

**MINUTES OF THE ASHTON COAL  
COMMUNITY CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE MEETING #73rd  
Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> October 2023  
ACOL Administration Office, Glennies Creek Road, CAMBERWELL.**

**Attendees**

Margaret MacDonald-Hill	(MMH) Chairperson
John McNerney	(JM) Community Representative
Debbie Richards	(DR) Community Representative
Clr. Godfrey Adamthwaite	(GA) Singleton Shire Council (SSC)
Michael Bestic	(MB) Community Representative
Phillip Brown	(PB) Company Rep (Environment & Community Superintendent)
Aaron McGuigan	(AM) Company Rep (Operations Manager)
Cate Sims	Manager - Stakeholder Engagement and Communications (UHMD)

**Apologies**

Cameron Eckersley	(CE) Company Rep (Environment & Community Coordinator)
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**1. Opening and Welcome**

*The Chairperson opened the meeting at 1:03 pm.*

*The Chairperson then suspended business to allow Ms Cate Sims, Manager - Stakeholder Engagement and Communications (UHMD), to address the meeting on the work of the Upper Hunter Mining Dialogue.*

*PB to provide the Committee with a copy of the presentation and Ms Sims contact details.*

*Ms Sims concluded her presentation and left the meeting at 1:55pm.*

**2. Apologies**

Cameron Eckersley

**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 13<sup>th</sup> July 2023, were accepted as a true and accurate record.*

**Moved:** John McNerney **Seconded:** Michael Bestic

**5. Business Arising from Previous Minutes**

- a. *Camberwell Demolition timetable*

*Refer to presentation*

*PB advised that the demolition had been planned for the second half of 2024. PB will provide an update on demolition progress at the next ACCC meeting.*

- b. *Finalisation of Terms of Reference – after discussion, it was moved that the TOR for ACCC, as circulated, be adopted.*

**6. Correspondence**

- a. *13/7/232 – email PB to CCC link to Rixs Creek community newsletter*  
b. *1/10/22 – email PB to CCC on Spring Dog Baiting program*  
c. *18/10/23 – email MMH to CCC DPE documents*

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

**7.1 Ashton Operations Update**

*Refer to presentation*

*AM provided an update noting that the delay in longwall mining was due to water ingress on 29/30 June 2023. Looking at recommencing of longwall mining mid December 2023.*

## **7.2 Monitoring and Environmental Performance**

*Refer to environmental monitoring handout.*

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

*Refer to presentation*

## **7.4 Environmental Update**

*Refer to presentation*

## **7.5 Camberwell Update**

*Refer to the presentation.*

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

*JM expressed his and his wife's thanks to Ashton for providing funding for the "quick response fire unit".*

*JM also expressed thanks on behalf of the Camberwell Residents for the slashing/mowing that has been undertaken around the Camberwell Village and surrounds recently.*

*MB asked if Ashton would be undertaking any slow burns. PB advised that the RFS would not allow the burns currently with the fire restrictions. PB advised that Ashton was undertaking slashing of areas around the surface as fire breaks.*

*MB asked what had happened to the nursery buildings in Camberwell. PB advised that they had been relocated to another property which had access to a water supply.*

## **9. General Business**

*AM advised the Committee that he has accepted a new position with Yancoal as General Manager Health & Safety and will be moving to the Newcastle Office. The Chairperson extended the Committee's thanks to Aaron for his support of the Committee during his time at Ashton.*

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

*2024 meeting dates proposed by the Chair as follows were accepted.*

- *29 February 2024*
- *25 July 2024*
- *31 October 2024*

*In closing the meeting, the Chairperson wished all a healthy and happy Christmas.*

**MEETING CLOSED at 2:30 pm**



# Business Arising

- *Ashton to follow up with Corporate on demolition timetable for un-used properties in Camberwell.*
  - *Second Half 2024*
    - *24 McInerney Street*
    - *4 Dawson Street*
- *All CCC members to review Terms of Reference for finalisation at October meeting.*

# Ashton Mine Statistics YTD 2023

## Ashton Coal Key Statistics

	<b>2023 Budget</b> (30.09.2023)	<b>2023 Actual</b> (30.09.2023)
<b>ROM (Mt)</b>	<b>2.0</b>	<b>0.7</b>
<b>Product Coal (Mt)</b>	<b>0.8</b>	<b>0.3</b>
<b>Total Coal Sales (Mt)</b>	<b>0.8</b>	<b>0.6</b>
<b>Total Recordable Injuries (TRI)</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>Total Employees (FTE)</b>	<b>327.6</b>	<b>273.8</b>
<b>Complaints</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Environmental Incidents</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

# Current Mining Plan

## Pikes Gully Seam

- 2023 to end October As Mined
- 2023 from November Proposed Mined

## ULLD Seam

- 2023 to end October As Mined
- 2023 from November Proposed Mined



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**ASHTON UNDERGROUND MINE**  
**2023 MINED TO OCT AND 2023 PROPOSED MINING**  
**PG AND ULLD SEAM**

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Pikes Gully Seam Workings  
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RUMES Pikes Gully (planned)  
ADOL Project Area

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**ASHTON COAL OPERATIONS**  
**PROJECT AREA**  
Environmental Monitoring  
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# Environment Monitoring Data

- Refer to monitoring data attachment

# Complaints and Incidents

- There have been no community complaints since the last meeting.
- Nil environmental incidents YTD.

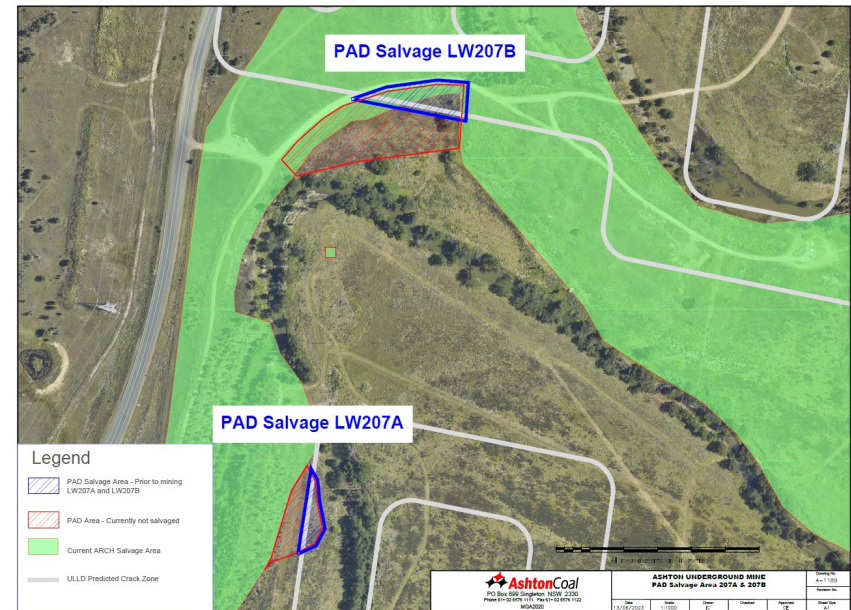


# Environmental Update

- Monthly noise monitoring undertaken. No issues identified.
- Ancillary approvals progressing (Extraction Plan, Management Plans etc).
- Works to raise the western block banks in Bowman's Creek completed.
- 2022 Annual Review approved by DPE September 2023 – published to Ashton website.
- 2022 Independent Environmental Audit acceptance received from DPE October 2023 – published to Ashton website.
- 2022-23 National Pollutant Inventory Reporting completed and submitted in September 2023.
- 2022-23 National Greenhouse Energy and Reporting completed and submitted in October 2023.

# Environmental Update

- Archaeological salvage works – LW207A (west).
  - Throughout October, our archaeologist (Liz Wyatt) from Stratum Archaeology has been onsite with representatives of the Registered Aboriginal Parties to undertake archaeological salvage on the western edge of LW207A near the upstream block bank.



# Camberwell update

- 33 Residential Tenancy Agreements
- 11 Dwellings in Asset Maintenance Program
- 16 Vacant residential lots
- 2 Commercial agreements
- 11 rural areas occupied



**Any Questions?**