MEETING MINUTES

MENANGLE ADVISORY PANEL

MEETING:	# 5	
LOCATION:	Via Microsoft Teams	
DATE:	7 July 2021	
ATTENDEES:	Community Representatives	Allana Storrier (AS) Nick Storrier (NS) Jim Arentz (JA) John Potter (JP) Angela Tyson (AT) Martin Scott (MS) Michele Arentz (MA) Michael Reardon-Small (MRS)
	Illawarra Metallurgical Coal (IMC) Representatives	Amanda Silarski (ASi – IMC Corporate Affairs) Ian Bell (IB – IMC Projects) Antony Leone (AL – IMC Corporate Affairs) Matt Richardson (MR – Niche Enviro & Heritage)
	Independent Chair	Kate Kernaghan (KK – Factotum Communications)
APOLOGIES:		Nil

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 Company's 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 & digital housekeeping
2. Declaration of interests
3. Acceptance of previous minutes
4. Illawarra Metallurgical Coal update
    a. Concept design – proposed project layout
    b. Community engagement
    c. Assessment update
        - Noise
        - Traffic
        - Geotechnical
    d. Planning and approvals progress update
5. Actions from previous minutes
6. Call for agenda items for next meeting

1	***WELCOME / APOLOGIES***
	KK opened the meeting at 6:00 pm Brief introductions of Microsoft Teams functions and protocol the meeting discussed. Traditional Owners acknowledged and respects paid to Elders past, present and emerging.
2	***DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST***
	No declarations of interest offered. Note: Independent Chair KK is remunerated by IMC.
3	***ACCEPTANCE OF PREVIOUS MINUTES***
	MAP #4 minutes accepted without changes.
4	***ILLAWARRA METALLURGICAL COAL UPDATE***
	ASi - Proposed Layout The project team have completed a Trueview video and imagery of the proposed Project. An artists impression of how the Project may look post construction, based on the current design was shared. As the project moves into detailed design, some elements may change. The video will be available on the Project website shortly. An A3 booklet of the 3 views of the proposed Project and fact sheets to be used in the community information sessions will be shared by email with minutes. MAP members are welcome to share this their networks. **IB - Proposed Layout – (Tahmoor Comparison)** At the previous meeting there was discussion about capturing the water runoff from the proposed Project site, and mitigations put in place to ensure polluted water was not released into the Foot Onslow Creek. There were comparisons made to Tahmoor Colliery, which has similar infrastructure plus coal handling facilities and stockpiles, a workshop and gas flare plant. Slides presented and discussion articulating key differences between Tahmoor Colliery and the proposed Project in Menangle. The main difference is that the Menangle operation will **NOT** have: • coal haulage from underground • coal preparation on the surface into different classes of coal • stockpiling of different coal classes on the surface • coal haulage from the mine to destination customers • stockpiling of coal rejects or tailings into the tailings storage area • surface workshops for maintenance of mobile and fixed equipment • gas plant for flaring (burning) of gas (methane) in atmosphere • pumping of mine water to surface for disposal **ASi – Community Engagement** Information sessions planned in late June were postponed due to Covid restrictions just prior to the Stay At Home Orders being issued. A total of 8 pre-registrations were received. Each was contacted to advise of the postponement and offered an online discussion at the original time. Only 1 online discussion was requested; others wished to wait for in-person engagement. Dates for re-scheduled community information sessions in July were shared. These are planned to be held online unless Covid restrictions allow face to face. The next Project Update will be shared within the next 7 days. It will include notification of the project approval, the rescheduled information sessions and a summary of the assessments. Permission sought to use the photo taken of MAP members at the site tour in May. All agreed.

	ASi, MR & IB – Planning and approvals progress update The project team gave an overview on: • Noise • Traffic • Geotechnical **ASi - Approvals** The project team lodged the Modification Application to the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment (DPIE) in early July 2021. The full assessment reports were submitted to DPIE with the Modification Application. As part of the approval process, DPIE will place the Modification Application on public exhibition, enabling the public (including MAP members) access to the full reports and the option to lodge a formal submission.
5	***ACTIONS FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES***
	ASi has shared the requests to consider removal of African Olive weed from the creekline, and opportunities to include grey water recycling initiatives at the site with the Project team
6	***GENERAL BUSINESS / CALL FOR AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MAP***
	AT, MS & NS questioned the presence of quartz contained within the soil excavated during the shaft sinking activities, and the proposed procedure for preventing exposure of the associated silica dust by-product from escaping into the broader community. **IB** discussed bathhouse protocols (both temporary during construction and permanent during operations). He also outlined plans for burying quartz onsite and planting on top as a suppression measure. MAP members would like to see further detail about quartz particle management and opportunities to bury extracted product deeper within the site to avoid possibility of site runoff eroding buried waste and exposing the air and creek to pollutants. Full detail will be available for public review shortly as part of the project assessment process. **MS** asked why tree planting hadn't yet been completed. **ASi** explained the contractor was working around an easement issue and that planting and fencing has now progressed (albeit later than originally scheduled). **MS** asked if overhead powerlines will impede the project. **IB** confirmed they would be relocated as part of the project and permission to do so was being sought from the energy company. Call for agenda items for next meeting (MAP #6). No specific agenda requests from MAP members
	ACTIONS
	IB to confirm the proposed depth to bury the quartz waste product extracted from site.
	CLOSE OF MEETING
	Close of meeting 7:40pm. **Next meeting** TBC September 2021 – 6pm – TBC Menangle Rural Fire Brigade, Menangle