

**MINUTES OF THE ASHTON COAL  
COMMUNITY CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE MEETING  
76<sup>th</sup> MEETING Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> October 2024  
ACOL Administration Office, Glennies Creek Road, CAMBERWELL**

**Attendees**

Margaret MacDonald-Hill	(MMH) Chairperson
John McInerney	(JM) Community Representative
Debbie Richards	(DR) Community Representative
Clr. Godfrey Adamthwaite	(GA) Singleton Council (SC)
Michael Bestic	(MB) Community Representative
Michael Bartlett	(MBa) Company Rep (Operations Manager)
Phillip Brown	(PB) Company Rep (Environment & Community Superintendent)
Joshua Pawson	(JP) Company Rep (Acting Environment & Community Coordinator)

**1. Opening and Welcome**

*The Chairperson opened the meeting at 1:07 pm.*

**2. Apologies**

*Nil.*

**3. Declaration of Pecuniary Interest by Community Representatives**

*No change to Committee Members' pecuniary interests previously declared.*

**4. Minutes from the Previous Meeting**

*Minutes from the meeting held 25 July 2024, were accepted as a true and accurate record.*

***Moved: Debbie Richards Seconded: John McInerney***

**5. Business Arising from Previous Minutes**

*Refer to presentation.*

*PB advised that an application has been made for a Controlled burn off in the area east of Glennies Creek Road. The RFS have advised that the burn off will be undertaken prior to the end of year.*

**6. Correspondence**

- a. 5/3/24 – email PB to CCC advising change in E&C Coordinator*
- b. 9/5/24 – email PB to CCC wild dog baiting*
- c. 17/5/24 – email PB to CCC public notice on RUMEx approval*
- d. 25/6/24 – email PB to CCC night fauna monitoring.*

**7. Company Reports and Overview of Activities**

**7.1 Ashton Operations Update**

*Refer to presentation.*

*MB asked about the current expected life of the operation.*

*MBa explained that the current approved budget has Ashton mining the last longwall block in 2030.*

**7.2 Monitoring and Environmental Performance**

*Refer to environmental monitoring handout.*

*PB explained the details of the dust complaint and investigations undertaken regarding the use of a dust suppressant.*

*MB asked about the rehabilitation plans for the tailings dam.*

*PB discussed the process of capping the tailings dam.*

### **7.3 Community Complaints and response to complaints**

*Refer to presentation.*

### **7.4 Environmental Update**

*Refer to presentation.*

*JM asked about plans to change how gas is drained from the operation and if Ashton was going to be connected to the large gas pipeline.*

*PB said there are no plans to change from current procedures.*

*JM notified that there are large weeds growing near Camberwell that are requiring treatment.*

*PB provided a plan showing where weed treatment had been undertaken since the last CCC meeting.*

### **7.5 Camberwell Update**

*Refer to the presentation.*

## **8. Community Representative questions/comments**

*MB asked about any community activities Ashton is involved in.*

*PB discussed Ashton's Community Support Program and provided examples of local community programs that have been supported.*

## **9. General Business**

- a. Terms of Reference for the CCC.

The Chairperson asked if members were happy with the current Terms of Reference which need to be confirmed on an annual basis.

All members present acknowledged their agreement with the current Terms of Reference.

## **10. Proposed remainder 2024 Meeting Schedule**

The Chairperson asked members if they were happy with the proposed dates for 2025.

All members answered that they are happy with the proposed dates.

*Next CCC meeting: 1:00 pm, 27 February 2025.*

**MEETING CLOSED at 1:46 pm**