

DRAFT MINUTES

NSW Minerals Council
UHMD – Land Management Joint Working Group
UMHD Resource Centre, Singleton Town Square Shopping Centre, Singleton

Wednesday 11 November 2015: 1.30pm- 4.30pm

Present

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| Bill Baxter (Chair) | Rio Tinto |
| Glenda Briggs | Department of Primary Industries |
| John Drinan | Singleton Shire Healthy Environment Group |
| Bruce Devonport | Singleton Council |
| Nigel Charnock | Glencore |
| Dee Murdoch | AECOM |
| Neil Griffiths | NSW Department of Primary Industries |
| Wendy Bowman | NSW Mine Watch |
| Julie Thomas | Muswellbrook Coal Company Limited |
| Shane Davey | Theresource |
| Bob Mackie | <i>Theresource</i> |
| Jim Morgan | Wybong Action Group |
| Ron Fenwick | Community member |
| Monique Meyer | Resources and Energy NSW Trade and Investment |
| Tim Roberts | The University of Newcastle |
| Greg Sullivan | NSW Minerals Council |
| Andrew Rode | NSW Minerals Council |

Apology

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| Jo Powells | NSW Department of Primary Industries |
| Rebekah Gomez-Fort | NSW Department of Primary Industries |
| Digby Short | Ashton Coal |
| Jason Desmond | The Bloomfield Group |
| Matthew Newton | NSW Department of Trade and Investment |
| Brooke York | Anglo American |

1. Welcome and Apologies

The Chair welcomed attendees and noted apologies.

2. Confirmation of Minutes of 6 August 2015

The minutes of the 6 August 2015 meeting were confirmed.

The working group mentioned that there was another voids project, similar to the UHMD project being undertaken as an ACARP project.

ONGOING ACTION:

- NSWMC to organise a presentation from OEH on the Upper Hunter Strategic Assessment, when the materials are publicly released.

NEW ACTIONS:

- NSWMC to distribute DPC presentation provided by Ms Jodie Calvert on initiatives in the Upper Hunter.
- NSWMC to identify details of ACARP voids project.

3. Simplification of UHMD minuting procedures

The working group agreed to simplify minutes.

4. Update on current projects

Neil Griffiths provided an update on the grazing study. Key points included:

- Cattle on rehabilitated sites are gaining more weight - the rehabilitation sites may require more steers as there is a lot of ungrazed grass.
- Botanical diversity analysis showed better than expected results on rehabilitated sites.
- Need to determine when to sell the cattle (pre-winter).

Neil also mentioned the development of a book on pastures in the Hunter and Central West.

Andrew Rode provided an update on other projects.

The working group suggested that the revised scope of the biodiversity reference sites project be progressed.

ACTIONS:

- NSWMC to add discussion on pasture plants book at next JWG agenda.
- NSWMC to commence scoping of biodiversity reference sites project.

5. Update on JASC meeting outcomes

The working group noted the updates from the JASC meeting.

6. Rehabilitation reporting 2014

The working group noted the updated rehabilitation figures for 2014, it suggested that:

- The figures be published with the appropriate contextual information.
- The value of the company rehabilitation principles reports be considered, e.g. by determining the number of web hits to the download page.
- To include Vale in the 2014 figures by proving figures from its AEMR report.
- To calculate the proportion of disturbed land that has been rehabilitated across the Upper Hunter mines.

ACTIONS:

- NSWMC to update the rehabilitation figures table to include Vale in 2014.
- NSWMC to publish 2014 rehabilitation data with appropriate contextual information.
- NSWMC to determine the popularity of the 'rehabilitation reporting' website and the reports contained within.
- NSWMC to calculate the proportion of disturbed land that has been rehabilitated across the Upper Hunter mines.

7. Beneficial reuse of voids project

Andrew provided an update on the voids project - which included the preparation of a draft water quality report and an outline of a voids workshop.

Tim Roberts advised that the University of Newcastle had undertaken some analysis of voids in the Upper Hunter and counted that there were to be around 22 voids. The working group suggested that this information be included as part of the Voids Workshop.

ACTION:

- NSWMC to include information relating to the University of Newcastle's analysis of voids in the Voids Workshop.

8. Muswellbrook Mining Dialogue Community Day

Greg and Shane provided an overview of the upcoming Muswellbrook Mining Dialogue Community Day. The working group discussed opportunities to promote the event.

9. Annual UHMD Workshop

The working group discussed the upcoming UHMD Annual Workshop, suggesting:

- That there be table facilitators to guide conversations.
- That the working group goals be revisited.
- That participants have the opportunity to raise any new issues.

ACTIONS:

- NSWMC to ensure that the UHMD Annual Workshop:
 - Includes table facilitators.
 - Revisits working group goals.
 - Enable new issues to be raised.

10. Update on UHMD Communications Plan

The working group suggested that the UHMD Communications Plan be presented at the Annual Workshop.

The working group also suggested that a clips file be prepared to track all UHMD related articles / mentions in the media on an ongoing basis.

ACTIONS:

- NSWMC to include a presentation on the UHMD Communications Plan in the Annual Workshop.
- NSWMC to prepare a media clips file on the UHMD, on an ongoing basis.

11. Other Business

Andrew mentioned that there was an upcoming soils seminar.

Meeting closed at 4:25pm.

**Actions arising from meeting on 11 November 2015
UHMD Land Management Joint Working Group Meeting**

| Action | Responsibility | Status |
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| 1. Welcome and Apologies | | |
| 2. Confirmation of Minutes of 8 August 2015 | | |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● NSWMC to organise a presentation from OEH on the Upper Hunter Strategic Assessment, when the materials are publicly released. | NSWMC | Ongoing |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● NSWMC to distribute DPC presentation provided by Ms Jodie Calvert on initiatives in the Upper Hunter. | NSWMC | Completed |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● NSWMC to identify details of ACARP voids project. | NSWMC | Completed |
| 3. Simplification of UHMD minuting procedures | | |
| 4. Update on current projects | | |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● NSWMC to add discussion on pasture plants book at next JWG agenda. | NSWMC | Completed - refer to Item 8 |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● NSWMC to commence scoping of biodiversity reference sites project. | NSWMC | Completed - refer to Item 4 |
| 5. Update on JASC meeting outcomes | | |
| 6. Rehabilitation reporting 2014 | | |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● NSWMC to update the rehabilitation figures table to include Vale in 2014. | NSWMC | Completed |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● NSWMC to publish 2014 rehabilitation data with appropriate contextual information. | NSWMC | Completed |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● NSWMC to determine the popularity of the 'rehabilitation reporting' website and the reports contained within. | NSWMC | Completed |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● NSWMC to calculate the proportion of disturbed land that has been rehabilitated across the Upper Hunter mines. | NSWMC | Completed |
| 7. Beneficial reuse of voids project | | |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● NSWMC to include information relating to the University of Newcastle's analysis of voids in the Voids Workshop. | NSWMC | Not completed - information was not available |
| 8. Muswellbrook Mining Dialogue Community Day | | |
| 9. Annual UHMD Workshop | | |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● NSWMC to ensure that the UHMD Annual Workshop: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Includes table facilitators. ○ Revisits working group goals. ○ Enable new issues to be raised. | NSWMC | Completed, with the exception of working group goals (to be discussed in Item |

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| 10. Update on UHMD Communications Plan | | |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NSWMC to include a presentation on the UHMD Communications Plan in the Annual Workshop. | NSWMC | Completed |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NSWMC to prepare a media clips file on the UHMD, on an ongoing basis. | NSWMC | This will be completed for the JASC and ISC. Project specific media will be included in JWG papers. |
| 11. Other business | | |