

NCIG Community Engagement Group (CEG) – Meeting Minutes

Meeting No: 17

Thursday 28 November 2024 5:00 -7:00pm

Location: NCIG Meeting Room 2

Attendees:

Community Representatives

Lyn Kilby (LK)
Alison Rigby (AR)

NCIG Representatives

Nathan Juchau (NJ) – Manager Sustainability
Wade Covey (WC) – Environment and Sustainability Lead
Carly Parmenter (CP) – Communications and Engagement Lead
Peter Madden – Environment and Sustainability Officer

Apologies: John Hayes (JH), Rick Banyard (RB), Alan Blanch (AB)

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.

Action update WC advised that NCIG had reviewed the Narramine to Narrabri section of the inland rail proposal and the Ardglen Tunnel as requested by RB last meeting. Explained that NCIG's Customer Assurance team had been briefed on RB's comments/feedback at the last meeting. NCIG has representation on the Rail Capacity Group which regularly meets to discuss capacity issues. To date there have not been any capacity issues around the Ardglen tunnel.

Item 2: Business and Operations Update

- NJ provided the CEG with an update on business/operational matters since the last meeting including :
 - New starters at NCIG.
 - Currently in the process of refreshing NCIG's values to ensure they remain relevant and aligned to the business vision and purpose.
 - Review of the recent Rising Tide protest and impacts to NCIG.
 - The NCIG FY24 Sustainability Report was published in October. A copy of the report was provided to LK and AR. LK also took copies for JH and RB.
 - AR asked about dust management practices at NCIG. NJ and WC spoke about proactive and reactive measures for dust control. WC spoke about the proactive measures which are automated in the control system. WC advised that NCIG recently hosted the annual and East Coast Coal Terminal Conference where NCIG and PWCS presented on their dust management systems.
 - NJ presented the key project and site updates. A recent assessment weighed up the options of continuing a strong maintenance schedule for critical equipment throughout the life of the lease or running equipment with lower maintenance intervals which may lead to

equipment being unserviceable in the longer term. The assessment concluded the existing maintenance schedule was the best path forward to reduce this risk. NJ presented the new ESG targets for the FY2025-27 period. The targets will not be provided in the slides for this meeting as they have not been communicated formally through the entire business.

Item 3: Sustainability Update

- WC provided a Sustainability Update which included:
 - One reportable incident since the previous meeting. Minor oil leak from a shiploader which entered the Hunter River. WC provided an overview of the incident and the actions taken to minimise environmental impact.
 - No external enquiries or community complaints received since the previous meeting.
 - Power purchase agreement continues to progress. Preliminary construction works on the project planned to commence in early 2025.
 - Vehicle electrification update. EV transition plan developed with all operational vehicles planned to be transitioned by 2030.
 - Save our species planting days attended by various technicians at Ash Island.
 - Port decarbonisation group facilitated by PoN undertook site tours at various facilities around the port. The group shares information regarding ESG initiatives across operations.
- CP presented on recent community activities which included:
 - 60 employees (52%) have engaged in community events YTD
 - Hosted scholarship recipient for a day at NCIG to learn about NCIG and get an insight into the operations
 - 20 grants awarded in the September round of the Community Support Program
 - Hosted a group of year 8 students from Newcastle High for annual HusterWISE Schools Outreach Day.

Item 4: General Discussion/Meeting Close

- WC presented an update on Hydrogen related matters in the Port.
- WC provided links to the inland rail website and freight policy reforms which were mentioned earlier in the action update.
- 2025 meeting schedule proposed
 - *Thursday 27 March, 5-7pm*
 - *Thursday 21 August, 5-7pm*
 - *Thursday 27 November, 5-7pm*
- Meeting close 7:10pm