

SITE INSPECTION & LOCALITY TOUR NOTES

Project: Vickery Extension Project

Meeting Location: Project Site and surrounding area

Date: Wednesday, 17 June 2020

Time: 8:00am - 12:00pm

ATTENDANCE

Commission Members: John Hann (Chair)

Prof Zada Lipman Prof Chris Fell AM

Commission Office: Brad James Senior Planning Officer

Kym Statham Event Support Officer

Applicant:Paul FlynnCEO and Managing Director

Mark Stevens Executive General Manager

Rod Fox Project Director

Andrew Garratt General Manager, Community Engagement

Mark Tindall Project Manager, Operations

James Steele Resource Strategies

LOCATIONS & KEY FEATURES

1) Whitehaven Office - 231 Conadilly Street, Gunnedah

Opening Statement and Introductions. The Applicant provided the Panel with an overview of the Site Inspection. The Panel observed the Gunnedah CHPP on the way to location 2. The Applicant clarified that this CHPP was used for washing ROM coal from Tarrawonga Mine using town water. The Panel observed ROM coal haulage from Tarrawonga Mine to Gunnedah CHPP.

2) Proposed Project Rail Spur Crossing

The Panel observed the proposed location of the Project Rail Spur Crossing of the Kamilaroi Highway. On the way to location 3 the Panel travelled through Boggabri.

3) Civeo Boggarbri Village

The Panel observed the existing workforce accommodation village located north-west of the Boggarbri township. The Applicant pointed out the existing facilities including the convenience shop and recreational centre.

4) Highway Overpass

The Panel observed the existing highway overpass location. The Panel travelled along Bluevale Rd on the way to location 5. The Applicant confirmed that the intention is to haul ROM coal to the Vickery Project Site via this route. The Applicant also pointed out the location of the groundwater borefield to the west of Bluevale Rd.

5) Canyon Coal Mine Rehab Area

The Panel observed the Canyon Coal Mine Rehab Area to the west of the private haul road. The Panel also observed the Vickery State Forest located east. On the way to location 6, the Panel observed the Red Hill Rehab Area.

6) Secondary Compound

The Applicant provided an overview of mining area for the Approved Project and the Vickery Extension Project. The Applicant clarified the change in disturbed area. The Panel observed the proposed open cut area and the western emplacement area. From this elevated location, the Applicant pointed out the following features:

North Canyon Mine Rehab Area
North-east Red Hill Rehab Area
East Greenwood Final Void

South-east The location of the Blue Vale Final Void

South The location of receiver 127b and indicative location of Kurrumbede Homestead

South-west Location of the proposed Rail Spur Crossing

On the way to location 7, the Panel observed the location of receiver 127b.

7) Proposed Infrastructure Area

The Panel observed the proposed location of the CHPP. The Panel also observed the location of the rail loop to the west as well as the vegetation proposed to be cleared for the rail loop. The Panel viewed the location of Kurrumbede Homestead. The Applicant confirmed that there would be no tailings dam for the Project.

The Panel returned to the Whitehaven Office in Gunnedah and the Site Inspection concluded.

SITE INSPECTION MAP

