

**Actions arising from meeting on 30 July 2014
UHMD Joint Working Group Land Management**

Action	Responsibility	Status
1. Welcome and Apologies		
2. Confirmation of Minutes of 9 May 2014		
3. Rehabilitation Principles and Commitments (information and discussion)		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> NSWMC to define the area to which the reporting relates as the Muswellbrook, Singleton and Upper Hunter Local Government Areas in communications about the project. 	NSWMC	Completed
4. Grazing Study (information and discussion)		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Department of Primary Industries to provide reporting at the November meeting of the joint working group. Department of Primary Industries to update the project management Gant chart when providing the first set of reporting. 	DPI	DPI will provide verbal update Incomplete
5. Biodiversity Reference Sites (information and discussion)		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> NSWMC will bring together a sub-group of members of the joint working group to assist in the development of Stage 2 of the project when/if it goes ahead. 	NSWMC	In progress
6. Voids Project (information and discussion)		
7. Reviewing the progress of the UHMD and new projects (discussion)		
8. Other Business		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> NSWMC will advise the International Centre for Balanced Land Use Planning of the work of the joint working group. 	NSWMC	Completed

Minutes

UHMD Joint Working Group Land Management Singleton Visitor Information Centre New England Highway, Singleton

30 July 2014: 1.30pm to 4.30pm

Present

Bill Baxter	Coal & Allied
Jason Desmond	The Bloomfield Group
Jim Morgan	Wybong Action Group
Nigel Charnock	Glencore
Sean Constable	Upper Hunter Shire Council
Troy Favell	Peabody Energy
Xanthe Willis	Anglo American
Steve Clarkson	Singleton Council
Jo Powells	NSW Department of Primary Industries
Tony Cox	NSW Department of Trade and Investment
Leonie Ball	Singleton Beef and Land Management Association
Emma Ridley	Hunter Thoroughbred Breeders Association Inc
Wendy Bowman	NSW Mine Watch
Glenda Briggs	NSW Department of Trade and Investment
Matthew Parkinson	Bayswater Power Station
Ken Bray	Hunter Valley Water Users' Association
Kirsten McKimmie	Muswellbrook Shire Council
Matthew Newton	NSW Department of Trade and Investment
Claire Doherty	NSW Minerals Council
Chris Knight	Muswellbrook Coal
Brooke York	Anglo American

Apologies

Lester McCormick	NSW Department of Primary Industries
Neil Griffiths	NSW Department of Primary Industries
Arthur Burns	Hunter Valley Water Users' Association
Ian Napier	Hunter Valley Wine Industry Association
Angela Hawdon	Fauna & Flora

1. Welcome and Apologies

Troy Favell introduced himself as the new Chair of the joint working group, welcomed members and noted the apologies.

2. Confirmation of the minutes from the 9 May 2014

The minutes of the meeting on 9 May 2014 were confirmed.

3. Rehabilitation Principles and Commitments (information and discussion)

Claire Doherty provided a confidential copy of the aggregated reporting data on from this project and advised that the plan would be to finalise and release the data in August 2014.

Matthew Newton queried whether there would be a cross-over with reporting that the Division of Resources and Energy are undertaking. Claire noted that the industry is not clear what is in the the DRE project, or when the reporting will be published, but obviously there is no point in duplicating and when details are available we can re-visit this project.

It was noted that the area of the Upper Hunter should be clearly defined in the reporting as covering the local government areas of Muswellbrook, Singleton and Upper Hunter.

ACTION:

- NSWMC to define the area to which the reporting relates as the Muswellbrook, Singleton and Upper Hunter Local Government Areas in communications about the project.

4. Grazing Study (information and discussion)

The joint working group were advised that the draft terms of reference and protocols for the study would be discussed at the first advisory panel meeting.

DPI provided a brief update on the project. Cattle are now on the sites at Mt Arthur and the baseline testing has been completed on the cattle and the site and advised:

- Pasture will be assessed every 6 weeks
- The LFA data is still being analysed.

DPI advised that they will be in a position to provide some early reporting at the November meeting. DPI agreed to provide an updated Gant Chart to show the next steps in the project for the November meeting of the joint working group.

The group discussed communications about the project. NSWMC and DPI agree to work together where possible to communicate about the project.

ACTIONS:

- Department of Primary Industries to provide reporting at the November meeting of the joint working group.
- Department of Primary Industries to update the project management Gant chart when providing the first set of reporting.

5. Biodiversity Reference Sites (information and discussion)

The joint working group agreed that the Stage 2 process would benefit from input from the group and agreed to form a sub-group of interested representatives from the JWG to assist the participating companies and consultants in this part of the project. Claire Doherty indicated that the commitment is likely to be 1-2 meetings and at least an hour of reading time.

Steve Clarkson, Matthew Newton and Jim Morgan volunteered to be part of the sub-group.

ACTION:

- NSWMC will bring together a sub-group of members of the joint working group to assist in the development of Stage 2 of the project when/if it goes ahead.

6. Voids Project (information and discussion)

The paper on the voids project was noted.

7. Reviewing the progress of the UHMD and new projects (discussion)

The joint working group discussed communication of the work of the group and these sources were noted:

- Council newsletters
- The Singleton Argus "Town and Country" supplement, which is said to be widely read.

8. Other Business

Glenda Briggs advised that she is now the Regional Director for the Hunter Valley at DPI. She noted that DPI and DRE are jointly funding a new centre at the University of Newcastle, the International Centre for Balanced Land Use Planning. This group would be interested in the work that the joint working group is undertaking.

ACTION:

- NSWMC will advise the International Centre for Balanced Land Use Planning of the work of the joint working group.