



This meeting is part of the determination process.	
Date: 5 February 2019	Time: 9.00am
Project: United Wambo Open Cut Coal Mine Project (SSD 7142) and associated modifications (DA 305-7-2003 MOD 16 and DA 177-8-2004 MOD 3)	
Meeting Place: IPC office	
Attendees: IPC Members: Tony Pearson (Chair), Robyn Kruk, Dr Peter Williams IPCN Secretariat: David Koppers (Team Leader), Alana Jelfs (Senior Planning Officer) Department of Planning and Environment: Howard Reed (Director, Resource Assessments), Megan Dawson (Team Leader, Resource Assessments)	
Agenda: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Overview of the Applicant's Response to the Commission's Review Report, including:<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Noise, vibration and blasting, operation of the <i>Voluntary Land Acquisition and Mitigation Policy</i> (VLAMP) and monitoring during transition;- Air quality and monitoring during transition;- Staged Biodiversity Offset Strategy, the proposed mine rehabilitation offset mechanism, and EPBC offset obligations;- Rehabilitation strategy, final void options and staging;- Final landform and the economics associated with backfilling of voids;- Water resources;- Visual mitigation; and- Transition to joint venture.• Update on the Voluntary Planning Agreement (VPA) since 6 December 2018; and• Matters from meeting of 6 December 2018 (see Appendix 1).	
Meeting closed at: 10.30am	



Appendix 1 - Matters from meeting of 6 December 2018:

- R 16 - Department to confirm representativeness of rock characteristics during the two-year trial period with rock characteristics of the project in later years
- R 17 - Department to confirm whether any greenhouse gas emission (GHGE) reduction measures not “technically feasible and financially reasonable” are used on other mine sites in the Hunter Valley
- R 27 - Department to provide further information in relation to:
 - the cost relativities associated with (a) retiring ecosystem credits by making a payment into an accredited fund, (b) acquiring bio-bank sites, and (c) rehabilitating sites;
 - how the proposed rehabilitation will work as an offset, including how rehabilitation success is measured/ assessed and the transition between the three project stages;
 - the use of rehabilitation as an offset for impacts under the EPBC Act, including any risks associated with their use;
 - likelihood of, and risks in relation to, the Applicant’s ability to offset Stages 2 and 3 biodiversity impacts under the EPBC Act;
- R 31 - Department to provide its views on the most desirable environmental outcome in relation to the Wambo void, setting aside economic (and other) considerations;
- R 34 - Department to provide examples of rehabilitation that has been successfully used as an offset;
- Other:
 - In light of recent commodity prices and foreign exchange rates, is the Department satisfied that the assumptions used in the Applicant’s economic assessment remain appropriate?
 - can reasonable notice in condition B27(b) be qualified to include a timeframe avoid doubt; and
 - Department to provide comments made by the Applicant in relation to the draft conditions of consent.