MEETING MINUTES

MENANGLE ADVISORY PANEL

MEETING:	# 16	
LOCATION:	Menangle RFS	
DATE:	6 February 2024 @ 6pm	
ATTENDEES:	Community Representatives	Jim Arentz (JA) Michele Arentz (MA) Andrew Cameron (AC) Christine Halfpenny (CH) Michael McGrath (MM) Martin Scott (MS)
	Illawarra Metallurgical Coal (IMC) Representatives	Rod Mapstone (RM) Lachlan Cunningham (LC)
	Independent Chair	Kate Kernaghan (KK – Factotum Communications)
APOLOGIES:	John Potter (JP) Christine Halfpenny (CH) Michael Reardon-Small (MRS)	

	PURPOSE
	The Menangle Advisory Panel (MAP) provides a forum to enable regular two-way communication between representatives of Menangle and Douglas Park residents and Illawarra Metallurgical Coal (IMC) about the proposed ventilation and mine access project at 345 Menangle Road. The MAP provides a practical and helpful connection to residents for IMC through the members who have self-nominated to be on the Panel and voluntarily give their time.
	AGENDA
	1. Welcome and apologies 2. Declaration of interests 3. Acceptance of minutes 4. Questions on notice/actions 5. Project update 6. Community update 7. General Business

1	***WELCOME / APOLOGIES / DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST***
	KK opened the meeting at 6:00 pm Traditional Owners acknowledged and respects paid to Elders past, present, and emerging. Apologies from Christine Halfpenny, John Potter and Michael Reardon-Small. Resignation from MAP from Annette and Shane Morgan as they have moved from the area. No declarations of interest offered. Note: Independent Chair KK is remunerated by IMC.
2	***ACCEPTANCE OF PREVIOUS MINUTES***
	MAP #15 meeting minutes accepted without change
3	***ACTIONS FROM LAST MEETING***
	LC to arrange use of a thicker marker on the blast sign to improve legibility from the road • Magnetic numbers/letters will be used for the board **MS** – Could the estimated time be replaced by "Today" given blast timing can vary wildly? **LC** – Industry best practice is to use the estimated timing (even if that needs to be updated through the day). **LC to bring detailed drawings of structures** • Hard copy of site and fan build displayed and discussed. **JA** – How does the noise of the Menangle fan compare to the one visited by MAP at Douglas Park? **LC** – The fan build is modelled on the Doughlas Park design, though additional cladding has been included in the design so the noise will be dampened further. **MS requested an update on tree screening activities** • Provided in subsequent part of the presentation **MS requested clarification on work being undertaken on Sundays** • Noted in the previous meeting that quiet work is being undertaken out of standard construction hours, e.g. office work, maintenance, fitting electrical systems and shaft preparation. • The crew are rostered for 14 days straight and plan for specific work that can be carried out as quiet for Sundays, including lifting cladding into place. Noisy elements such as positioning the crane etc are done in advance so the lift can occur within approval consent parameters. Work is planned for morning when conditions are calmer. • Under the Project Approval, work that is inaudible at residences may be undertaken at any time. Quiet work was proposed in the original Project Approval Application and is included in the approved CEMP (Section 6.4). • Approval for 24/7 shaft sinking will be sought in due course (main sink) as per approval. **MS** – What if there was an exceedance? **LC** – The noise exceedance protocol would be engaged. **LC to follow up and report back on unauthorized private property access issue** Completed **LC to share personal footage taken during the trial blast** Completed **RM to introduce MA and Mira Speer regarding community funding request** Completed

4	*IMC UPDATE*

CONSTRUCTION

Site Works

- Quotes for tree planting sought last year and being assessed this month – the company normally used were unable to supply the trees, so an alternative local company has been engaged.
  MS – Surely there is no shortage of trees locally.
  RM – Agreed the delay is disappointing. Have been working within the company's local supply commitments to try to resolve / find alternative local supplier.
  MS – There were supposed to be 7000 planted in 2021.
  LC – The approved road design had an amendment that meant much of the original planting had to be removed for a wider alignment. Replacement planting could not go in until completion of the road.
- Quiet work is being undertaken out of standard construction hours, e.g. office work, maintenance, fitting electrical systems and shaft preparation.
- Service culvert rectification works along HV buried service.
- Mobilisation of contractors for service boreholes and switchyard.

VS8

- Pre-sink blasting completed.
- Sinking stage lifted into position.
- Headframe modules lifted into position.
- Acoustic cladding installed.
- Pre-commissioning of winders.
- Main sink due to commence June 2024.
- 16 November – rectification of a misfire occurred late in the afternoon, which is within the consent conditions. A letter was received from the DPE confirming this was correct after self-notification.

VS7

- Collar construction completed.
- Winder slab concrete pour completed.
- Headframe assembly commenced.
- Sinking stage assembly commenced.
- Pre-sink activities due to commence late February/March 2024.
- Main sink due to commence in ~ September 2024.

MS – The program seems to be 12months behind from the schedule that appears in the approval consent. The longer presence extends the impact of neighboring residents.
LC – There are likely a number of influencing factors including delayed consent approvals while a second round of public exhibition was conducted, delays around the need to dispose of the road base etc however he will need to take the question on notice to respond accurately.

ACTION: RM/LC – prepare a project timeline that articulates impact junctures on the schedule to date to explain the discrepancy between the schedule that appears in the consent approval and where the project is currently up to. The timeline will also provide a revised forward indicative plan to help MAP members understand the timeframes the project is now working to.

ENVIRONMENT

- There were no real-time dust or noise monitoring events expected to have receiver exceedances.
- 1 round of attended noise monitoring at four locations – there were no exceedances.
- 1ML water was discharged.
- Blast vibration and overpressure all well below consent criteria.

Discussion on draw down of settlement pond. Consent conditions require it to be kept in a drawn down state to maintain its catchment capacity. Two people are involved in draw downs.
Can't discharge unless levels are compliant. PH and organic flocculants (gypsum) used to ensure water quality fit for discharge into Foot Onslow Creek.

MA – How is monitoring conducted.
LC – Periodic monitoring for trend analysis used. The turn around for getting lab tested water results are not timely enough to rely on as a real time indicator as site conditions can fluctuate more quickly.
MS – Does the use of flocculants create a build up of sludge?
LC – The settlement pond has a purpose-built ramp so it can be dried out and driven into to clear periodically as required to maintain capacity.
MS – There is a water truck filling up quite early that causes disruption to residents.
LC – The site meeting occurs onsite at 7am and then contractors go to fill up, so its likely the truck is for another project.
MS – Shared the blasting sets off his dog.

COMMUNITY

Complaints

Since last meeting:

- 1 x complaint
  Out-of-hours blast (previously discussed rectification of a misfire)
- 3 x enquiries
  Update on tree planting
  Blank blast notification sign (blasting phase not active)
  Resident mitigation measures

Community investment:

Illawarra Metallurgical Coal

- Science Space – entering second year of partnership.
- Wollondilly Indigenous Playgroup – designed to learn about culture and play in a safe and inviting environment.
- New grant application site launched via a site called "Smarty Grants".

Community Partnership Program

- Douglas Park Tennis Club – defibrillator donation
- Next community partnerships meeting – 15 February

Indigenous Grants Program

- Applications remain open for 2024

	Discussion on the work on the building next to the general store. South32 has contributed $100k towards its renovation. t was beyond repair and has been knocked down. Some original timbers have been retained for use in the rebuild.
4	***GENERAL BUSINESS***
	MEMBER UPDATES **JA –** would it be possible to have a site tour? **ACTION: RM –** look into arranging a site tour to coincide with next MAP meeting. **MEETING CLOSE** 7:10pm **NEXT MEETING –** TBC Monday 6 May (during the day) – potentially to coincide with a site tour. **ACTIONS** **RM / LC** to prepare for the next MAP meeting, a project timeline that articulates impact junctures on the schedule to date to explain the discrepancy between the schedule that appears in the consent approval and where the project is currently up to. The timeline will also provide a revised forward indicative plan to help MAP members understand the timeframes the project is now working to. **RM –** look into arranging a site tour to coincide with next MAP meeting.