

Meeting Minutes – Northparkes Community Consultative Committee (CCC)

Date & Time	Wednesday 3 November 2021 – 3.30pm	
Venue	Microsoft Teams Meeting (on-line) Parkes International Comfort Inn	
Attendees	David Johnson	CCC Independent Chair
	Stacey Kelly	PSE Manager, Northparkes Mines
	Gabe Albert	Community & External Relations Advisor
	Chris Higgins	Environment & Farms Superintendent
	Andrew Rice	Community Representative
	Margaret Applebee	Community Representative
	Phill Moss	Community Representative
	Cr Bill Jayet	Parkes Shire Councillor
	Sandra Parker	Parkes High School, Principal
Apologies	Cr Ken Keith OAM	Parkes Shire Council, Mayor
	Kent Boyd	Parkes Shire Council, General Manager
	Cr Patricia Smith	Parkes Shire Councillor
	Cr Steve Karaitiana	Forbes Shire Councillor
	Cr Chris Roylance	Forbes Shire Councillor
	Steve Loane	Forbes Shire Council, General Manager
	Scott Bickett	Community Representative
	Geoff Rice	Community Representative
	Cr Phyllis Miller OAM	Forbes Shire Council, Mayor
	Hubert Lehman	Managing Director, Northparkes Mines

1. WELCOME

David opened the meeting at 4.00pm and provided an Acknowledgement of country.

David welcomed all members; noted that David was chairing the meeting remotely.

2. DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY OR OTHER INTEREST

The committee was reminded they should declare any pecuniary and non-pecuniary interests if appropriate; No further interests were declared.

3. BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

The minutes from the previous meeting were accepted and agreed.

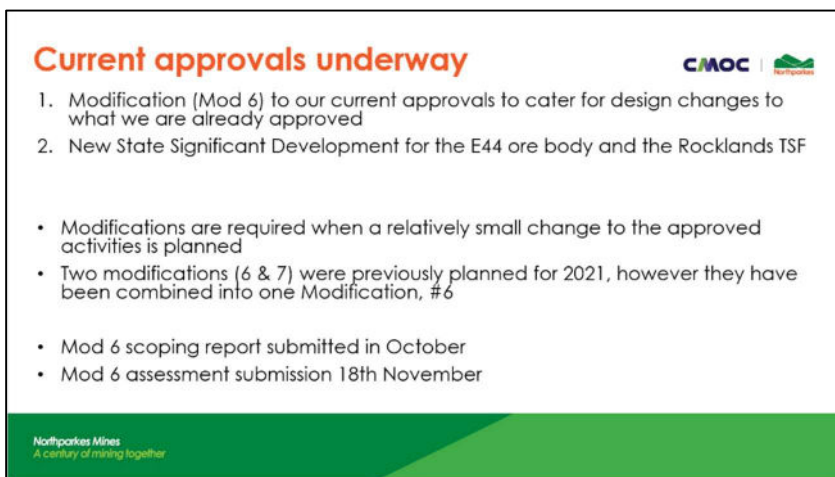
Members of the committee went out to E44 for a look at the area currently going through the Mod 6 approval process.


No correspondence

4. CMOC-NORTHPARKES MINES UPDATE

4.1 Modification 6 Update

Chris Higgins provided an update on Modification 6 to our current Project Approval. Key slides from the presentation below. The full presentation is at the end of these minutes.



Current approvals underway 

1. Modification (Mod 6) to our current approvals to cater for design changes to what we are already approved
2. New State Significant Development for the E44 ore body and the Rocklands TSF

- Modifications are required when a relatively small change to the approved activities is planned
- Two modifications (6 & 7) were previously planned for 2021, however they have been combined into one Modification, #6
- Mod 6 scoping report submitted in October
- Mod 6 assessment submission 18th November

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Mod 6 - Inclusions

- Two modifications were planned for 2021, however they have been combined into one Modification, #6
- Modification 6 will compose of:
 - Changes to two E31 open cut disturbance
 - E22 block cave portal to surface
 - TSF2 east embankment buttress
 - Borrow pits for TSF construction
 - Realignment of pipelines
 - Altered alignment for Infill TSF Extension embankment
 - New rehabilitation stockpile area

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Mod 6 - Studies

Assessments being carried out:

Aspect	Consultant	Completed	To Be Done
Ecology	GHD	Field work	Report
Heritage	OzArk	Methodology	Field Work Report
Air Quality	EMM	Data Review	Report
Noise & Vibration	Muller	Data Review	Report
Groundwater	AGE	Report complete	n/a
Surface Water	GHD	Assessment draft	Report

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Q: David Johnson – What is the timing of the submission?

A: Chris Higgins – Mod 6 will be submitted on the 18 November.

E44 Update

Stacey Kelly provided an update on the E44 open pit and potential future mine developments including MJH and E22. The feasibility Study for E44 will be completed in 2022.

E31 Open Pits Update

Pre stripping will commence the second half of 2022 for commencement in 2023.

No further questions on Northparkes Production or Modification 6 update.

4.2 Environment and Farming Update

Chris Higgins provided an update on the environment and farm performance, with the key points of discussion being:

- No reportable environmental incidents or complaints in 2021
- Tailings dust from TSF1 and Estcourt TSF has been an issue in 2021, however recent ripping has provided an effective control. Northparkes approval is being worked through to use the tractor within the Mining Lease to enable a rapid response to dust risks.

- Vibration has been noted at neighbours' residences in 2021. Quotes for property inspections and vibration monitors are being sought.
- After many years of work, the Kokoda Offset revegetation works have been completed.

5. OTHER AGENDA ITEMS

There were no other agenda items.

6. GENERAL BUSINESS

Q: Bill Jayet – Asked how the levels of staffing currently are at Northparkes and if COVID and the 7:7 roster has changed anything?

A: Stacey Kelly – Provided an update to the group around recruiting some recently highly skilled positions over the last few months, we continue to attract people and the availability of housing has improved.

Comments: Bill Jayet advised the group that the new election will be on the 4th December and we potentially see new members on the committee if there are any changes.

7. NEXT MEETING AND CLOSE

Gabe will provide proposed timings for the 2022 CCC Meetings.

David Johnson closed the meeting at 5.15pm.

8. ACTIONS FROM MEETING

Date of meeting	Action	Assigned to	Tracking
30.11.21	Send proposed schedule for 2022	GA	

9. COMMUNITY CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE MEETING PRESENTATION

[20211103_CCC Meeting Presentation.pdf](#)