

## **RECORDS OF COMMISSION MEETINGS**

## **Notes of Site Inspection with Proponent and Community Groups**

This meeting is part of the determination process

Meeting note taken by: Jorge Van Den Brande

**Project**: Mount Pleasant Coal Mine – MOD 3 Extension of Mine Life

Meeting Place: Mount Pleasant Operations, Muswellbrook.

Attendees:

Commission Members: Alan Coutts (Chair); Dr. Peter Williams and Prof. Zada Lipman

Commission Secretariat: David Koppers (Team Leader) and Jorge Van Den Brande (Planning Officer)

Mach Energy

Chris Lauritzen General Manager Resource Development

Richard Bailey General Manager Operations
Klay Marchant Superintendent Environment
Ngaire Baker Superintendent External Relations.

Stirling Bartlam and Josh Peters Consultants

Michael Redman Manager Mining (Thiess)

**Community Group Representatives** 

Bev Smiles Hunter Community Network
Jan Davis Hunter Environmental Lobby
Katherine Ludeke Upper Hunter Water Keepers

Trevor Parkinson Mount Pleasant Community Consultative Committee

David Sorensen and David Matthews Muswellbrook Men's Shed Inc

**Meeting Purpose**: The purpose of the site inspection was to understand the physical attributes of the site and the surrounding locality.

Proponent took the Commission and community group representatives throughout the site and made various stops to explain progress of construction, excavation, mining operations, rehabilitation and landform microrelief. The discussions included:

- the mine's location and distance to nearby mining operations and the township of Muswellbrook;
- strip ratio of the project being approximately 3:1;
- top soil and tree stockpiling areas and rehabilitation works that have already commenced;
- native seed harvesting was occurring onsite with 1.5 tonnes collected from a range of species;
- design of the proposed microrelief landform which has changed to achieve a natural topography.
   Final landform heights to range between 230m–300m AHD. Bengalla is nearly 300m AHD;
- CHPP and rail loop due for commissioning in October 2018, permitting coal deliveries to occur; and
- Modification 4 was briefly discussed for contextual and location purposes.

**Documents**: No documents were provided.

Outcomes/Agreed Actions: No actions.

Meeting closed at: 1:00 pm