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NSW Minerals Council UHMD – Joint Working Group - Water

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

Thursday 12 November 2015: 10.00am – 1.00pm

In attendance

David O'Brien (Chair)	Glencore
Chris New	Rio Tinto
Julie Thomas	Muswellbrook Coal
Wendy Bowman	NSW Mine Watch
Shane Davey	<i>Therresource</i>
Bob Mackie	<i>Therresource</i>
James Barben	Yancoal Australia
Ken Bray	Hunter Valley Water Users' Association
Bruce Devonport	Singleton Council
Andrew Rode	NSW Minerals Council

Apologies

Rebekah Gomez-Fort	NSW Department of Primary Industries
Greg Sullivan	NSW Minerals Council
Ron Fenwick	UHMD - Individual Contact
James Benson	Anglo American
Greg Lamb	The Bloomfield Group
Harry Egan	Peabody Energy

1. Welcome and Apologies

The Chair welcomed attendees and noted apologies. The Chair noted that a quorum had not formed for the meeting. The members present decided to proceed with the meeting in the absence of a formal quorum.

2. Confirmation of minutes of 6 August 2015

The minutes of the 6 August 2015 meeting were confirmed.

3. Simplification of UHMD minuting procedures

The working group accepted the proposal to simplify minutes.

4. Update on current projects

The working group noted the updates on current projects.

5. Update on JASC meeting outcomes

The working group noted the outcomes of the JASC meeting.

6. Voids project

The working group noted the updates to the voids project. It suggested that local councillors be invited to the Voids Workshop.

ACTIONS:

- NSWMC to invite Muswellbrook and Singleton councillors to the Voids Workshop.

7. MCA Water Accounting Framework

The working group suggested that the following changes be made to the Water Accounting Framework infographic:

- Better highlight environmental flows.
- Check rainfall figures.
- Summarise key statistics at the top.
- Reconfigure the infographic to suit a portrait layout.
- Break out the water analysis into regional, Hunter and Mining specific detail.

ACTION:

- NSWMC to update, check and recirculate the MCA Water Accounting Framework infographic.

8. Muswellbrook Mining Dialogue Community Day

The working group noted the upcoming Mining Dialogue Community Day and discussed and suggested various ways to promote the event.

9. Annual UHMD Workshop

The working group suggested that:

- A Singleton representative be included at the UHMD Annual Workshop Panel session (potentially

Gill Eason).

- A feedback form be provided at the workshop.
- Rather than discussing working group goals, to consider goals for the UHMD broadly, and discuss 5-year goals within working groups at a later date.

ACTIONS:

- NSWMC to invite a Singleton representative to speak at the Annual Workshop panel session.
- NSWMC to include a feedback form at the Annual Workshop.
- NSWMC to redesign program to focus discussion on goals of UHMD (rather than individual working groups). NSWMC to defer discussion on working group goals until the next JWG meeting.

10. Update on UHMD Communications Plan

The working group noted the updated UHMD Communications Plan.

11. Other Business

No other business.

The meeting closed at 11:40am.

**Actions arising from meeting on 12 November 2015
UHMD Water Joint Working Group Meeting**

Action	Responsibility	Status
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4. Update on current projects		
5. Update on JASC meeting outcomes		
6. Voids project		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NSWMC to invite Muswellbrook and Singleton councillors to the Voids Workshop. 	NSWMC	Completed
7. MCA Water Accounting Framework		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NSWMC to update, check and recirculate the MCA Water Accounting Framework infographic. 	NSWMC	Completed
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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NSWMC to redesign program to focus discussion on goals of UHMD (rather than individual working groups). NSWMC to defer discussion on working group goals until the next JWG meeting. 	NSWMC	Completed / refer to Item 10
10. Update on UHMD Communications Plan		
11. Other business		