

**Minutes of the Mount Thorley Warkworth
Community Consultative Committee Meeting Q4 2023**

Date: Wednesday 22 November 2023

Location: MTW

Time: 2pm – 4:30pm

Attendees

Colin Gellatly (CG - Chair)

Gary Mulhearn (GM)

Joshua van Bezouwen (JVB)

David Bennett (DB)

Hollee Jenkins (HJ)

Barb Brown (BB)

Denis Maizey (DM)

Stewart Mitchell (SM)

Ian Hedley (IH)

Cate Sims (CS)

Role

Independent Chairperson MTW CCC

MTW Environment & Community Manager

MTW Environment & Community Advisor

MTW General Manager

Singleton Council Representative

Community Representative

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Visitor from Upper Hunter Mining Dialogue (only present for UHMD section)

1. WELCOME

- CG opened the meeting and welcomed CCC members.

2. APOLOGIES

- Neville Hodgkinson had previously advised he would attend by video conference, but did not attend.

3. DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST / CONFLICT OF INTEREST

- **Standing Declarations:** CG is engaged by MTW to provide the services of Independent Chairperson.
- CG reminded the CCC on the requirement for members to declare pecuniary and non-pecuniary interests, with details shown on presentation screen, and asked members at the meeting if they have anything to declare. None were declared.
- GM explained that the declaration of pecuniary interests / conflicts of interest and code of conduct forms has been updated as per the updated CCC guideline that had been distributed. An overview of the declaration of pecuniary interests / conflicts of interest form and code of conduct form was presented GM reminded all CCC members need to review and provide signed copy of the documents to MTW.

4. BUSINESS ARISING

Action Items arising from the 23 August 2023 Meeting

Refer to **attached** CCC presentation for previous actions, and relevant response / update made by MTW. Other notes of relevance discussed during the meeting in relation to Business Arising are below.

- GM explained MTW have not identified an independent minute taker and will carry forward the action. SM asked why this had not been completed yet, GM advised that they need to get the correct person for the minutes. DM asked that an independent minute taker be actioned as he did not think it was a good look for the meeting. SM questioned if there was a proper minute taker available in the business or outside such as a sonographer that can capture the exact words in the minutes. SM explained that he did not agree with the recording of the meeting and thought that misinterpretation of words is being recorded in the minutes and the online video call was causing confusion during conversation. CG advised that the recording of minutes is factual and important allowing confirmation of conversation, the online video call there is no alternative and that is the risk of having people in person and online. GM advised he has reached out to book keeping business to try and find someone suitable that can build a relationship with the CCC. DM explained that he thinks the minutes should be accurate and members of the community are asking him about things in previous CCC minutes with his name on the comment asking if that what he said. HJ questioned when people are receiving the draft minutes they can provide comments. DB advised that we will make an effort to find a suitable person.
- BB asked what the number of aboriginal and female people at MTW. GM advised that they do not record how many aboriginal people are employed, the number of female employees is provided in the Yancoal Environment, Social and Governance Report (link provided in presentation).
- HJ asked if the external noise monitoring is completed at random. GM confirmed the external noise consultant does not tell MTW when the monitoring is being completed. Monitoring is completed once a month and they only tell us when monitoring is completed and if there are any issues.
- DM asked if the noise monitoring is up to the judgment of the person completing noise monitoring to get the noise level and why he cannot get the same reading on his veranda. DM also asked if DPE or the EPA were to come out would they get the same noise reading. GM advised that all noise monitoring should be completed the same with the same process followed. The person completing the monitoring assigns the noise based on the direction it can be heard.
- SM asked if the site needs to comply with the document Noise Policy for Industry. GM advised yes MTW needs to comply with this document. SM asked if the site needs to abide with the noise additions such as low frequency and tonal penalties. Stewart read through the policy requirements. Gary advised that yes the site does measure for noise penalties at the monthly compliance noise monitoring and results are provided in the monthly environmental monitoring (MEMR) reports. SM asked how many dB is added for a penalty, GM advised that it depends based on the measurement, penalties can be 2dB or up to 5dB.
- HJ asked if operational changes are proactive or only reactive waiting for measurement to go over the limit. GM advised that we do not wait for measurements to go over, we are out there every night and review the weather forecast completing monitoring before levels are over limit.
- DM asked about the Wambo Road Noise alarming before it reaches the limit. GM confirmed that yes the Wambo Road monitor provides a yellow alarm to indicate noise level is approaching the limit. DM asked why on Insite monitoring is not always listed for Wambo Road. GM confirmed that MTW has a core monitoring location and we choose what location monitoring is completed. DM asked how MTW can be proactive if the noise monitors are only an indicator. GM advised they advise of the noise level the monitor has recorded allow MTW to respond to the noise alarm and validate if the noise is from the mine or an external source.
- BB asked if the people completing the noise monitoring is independent. GM confirmed that yes, the monitoring is completed by an independent company called EMM. Monitoring is completed monthly by qualified acousticians with equipment even more accurate than what MTW use. BB asked if the people

completing the monitoring live in the area or they drive. GM advised he is unsure where the people live and thinks they would drive here to complete monitoring.

Action 1: MTW to progress identification of an independent minute taker.

5. CORRESPONDENCE

- 22/08/2023 – MTW Community Support Program 2024 - Applications Open
- 21/09/2023 - MTW CCC Q3 2023 - Draft minutes
- 11/10/2023 - MTW CCC Q3 2023 - Minutes endorsed by Chair
- 11/10/2023 - NSW EPA Bust the Dust air quality community drop in event
- 3/11/2023 - CCC Action - MTW Economic Contribution
- 14/11/2023 - MTW CCC Q4 2023 - Weds 22 November 2023 2pm
 - Business Papers and Agenda for Q4 2023 meeting
 - Updated CCC Guideline with Code of Conduct Forms, Declaration of Interest forms, and Terms of Reference template
 - MTW CCC Terms of Reference
- 20/11/2023 – MTW 2022 Annual Review report

6. CONFIRMATION OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING'S MINUTES

- Confirmed at the meeting by CG.

7. PROPONENT REPORTS AND OVERVIEW OF ACTIVITIES

MTW Operations

Refer to presentation

- DB provided business update regarding operations and production.
- SM asked if the final voids will comply with the EIS. DB advised yes the intent is to comply with the EIS commitment. DM asked if the EIS is going to change. GM advised that in the EIS Warkworth South Pit is marked to be a void in the final landform, however we had changed the final landform in this area to backfill this void and are doing so.
- BB asked about the predicted time period of 1000 years that it was expected for the final void to fill. GM confirmed that was correct there is a ground water model that predicted the water depth that water would equilibrate at in the void over a 1000 year period. GM advised that type of groundwater modelling had been conducted in both the pits (WML and MTO).
- BB asked if was possible to get an update on the final landform design. GM advised that we can provide a the final landform that has been sent to the resources regulator and will be publicly available.

Action 2: MTW to provide final landform to CCC members.

North Out Of Pit Dam (NOOP)

Refer to presentation

- An aerial photograph of the current progress was shown. GM advised not much activity in the NOOP in recent times, only small blasts are able to be completed due to the size of the work area. Planning to be working in there to complete the project in early 2024.

Modification – WML Workshop Modification Update

Refer to presentation

- GM provided update of workshop construction and advised that the civil works have been completed, cranes installed and sides and roof sheet cladding installation commenced. Completion of the new workshop expected Q1 2024.

Exploration

Refer to presentation

- GM provided an update on exploration for 2023 and into 2024.
- SM asked if the track is the extent of disturbance. GM confirmed that the Watts track (the constructed rural fire service track) is the western extent of disturbance.

Monitoring

Refer to presentation for data – YTD 2023

- JVB presented equipment downtime / Community Response Officer (CRO) noise assessments and operational downtime for nights above noise limits, with noise reduced below noise limits within 75 minutes on each occasion.
- HJ asked if there was a reason there has been an increase in assessments above trigger level. IH noted the ridge has been decreasing as mining progresses that could be a factor for noise having noticed this at time due to equipment location. GM agreed that IH's comment was fair and it was up to MTW to manage the noise. DB explained the increase in noise assessments above trigger level this year in comparison to previous years could be attributed to the last few years having been considerably wet with equipment parked up due to wet weather in comparison to weather conditions this year. GM advised we would need to investigate if there is a trend.

Action 3: MTW to investigate trend of increase in noise assessments above trigger level.

Rehabilitation / Disturbance 2023

Refer to presentation

- GM advised that 90Ha of rehabilitation is planned for 2023, outlined where the areas are targeted in 2023, and discussed progress to date.
- GM present a series of photos showing the progression of rehab on site, noting rehabilitation was right up to the edge of active dumps.
- GM advised that the disturbance target for 2023 was 90 Ha and outlined where these areas are proposed, and discussed progress to date 97.3 Ha due to additional rehabilitation disturbance to allow dumps to progress at South Pit and more disturbance was needed than originally planned to permit the construction of new sediment dams.

- DM asked what you are normally allowed to disturb. DB advised it is approximately 100m to allow the benches to progress. DB advised that disturbance will slow down as we get closer to the western boundary and rehab number will be more than disturbance in the future. DB mentioned it seems like a large area creating dust. GM advised that the high walls have now been able to be laid back due to the wet weather and approvals slowing down production in the previous years.
- SM asked why such a large area had been cleared and why it is needed. DM advised that it comes back to the wet weather delaying production in previous years and now catching up.
- SM asked if the RFS have had to access the track west of Mining. GM advised that it has not needed to be used by external agencies, and the intention is that it is available for the RFS to use when needed following an established access protocol. SM advised that it is a crazy requirement for the RFS to access to respond. GM advised that is the RFS protocol
- IH asked if there is anything that can be done to better move the dusty material in the pre stripping area that he described as white powder. GM advised that it has also impacted production and often needed to park up equipment. DB advised that they are continuing to progress that area to remove the material to get down to rock material.

Vertebrate Pest Management 2023

Refer to presentation

- GM advised control programs completed so far in 2023 at MTW and in the biodiversity areas with works ongoing.
- GM present photos of some of the fauna observed in the offsets.

Weed Management 2023

Refer to presentation

- GM provided overview of weed management activities within operational and offset areas.

Cultural Heritage & Historic Heritage

Refer to presentation

- GM provided an update on the next tasks for the approved conservation agreements for Wollombi Brook Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Conservation Area and the Loders Creek Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Conservation Area.

Business Papers

- Business papers were provided to CCC members prior to the meeting, including a summary of; Complaints, Incidents, Environmental Monitoring, Rehabilitation, Website Uploads and Community Investment Update. MTW Monthly Environmental Monitoring Report (MEMR) for June 2022, July 2023, and August 2023 were provided. September to be provided at a later date.
- DM asked question about blasts he thought were high readings around 3 mm/s vibration. DM read out the results from the blast on the 13/06/2023 and thought there is discrepancies in the readings. GM advised they are different location, and we trust in the readings the monitors provide. GM advised we are approved to blast up to 5% of results between 5 and 10 mm/s and all other results to be under 5mm/s. DM expressed his concerns for the readings and thought there is a relation to the location of blasts. JVB advised monitors are calibrated on a routine schedule. GM advised that we will check the monitors and calibration per DM's request.

Action 4: MTW to check blast monitors and calibration of blast monitors in the Bulga area.

Management Plans / Reporting

- **Hunter River Salinity Trading Scheme (HRSTS) Annual Reports** - On 23/08/2023 and 25/08/2023, HRSTS report for period 2022-2023 submitted to EPA for WML EPL1376 and MTO EPL1976 respectively.
- **Management Plan Updates** - updates to the Water Management Plan, Blast Management Plan and Noise Management Plans submitted on 29/08/2023.
- **Independent Environmental Audit** - The 3 yearly independent environmental audit report was submitted to DPE on 4/8/2023. An updated response to audit findings was submitted to DPE on 21/09/2023. The response provided context on the non-compliant findings of the audit, and provided an updated response to the audit recommendations. On 22/11/2023, DPE advised the audit report satisfies the requirements of consent.
- **Mount Thorley Coal Loader EPL24 Annual Return** - On 25/09/2023, the MTCL Annual Return was submitted to EPA.
- **National Pollutant Inventory Reports** - On 28/09/2023, the National Pollutant Inventory reports for MTW and MTCL were submitted to EPA.
- **National Greenhouse and Energy Report** - Report for 2022-2023 submitted to the Federal Government Clean Energy Regulator 26/10/2023.
- **Annual Review Report** - On 20/11/2023, DPE advised the Annual Review report satisfies the reporting requirements of the consents.

MTO Environment Protection Licence Variation

Refer to presentation

- GM provided overview of approved EPL boundary change to allow update and cross lease overburden emplacement to Bulga Coal. Cross mining lease emplacement is completed, and Bulga Coal also require one MTW Dustrak monitor to be moved from their property to enable overburden emplacement.
- An EPL variation will be submitted to align the mining lease boundary and move the Dustrak location.

8. OTHER AGENDA ITEMS

Upper Hunter Mining Dialogue Update (*note: this was presented first during the meeting to permit the UHMD representative to depart after her presentation*)

Cate Sims (CS) from the Upper Hunter Mining Dialogue presented a presentation with an update. Refer to presentation.

- HJ asked who the Upper Hunter Mining Dialogue is funded by. CS advised the Dialogue is funded by the NSW Minerals Council and advised they have a strict mandate that they are to maintain a neutral position and provide factual information bringing everyone together.
- DM asked about the feasibility of farming on rehabilitated land as he had spoken to a few advising it is not for them and other saying yes. CS agreed with DM that it is not for everyone and highlighted the importance of the involvement of farmers in rehabilitation to produce productive agricultural land.
- HJ asked what other post mining land uses are other than farming. CS advised the industry is working on projects such as pumped hydro, recreational land, tourism with mines in Muswellbrook getting closer to closure then in the lower valley. CS advised that mines up the valley are highly engaged in developing post landform land uses. GM advised that Yancoal is developing concepts for the Stratford Duralie site to a renewable energy hub and the Premier mine in WA has a reactional lake an old pit void.

- BB asked who the biggest users of water in the Bulga, Broke and Milbrodale area. CS advised that she is not aware and will need to come back to BB with that information.
- BB asked if the dialogue undertakes any testing of the water. CS advised that the dialogue do not complete any sampling, and that mine sites would be completing water testing. GM confirmed that MTW completes water testing. CS advised the dialogue collates the information that is provided to the regulators and they are working on providing updated data for communities.
- SM raised a question regarding the Dialogue's opinion of air quality. CS advised that in the past two years the community has expressed less concerns expressed due to weather conditions, they have already noticed a change based on weather conditions. The dialogue will continue to be concerned and awareness of air quality.
- SM asked about the opinion of EPA bust the dust program. CS advised that a study was completed and looked at all aspects of air quality including all types of particulates comparing regions.
- SM asked CS if they put any priority on the needs and concerns of the community. CM advised yes the Dialogue does what they can regarding the health and wellbeing including mental health of people of the hunter and upper hunter.
- IH asked if there has been any study on the ridge that has been constructed between the mines and what impact it has on weather and wind patterns. CS advised they are not specifically looking at it, but they are out talking to the communities to look for projects and will take this back as a potential project. IH advised he has heard on the news about the big dry hole not getting rain and would appreciate experts looking into this.

Dust Management (Ian Hedley)

IH provided a presentation to the CCC regarding dust management.

- IH advised he had concerns for dust generation from MTW and the denial about dust generation from the site and the Community Response Officers responding to complaints.
- IH presented a series of photos that he had taken of the operation, complaint record and the air quality alerts regarding the 17/09/2023 and 18/09/2023. IH explained that based on what he saw he thought MTW could have acted sooner on the 17/09/2023.
- IH presented a photo of a heavy mining equipment water cart that he had photographed on the 18/09/2023 that he thought had not moved the entire day.
- IH presented a series of photos he had taken in November of his personal car parked under his carport, photos of solar panels and air quality alerts for the Upper Hunter Air Quality Monitoring Network during November. IH explained that he had been away for 3 weeks and when returned found a layer of dust over his car and solar panels and did not think it was fair or acceptable.
- IH presented a video of a haul truck on a section of haul road explaining the dust generation due to the road being dry, IH advised he had spoken to GM on that day as he had not seen a water cart for some time and as he was on the phone a water cart came past. IH advised he believed there was an issue with the water carts spot spraying, and it was not effective. IH asked if there is enough water carts on site to manage the number of trucks and the haul roads as between 70 to 80% of dust is wheel generated.
- IH advised that he has spoken to GM reading haze, IH presented photos from the 16 and 21 November. IH advised there is no doubt about valley haze but thinks that the dust is coming from MTW and MTW could do better.
- GM advised that they have discussed the dust haze on numerous occasions including with other residents, GM advised there is not doubt that MTW contributes to the dust in the valley. GM advised that there are things that IH has presented that MTW would like to look at and do better on. GM advised that he does not think it is genuine to say that MTW is the cause of all dust. GM advised there is definitely a

haze and dust out there and advised that MTW wants to focus on the things IH had spoken about including wheel generated dust and things within the operation.

- IH questioned that there is a difference between dust and haze and pointed out what he thought is dust in the photo compared to haze. IH advised he is having cameras installed and dust monitoring to get independent data for his business.
- IH raised concerns about diseases from dust and referred to a person in Bulga stood down due to silicosis. IH asked if MTW completes dust monitoring on people. DB advised that yes MTW complete dust monitoring in line with the sites hygiene monitoring standard by a few methods with one of those being for dust with a big focus on hygiene monitoring on site.
- DM advised he attended the EPA Bust the Dust session in Muswellbrook, and has also spoken to his local doctor about air quality. DM advised he had been advised that if there is poor air quality that exercise needs to be avoided and staying indoors. DM explained that he is raising the concern about air quality and the need for good discussion to get better air quality for Bulga.
- CG asked IH what the EPA's response has been, IH advised they have been completing investigations and he is awaiting a response back from the EPA.
- IH raised a question on behalf of community members that have asked why trees are dying along Putty Road, IH explained that it is thought the trees are being dusted causing them to die. DM also raised concern about the trees and the fire risk associated that he had also spoken to GM previously about the location of haul trucks near the Putty Road.
- DB provided comment thanking IH for presenting his dust concerns respectfully. DB advised that MTW does not take the view that we do not contribute to the dust in that area and recognise that MTW does contribute to the dust in the area. DB recognises that conditions have been challenging of late for the residents of Bulga and the Hunter and general mining. DB advised that as shown in IH's presentation there are things that can be done better, and even when running well things can always be done better.
- DB advised that the data JVB presented shows equipment is being parked up at times and he and his mine manager have made the call to park up equipment when required.
- DB advised that in an email IH provided he had asked for constructive conversation to come to a resolution. DB advised that he does not want people to think we are sitting around and not acting and believes that the issue is bigger than just MTW and the way MTW manages dust is to a high standard. DB advised that internally is how he judges the sites performance.
- DB advised they have put together a group of people on site to look at what else can be done on top of current controls. DB advised there are additional controls that are going to be implemented out of that group to better manage dust on site. Some of the additional controls include, 2 additional HME water carts to add to the fleet, 2 new HME water carts to replace ageing equipment, gap analysis of current water cart operation to analyse spray patterns to look for areas of improvement, new water fill point in the centre of the mine, installation of haul road sprinkler installation looking to install at all possible areas to increase effectiveness of haul road water cart fleet, use of sealing surfaces such as polymer application, tarring and hydro mulching, trialling of fogger sprays at a dragline to improve efficiency, hot seating water carts to improve water cart availability. DB advised these are just some of the things MTW are implementing to manage dust as we place a high importance on this area and asked that people allow time for these additional controls to be implemented.
- GM advised that aerial seeding will also be taking place shortly. The aerial seeding will stabilise areas of dumps that will not change over the next period.
- BB thanked DB for his comments and asked DB if MTW are talking to Bulga Coal as there is a joint issue. DB advised that MTW has not been talking to Bulga Coal around air quality management though they do talk about other matters. BB explained the issue was huge and we need to take a practical approach as the air quality has been terrible of late and there is enough evidence to support that something needs to be done. BB advised she thought MTW is taking the issue seriously and IH has done homework on the issue and requested an effort is made to work with Bulga Coal. DB advised that he is going to put an effort on the controls he has mentioned as that will provide the best outcome, MTW is always open to talking to neighbouring mines and sharing ideas around best practice.

- CG advised that he thinks MTW is taking the dust issue seriously and the CCC should allow time for the action plan to be in place.
- DB raised a comment about the spot spraying on the haul roads that IH had raised. DB advised that spot spraying is completed for safety reasons to provide traction, the site is reviewing this process and changes are being made where possible to improve watering of haul roads.
- GM provided an overview of the EPA Bust the Dust Campaign and advised that MTW has had five visits from the EPA in October and November. The EPA has been providing feedback on performance, this feedback has been passed to operations to bring sites performance to the EPA's expectation.

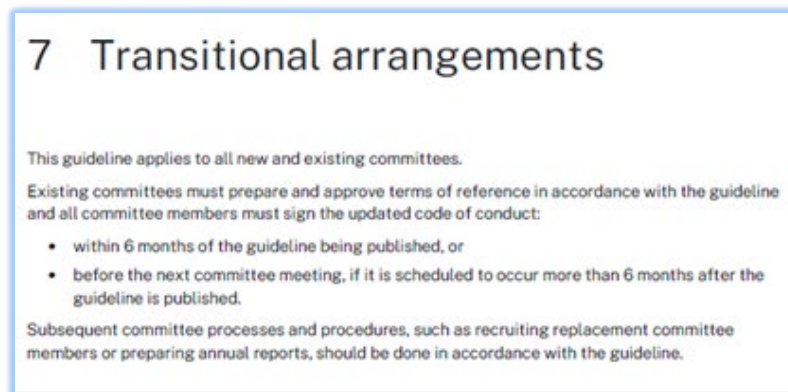
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Action 6: MTW to contact Bulga Coal regarding dust management.

Updated DPE CCC Guidelines (June 2023), Updated Code of Conduct Form, Updated Declarations of Interest Form, MTW CCC Terms of Reference

Refer to presentation

- CG advised of his discussion with the department regarding consultation on management plans. CG suggested that the CCC is provided an update on the status or changes to management plans. GM advised that addition is fine. DM provided an example about the update on the Social Impact Management plan that had an update but he was unsure about the what changes were made. DM explained that he would happily sign the original CCC guidelines but did not agree with the change and need for terms of reference. GM advised that the department has updated the CCC guidelines to include an update code of conduct and CCC terms of reference to meet the departments requirements. CG advised he will include additional wording around providing the CCC with an update on management plan status.
- DPE updated CCC guidelines and other forms/template were distributed with Business Papers.
- A reproduction of Section 7 of the CCC guidelines is below:



- The CCC guidelines (June 2023) require us to do two things by end of 2023 (within 6 months of June 2023):
 - 1. have our MTW CCC Terms of Reference prepared and approved (a copy was prepared, endorsed for distribution by Chair, and distributed with Business Papers),
 - 2. Have all CCC members to sign the updated Code of Conduct.
- The relevant forms were provided to all CCC members to allow them to complete and sign.

Action 7: CCC members to provide a signed copy of the code of conduct and updated declarations of interest forms by end of 2023 as required by DPE CCC guidelines.

9. GENERAL BUSINESS

General Business MTW – MTW Amenity Resource

- Amenity works recognising air quality contribution by MTW
 - Invitation to participate remains open
- Year to Date works have included:
 - 42 tanks cleaned, further 5 pending
 - 12 new filtered water taps installed
 - Water deliveries offsetting usage in cleaning
 - Spare & replacement filter supplies
- Works across 17 residences & 2 community buildings
- Program expected to revert to a staggered 2 year cycle in future years

Bulga Service Station / Shop update

- Progressing, but no significant change since last meeting. Architectural Plans prepared for redevelopment option, previously have been looking at renovation option.
- Current plan concepts shared with CCC members which would include similar services to present (retail shop, bottle shop, kitchen).
- Plans include retention of 'Bird Cage' structure, however, this is subject to the extent of remediation of current site. If 'Bird Cage' is required to be demolished, community feedback has requested the opportunity to dismantle and remove the structure to enable erection by the community elsewhere.
- Plans are subject to change based on existing contamination which requires remediation, the extent of the remediation is not fully understood.

General Business MTW – MTW Voluntary Planning Agreement Funding

Refer to presentation

- GM provided an overview of the projects being supported as provided on the presentation.

General Business MTW - Community Support Program (CSP)

Refer to presentation

- GM advised the list of 2023 projects are in the presentation and were also in the previous presentation.
- GM advised that MTW is reviewing the applications for the 2024 program. Applications closed on 30 September 2023, and 22 applications were received.

General Business - CCC Members

- SM presented a photo of a coal shot he had taken and thought it was a contributor to dust generation. SM also asked about shots fired on a Saturday and why there was no road closure. DB advised blast are not allowed on a Sunday or public holidays and road closures are not always required. SM asked about why he would not feel the blast at his home for coal shots but other shots were more noticeable. DB advised that the coal shots are a lot smaller compared to other blasts.
- SM explained his concerns for the coal shots that make coal airborne and thought the air quality is the worst he has ever seen it and advised that that CS from the Upper Hunter Mining Dialog did not think it was an issue. GM stated that she did state it as a serious issue and was just making a comparison between air quality in the Hunter and Newcastle area for the period she had reported.

- HJ asked if MTW texts the near neighbours if there is going to be a blast. GM advised that a text is sent to advise of road closure as well as available on the website. HJ asked GM to confirm if there are messages for blasts. GM confirmed on the website there is information regarding what days there will be blast and road closures. HJ explained that she thinks it would be useful to have a text message to advise of when blast as scheduled. DM advised that MTW had a system previously in place that advised the details about the blast. HJ asked if it was possible to have this in place. GM advised the text messages and signs are to advise of the road closure and will consider the recommendation.

Action 8: MTW consider text message to near neighbors for all blasts.

10.NEXT MEETING

Next CCC Meeting: Wednesday 21 February 2024, 2pm

CG wished CCC members all the best for Christmas and the new year and closed the meeting.

MEETING CLOSED 4:30pm.

SUMMARY OF ACTIONS

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