

# MINUTES

## NSW Minerals Council

### UHMD – Emissions & Health Joint Working Group

UMHD Resource Centre, Singleton Town Square Shopping Centre, Singleton

Thursday 12 November 2015: 1.30pm – 4.30pm

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#### In attendance

John Watson (Chair)  
Julie Thomas  
Wendy Bowman  
Adam Gilligan  
John Drinan  
John Hindmarsh  
Neville Hodgkinson  
Bob Mackie  
Shane Davey  
Sarah Parton  
Gerard Gleeson  
Andrew Rode

Glencore  
Muswellbrook Coal Company Limited  
NSW Mine Watch  
Environment Protection Authority  
Singleton Shire Healthy Environment Group  
The Bloomfield Group  
Singleton Shire Healthy Environment Group  
*Theresource*  
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BHP Billiton  
Rio Tinto  
NSW Minerals Council

#### Apologies

Melinda Hale  
Digby Short  
Sarah Withell  
Scott Brooks  
Peter Forbes  
Greg Sullivan  
David Frith

Singleton Council  
Ashton Coal  
BHP Billiton  
Department of Planning and Environment  
Anglo American  
NSW Minerals Council  
NSW Minerals Council

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## **1. Welcome and Apologies**

The chair welcomed attendees and noted apologies.

## **2. Presentation from NSW Health (Craig Dalton) - Hunter air quality and health studies**

Craig Dalton (NSW Health) provided an outline of Hunter air quality health studies. The presentation is attached.

## **3. Confirmation of minutes of 5 August 2015**

The minutes of 5 August 2015 were confirmed.

The working group reiterated the need to follow-up the Environment Minister on its commitments to a air quality forecast alert in the Hunter.

### **ACTION:**

- NSWMC to follow up Environment Minister on the Government's commitments to a air quality forecast alert in the Hunter.

## **4. Simplification of UHMD minuting procedures**

The working group accepted the approach of simplifying minuting requirements.

## **5. Update on current projects**

Andrew Rode provided an update on current projects.

The working group discussed the need to share air quality and health information publicly and considered whether the 'Mine Dust and You' factsheet required update.

### **ACTION:**

- NSWMC to consider advocating NSW Health to update the 'Mine Dust and You' factsheet.

## **6. Update on JASC meeting outcomes**

The working group noted the JASC meeting outcomes.

## **7. Case study of PM10 exceedance in Upper Hunter on 7 October 2015**

Julie Thomas provided an overview of Muswellbrook Coal's response to predicted PM10 exceedances on 7 October 2015.

Gerard Gleeson offered to provide a presentation Rio Tinto Mount Thorley-Walkworth's new website that looks at environmental monitoring (including air quality) at the next JWG meeting.

### **ACTION:**

- Gerard Gleeson to present on Rio Tinto Mount Thorley-Walkworth's new environmental monitoring website at the next JWG meeting.

## **8. Presentation(s) from EPA (Adam Gilligan) - Lower Hunter Dust Deposition Study and update on Lower Hunter Particle Characterisation Study**

Adam Gilligan provided an overview of the draft Lower Hunter dust deposition study and advised that the Lower Hunter Particle Characterisation Study was likely to be finalised in February 2016.

## **9. Muswellbrook Mining Dialogue Community Day**

The working group noted the activities planned for the Mining Dialogue Community Day.

#### **10. Annual UHMD Workshop**

The working group noted the planned agenda for the Annual UHMD Workshop. It suggested that the working group's 5-year goals be revisited at the next JWG meeting.

**ACTION:**

- Working group to discuss Emissions and Health working group goals at the next JWG meeting.

#### **11. Update on UHMD Communications Plan**

The working group noted the updates to the UHMD Communications Plan.

#### **12. Communique**

No communique was considered necessary.

#### **13. Other Business**

No other business.

**Actions arising from meeting on 12 November 2015  
UHMD Emissions and Health Joint Working Group Meeting**

Action	Responsibility	Status
<b>1. Welcome and Apologies</b>		
<b>2. Presentation from NSW Health (Craig Dalton) - Hunter air quality and health studies</b>		
<b>3. Confirmation of Minutes of 5 August 2015</b>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● NSWMC to follow up Environment Minister on the Government's commitments to a air quality forecast alert in the Hunter.</li> </ul>	<b>NSWMC</b>	Completed
<b>4. Simplification of UHMD minuting procedures</b>		
<b>5. Update on current projects</b>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● NSWMC to consider advocating NSW Health to update the 'Mine Dust and You' factsheet.</li> </ul>	<b>NSWMC</b>	Ongoing - refer to Item 4.
<b>6. Update on JASC meeting outcomes</b>		
<b>7. Case study of PM10 exceedance in Upper Hunter on 7 October 2015</b>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Gerard Gleeson to present on Rio Tinto Mount Thorley-Walkworth's new environmental monitoring website at the next JWG meeting.</li> </ul>	<b>Gerard Gleeson</b>	Completed - refer to Item 6.
<b>8. Presentation(s) from EPA (Adam Gilligan) - Lower Hunter Dust Deposition Study and update on Lower Hunter Particle Characterisation study</b>		
<b>9. Muswellbrook Mining Dialogue Community Day</b>		
<b>10. Annual UHMD Workshop</b>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Working group to discuss Emissions and Health working group goals at the next JWG meeting.</li> </ul>	<b>All</b>	Completed - refer to Item 10.
<b>11. Update on UHMD Communications Plan</b>		
<b>12. Communique</b>		
<b>13. Other business</b>		