

**NCIG Community Engagement Group (CEG) – Meeting Minutes**  
**Meeting No: 18**  
**Thursday 27 March 2025 5:00 -7:00pm**  
**Location: NCIG Training Room**

**Attendees:**

**Community Representatives**

Alison Rigby (AR)  
Allan Blanch (AB)

**NCIG Representatives**

Nathan Juchau (NJ) – Manager Sustainability  
Wade Covey (WC) – Environment and Sustainability Lead  
Rebekah Prendergast (RP) – Communications and Engagement Lead  
Peter Madden (PM) – Environment and Sustainability Officer  
Barry Arens (BA) – Manager Assets and Infrastructure

**Apologies:** John Hayes (JH), Rick Banyard (RB), Lyn Kilby (LK)

**Item 1: Welcome and SL01 Remediation Project**

NJ welcomed attendees to the meeting and BA presented on the recent SL01 Remediation Project. BA provided an overview of the project and the works undertaken to refurbish NCIG's Shiploader 1 to extend its operating life. BA explained that it was great to see the project delivered on time and within budget.

AB advised that he was aware of a different type of fire blanket material which is graded to 800°C. AB was happy to pass on the information to NCIG for future reference.

**Item 2: Meeting Minute Review**

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

Action update - No actions from previous meeting

**Item 3: Business and Operations Update**

- NJ provided the CEG with an update on business/operational matters since the last meeting including:
  - The arrival of baby Hazel, entering the world and doing well
  - New starters at NCIG including RP
  - Strategic Enablers of the NCIG business strategy
  - FY25-27 business goals – refinancing, insurance and cyber security very important

- Values refresh update. Teamwork pride and customer-centric are key themes of the new values
- Projected thermal coal demand. Demand increasing to 2039. 'Other Asia' is projected to be the biggest increasing consumer.
- AB pointed out that China is a key consumer as they are commissioning many new thermal power plants.
- The demand for seaborne coal is expected to rise while the supply is expected to taper off due to mining approvals coming to an end and the difficulty to extend and open new mines.

### Item 3: Sustainability Update

- WC provided a sustainability update which included:
  - No external enquiries or complaints since previous meeting
  - AB inquired whether neighbours have employed similar dust suppression management strategies as NCIG. WC explained that both terminals have similar smart dust management systems that are automated but was unsure about veneering. Committed to discussing this during the next routine catchup with PWCS.
  - One administrative non-compliance since last meeting being a loss of data from the NCIG met station as a result of a vehicle collision with the mounting pole
  - FY25 sustainability performance. Majority of FY25 targets on track.
  - Power purchase agreement continues to progress. Advised that NCIG is a foundation investor in the Goulburn River Solar Farm Project in the Upper Hunter, which is being developed by Lightsource BP. Early works construction on the project has commenced with the project expected to be grid connected in late 2026
  - AB inquired whether there is a battery associated with the PPA and NJ outlined that there is a battery as a part of the project but this is not included in the agreement with NCIG. NJ explained the next phase of the project will involve investigating the best commercial arrangement to access/utilise electricity from the broader network.
  - Vehicle electrification update. EV transition plan developed with all operational vehicles planned to be transitioned by 2030. WC advised that NCIG was planning to purchase another 3 SUV's before the end of FY25.
  - Energy Management Working Group. Continuing to implement energy savings projects on site. Have achieved around a 7% improvement in energy efficiency to date.
- RP presented on recent community activities which included:
  - Seafarer Christmas hampers delivered to ship crews
  - Sponsor of Soul Hub Friday Chill
  - Starlight Superswim 2025. 220km swum and over \$10k raised for the Starlight Foundation
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- RP presented on upcoming community activities which include:
  - NCIG Community Open Day planned for 23<sup>rd</sup> March
  - Variety Spin for Kids (early April)
  - March CSP round (closes end of March)

### Item 4: General Discussion/Meeting Close

- AB spoke about how Macquarie Bank appears to have changed its position on fossil fuel related investments. NJ agreed that it appeared as though a lot of the banks were not as aggressive in this space as we had seen previously, however there was still a significant focus on business ESG performance as part of the due diligence process
- The group spoke about ideas to add some members to the CEG and the benefits of this. NJ and RP will work on a comms strategy to identify and attract members.
- 2025 meeting schedule proposed
  - *Thursday 21 August, 5-7pm*
  - *Thursday 27 November, 5-7pm*
- Meeting close 6:50pm