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NSW Minerals Council Joint Working Group Emissions and Health Meeting

UHMD Resource Centre, Upstairs of the Town Square Shopping Centre
Suite 1, 159 John Street, Singleton NSW 2330

Tuesday 27 June: 2.00 pm to 2.30pm

In attendance

Julie Thomas	Muswellbrook Coal
James Barben	Yancoal
Matt Parkinson	AGL / Mac Gen
Bob Mackie	the resource
Craig Milton (Chair)	NSW Minerals Council

Apology

John Watson	Glencore
Melinda Hale	Singleton Council
Karen Marler	NSW Environment Protection Authority
Simon Francis	NSW Department of Industry
Neville Hodgkinson	Singleton Shire Healthy Environment Group
Doug Fenton	Rio Tinto
Greg Sullivan	NSW Minerals Council

1. Welcome and apologies

The Chair welcomed attendees and noted apologies. Unfortunately, no community members could attend this meeting. The meeting also clashed with the NSW Clean Air Summit.

2. Minutes and actions of the previous meeting

The Working Group accepted the minutes.

3. Synoptic Plan Workshop

The recent Synoptic Plan Review Workshop was discussed, with members noting the high level of attendance and cross-section of participants from the wider Upper Hunter Community.

4. School Mine Tours Program

Members noted the progress made on the program and the working group's contributions in establishing this project. Industry members were encouraged to complete and return their school mine tours program surveys to the UHMD secretariat.

5. Upper Hunter Air Quality Monitoring Network

Members noted the review the review that is underway and the recent results.

6. Upper Hunter Air Quality Fact Sheet

Mr. Milton provided a brief overview of the updated fact sheet. Much of the information in the NSWMC fact sheet was also relevant to the Upper Hunter, although certain data cited in the fact sheet may require updating. The UHMD secretariat will continue to work on the fact sheet for the next JWG meeting and circulate amongst the working group to gather additional feedback at the next meeting.

ACTION:

- **UHMD secretariat to circulate the Draft Upper Hunter Air Quality Fact Sheet to JWG members for comment.**

7. Update on communications initiatives

Mr. Mackie provided a brief update on the Dialogue's communications initiatives, noting the recent television media coverage the grazing trials have received.

8. Update on current projects

Mr. Milton and Mr. Mackie provided an update on the various Emissions and Health projects underway, including the Dialogue and other government projects. There will be significant outcomes arising from the Clean Air Summit being held today.

With regards to the Weather Forecasting Project Video, a suitable site is close to being secured and filming is expected to be undertaken simultaneously with the VR filming for the school mine tour program.

9. Other business

There was no other business discussed.

10. Next Meeting / Meeting Close

The next meeting is scheduled to be held on Wednesday 11 October 2017 from 2:00pm to 4:00pm

The meeting closed at 2:30 pm.

**Action items arising from 15 March 2017 meeting
UHMD Joint Working Group - Emissions and Health**

Task	Responsibility	Status
Presentation - Emma Coombs and Mitch Bennett (EPA) - Adverse Weather Investigation Project Update		
UHMD secretariat to locate the final report of the Adverse Weather Investigation project and distribute amongst Working Group members.	UHMD secretariat	In progress - Report yet to be released

**Actions arising from meeting on 27 June 2017 meeting
UHMD Joint Working Group - Emissions & Health**

Action	Responsibility	Status
Upper Hunter Air Quality Fact Sheet		
UHMD secretariat to circulate the Draft Upper Hunter Air Quality Fact Sheet to JWG members for comment.	UHMD secretariat	Completed - Attached for review and discussion in these papers.

FOR INFORMATION/DISCUSSION