporting on company operations, including monitoring and environmental performance and any community complaints/ responses and planned activities
- There are no known outstanding issues and these will be addressed when and if they occur.

<b>Name of chairperson:</b>	<b>Margaret MacDonald-Hill</b>
<b>Date:</b>	February 18 2026.