

NCIG Community Engagement Group (CEG) – Meeting Minutes
Meeting No: 16
Thursday 22 August 2024 5:00 -7:30 pm
Location: NCIG Board Room

Attendees:

Community Representatives

Rick Banyard (RB)
Alan Blanch (AB)
Lyn Kilby (LK)

NCIG Representatives

Nathan Juchau (NJ) – Manager Sustainability
Wade Covey (WC) – Environment and Sustainability Lead
Carly Parmenter (CP) – Communications and Engagement Lead
Nick Germyn (NG) - Project Manager FMSR

Apologies: Peter Madden (PM) - Environment and Sustainability Officer, Alison Rigby (AR), John Hayes (JH)

Item 1: Welcome and Meeting Minute Review

NJ welcomed attendees to the meeting. Asked if members had any comments or feedback on the previous minutes. Consensus was minutes from the previous meeting were accurate, no changes required.

- One action remains open from previous meeting being the development of CEG member biographies. CP to action ahead of the next meeting.

Item 2: Special guest, Nick Germyn

- NG provided an overview of the FMSR project and key outcomes for the business.

Item 3: Business and Operations Update

- NJ provided the CEG with an update on business/operational matters since the last meeting including :
 - New starters at NCIG.
 - Key achievements including industry and employee awards.
 - Overview of our performance against business KPI targets.
 - Overview of our Energy Management Group and the energy savings they've generated.
 - Key projects identified for action in FY25 to be completed across the business.
 - Recent protest activities and planned November action.

Item 4: Sustainability Update

- WC provided a Sustainability Update which included:
 - No reportable incidents since the previous meeting.
 - No external enquiries or community complaints since the previous meeting.
 - Overview of our performance against the FY24 Sustainability targets.
 - An update on the progress of the PPA.
 - Vehicle electrification – 4 new EV BYD SUV's have been added to the NCIG fleet alongside the onsite fast chargers now being available to power the fleet. An additional fast charger will be available for employee use from early September to support staff in transitioning their personal vehicles.
 - We have developed our own wifi-units for seafarers berthed at the NCIG wharf. Previous units were provided by an external provider. The new units will provide a more reliable service.
 - An update of the Ash Island Cluster Pond project in partnership with NSW Parks. 7 ponds have been erected at this stage with more planned for FY25.
 - NCIG recently undertook an ISO surveillance audit which identified only minor opportunities for improvement and zero non-compliances. The next assurance audit is scheduled for June 2025.
- CP presented on recent community activities which included:
 - Annual spend of \$392,000 for FY24.
 - NCIG had 60 unique employees volunteer their time throughout FY24 to participate in, and support, community events.

Item 5: General Discussion/Meeting Close

- WC presented the updated links to the Hydrogen information currently publicly available.
- RB raised the state inland railway project to the groups attention and ask NCIG staff to review the plan and consider the impacts. Of particular focus is the [Narromine to Narrabri section](#).
- RB additionally raised the threat of failure of the Arden Tunnel and asked NCIG to consider the threat to business continuity should a catastrophic failure occur.
- RB noted he and JH have been working on a document that looks at the current market predictions for the lifecycle of coal in the region and asked to share this with CEG members following the meeting.
- AB questioned the container terminal's impact on the rail system once fully operational.
- Future meeting planned for 28 November 2024.
- Meeting closed 7:30pm.