
Appendix B

Stakeholder engagement register

B.1 Scoping phase engagement

Early, targeted consultation was undertaken as part of the Project's scoping phase. These consultation activities are summarised in Table B.1.

Table B.1 Scoping phase engagement overview

Stakeholder group	Stakeholder	Method of engagement	Timing	Purpose of engagement
Federal Government agency	Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water (DCCEEW)	Meeting	September 2020	Project introduction meeting via teleconference to discuss EPBC Act referral and potential for controlled action.
State Government agency	Department of Planning Housing and Infrastructure (DPHI)	Meeting	December 2019	Project introduction meeting to provide a Project overview and to discuss approval pathway and consultation strategy for the scoping phase.
			September 2020	Project briefing pre-lodgement of the Scoping Report.
	DCCEEW - Water	Meeting	October 2020	Project introduction meeting to provide a Project overview, and an overview of the approach to assessing potential impacts on water resources.
	DCCEEW - Biodiversity and Conservation Division (BCD)	Meeting	October 2020	Project introduction meeting to provide a Project overview, and an overview of the approach to assessing potential impacts on biodiversity, including impact avoidance and offsetting.
	DCCEEW - Heritage	Correspondence	Ongoing from September 2020	- Request for details of Aboriginal groups or stakeholders in the Upper Hunter Valley area. - Notification of key ACHA milestones.
	Transport for New South Wales (TfNSW)	Meeting	January 2020	Project introduction meeting to provide a Project overview, an overview of the approach to assessing potential impacts on traffic and transport, including the requirements for obtaining a Works Authorisation Deed (WAD), and the proposed realignment of Lemington Road.
	Division of Resources and Geoscience	Meeting	September 2020	Project briefing ahead of the Conceptual Project Development Plan meeting with MEG.
	Mining, Exploration and Geoscience Department of Regional NSW	Meeting	October 2020	Conceptual Project Development Plan Briefing.

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	Rehabilitation and Securities Panel (RASP) of the NSW Resources Regulator	Meeting	November 2020	Project briefing, including: • Project summary • planning and approvals overview • the opportunity to ask questions and provide feedback.
	Environment Protection Authority (EPA)	Meeting	October 2020	Project briefing, including: • Project summary • planning and approvals overview • the opportunity to ask questions and provide feedback.
Local Government	Singleton Council: • Mayor and Councillors • Council Officers	Meetings	January 2020 September 2020 October 2020	Project briefing, including: • Project summary, including the realignment of Lemington Road • planning and approvals overview • the opportunity to ask questions and provide feedback • information about future consultation plans.
	Muswellbrook Shire Council: • Mayor and Councillors • Council Officers	Meeting	September 2020 October 2020	Project briefing, including: • Project summary • planning and approvals overview • the opportunity to ask questions and provide feedback • information about future consultation plans.
Elected representatives	Federal Member for Hunter, Joel Fitzgibbon	Meeting	September 2020	Project briefing, including: • Project summary • planning and approvals overview • the opportunity to ask questions and provide feedback • information about future consultation plans.
	State Member for Upper Hunter, Michael Johnsen	Meeting	September 2020	Project briefing, including: • Project summary • planning and approvals overview • the opportunity to ask questions and provide feedback • information about future consultation plans.

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Utility providers	Ausgrid	Meetings and correspondence	Ongoing from January 2020	Project briefing, including: • Project summary • planning and approvals overview • powerline realignments • the opportunity to ask questions and provide feedback.
	AGL	Meetings	Ongoing from July 2020	Project briefings, including: • Project summary • planning and approvals overview • the opportunity to ask questions and provide feedback • proposed relocation of AGL electrical infrastructure.
	Telstra	Meeting	Ongoing from June 2020	Project briefing, including: • Project summary • planning and approvals overview • the opportunity to ask questions and provide feedback.
	TransGrid	Meeting	Ongoing from November 2020	Project briefing, including: • Project summary • planning and approvals overview • the opportunity to ask questions and provide feedback.
Non-Government organisation	Minerals Council of NSW	Meeting	October 2020	Project briefing, including: • Project summary • planning and approvals overview • the opportunity to ask questions and provide feedback.
Local landholders	Directly impacted landowners; and Nearby/adjacent landowners:	• Direct correspondence • Phone calls • Website update	Ongoing from September 2020	Provision of Project information.

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	- Jerrys Plains - Maison Dieu - Long Point - Gouldsville - Camberwell - Warkworth.	Project newsletter	September 2020	Project introduction: - Project summary - Project maps - advice about two-way communication channels - planning and approvals overview.
		Project briefings via teleconference and videoconference	September – November 2020	Twenty directly impacted landowners participated in meetings to introduce the Project, advise of the planning process, discuss potential Project impacts and provide an opportunity to ask questions and provide feedback.
		Community information sessions	November and December 2020 (3 sessions)	Seven residents attended community information sessions to introduce the Project, advise of the planning process, and discuss potential Project impacts.
Community groups and organisations	Community Consultative Committee (CCC)	- Ordinary meeting - email updates.	Quarterly ordinary meetings	Project briefing, including: - Project summary - planning and approvals overview - the opportunity to ask questions and provide feedback.
	Community groups/organisations: - Singleton Chamber of Commerce - Hunter Valley Gliding Club - Singleton Clay Target Club	- Correspondence - Website update - Phone calls - Project briefings (on request).	September to November 2020	Project briefing, including: - Project summary - planning and approvals overview - the opportunity to ask questions and provide feedback - information about future consultation opportunities.

B.2 EIS phase engagement

Engagement was ongoing throughout the development of the EIS. Engagement was logged in HVO's consultation management system, as part of recording and monitoring key Project issues and themes, which have been addressed in the EIS. Consultation undertaken during the development of the EIS is shown in Table B.2.

Table B.2 EIS phase engagement overview

Stakeholder group	Stakeholder	Method of engagement	Timing	Purpose of engagement
Federal Government agency	DCCEEW	Correspondence and meetings	Ongoing from April 2021	- Project update. - Confirmation of proposed Referral approach. - Preliminary overview of identified items of Matters of National Environmental Significance (MNES).
	Crown Lands	Correspondence	April 2022	Notification of a Site Verification Certificate (SVC) application being submitted over Crown land Lots 7001//93617, 1481//1129164 and a Crown land road parcel without a Lot identifier located immediately north of Lot 7001//93617.
State government agency	Crown Lands	Correspondence	November 2022	Provide Crown Lands with a brief overview of the Project prior to the submission of the development application and accompanying EIS for the Project.
		Meeting	June 2021	Project update.
	DPHI	Site visit	November 2021	Site visit and Project update.
		Meeting	January 2022	Pre Commonwealth referral lodgement meeting.
		Meeting	June 2022	Project update briefing – Site Verification Certificate.
		Meeting	August 2022	Briefing regarding noise impact assessment outcomes.
		Meeting	October 2022	Briefing regarding proposed approach to Commonwealth referrals.
		Meeting	November 2022	Project briefing regarding outcomes of ACHA and consultation.
		Meetings, emails and telephone calls	Ongoing 2020-2022	Ongoing engagement with DPHI in regard to the Project.

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	DCCEEW – Biodiversity and Conservation Division (BCD)	• Correspondence	December 2020	Provision of memo outlining approach to Category 1 exempt land mapping for the Project and initial mapping for review.
		• Correspondence	August 2021	Provision of advice from BCD in regard to Category 1 exempt land and Native Vegetation Regulatory Map.
		• Meeting	November 2022	Project update and biodiversity development assessment report outcomes.
	DPHI – Energy and Industry Committee	• Meeting	September 2022	Project introduction and overview.
	Department of Primary Industries – Agriculture (DPI – Ag)	• Correspondence	November 2022	Provide DPI Ag with a brief overview of the Project prior to the submission of the development application and accompanying EIS for the Project.
	Department of Primary Industries – Fisheries (DPI – Fisheries)	• Correspondence	November 2022	Provide DPI Fisheries with a brief overview of the Project prior to the submission of the development application and accompanying EIS for the Project.
	DCCEEW – Water	• Meetings	• May 2021 • August 2022 • October 2022	• Meetings to discuss preliminary outcomes of assessment on Carrington West Wing barrier wall. • Project update and water impact assessment outcomes meeting.
	Environment Protection Authority (EPA)	• Meetings and correspondence	February 2021	Consultation to discuss approach to the noise impact assessment.
		• Correspondence	March 2021	Correspondence with the EPA relating to the approach to the noise assessment.
		• Correspondence	June 2021	Correspondence with the EPA responding to feedback on the noise assessment.
		• Correspondence	June 2022	Correspondence to confirm the approach to addressing the assessment requirements relating to contamination, and confirming that a Section A site audit statement and accompanying site audit report are not required.
		• Meeting	August 2022	• Project update briefing. • Noise impact assessment outcomes.

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	DCCEEW - Heritage	• Correspondence	February 2021	Notification of ACHA test excavations.
		• Correspondence	April/May 2021	Consultation in regard to the methodology to investigate CM-CD1.
		• Correspondence and meeting	October 2022	• Project update briefing. • Overview of ACHA report consultation and study outcomes.
	Hunter Local Land Services (LLS)	• Correspondence	November 2022	Provide LLS with a brief overview of the Project prior to the submission of the development application and accompanying EIS for the Project.
	NSW Health	• Correspondence	November 2022	Provide NSW Health with a brief overview of the Project prior to the submission of the development application and accompanying EIS for the Project.
	Mining, Exploration and Geoscience (MEG) within the Department of Regional NSW	• Meeting and site visit	June 2022	Resources and Economic Assessment meeting and site visit in accordance with Project SEARs.
	Resources Regulator	• Presentation and briefings	June 2022	• Project update briefing – Mine design and geotechnical investigations. • Project update correspondence.
	Rural Fire Service (RFS)	• Correspondence and meeting	November 2022	Ongoing engagement with existing operations in regard to the current Bushfire Management Plan.
	Subsidence Advisory NSW	• Correspondence and meeting	August to September 2022	• Project briefing. • Realignment of Lemington Road.
	TfNSW	• Meeting	October 2020	• Project update briefing. • Confirmation of baseline data.
		• Phone call	May 2021	• Offer of Project briefing and discussion on growth rate assumptions.
		• Meeting	August 2022	• Project update briefing. • Assessment outcomes.

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Local Government	Singleton Council: • Council staff	• Meeting	May 2022	• Project update briefing. • Lemington Road realignment.
	• Councillor Sue George	• Meeting and site visit	November 2022	Briefing of new Community Consultative Committee (CCC) member and site visit.
	Muswellbrook Shire Council: • Mayor and Councillors • Council Officers	• Correspondence and meeting	• January 2022 • February 2022	• Invitation to Project briefing. • Project update briefing.
Elected representatives	• Federal Member for Hunter, Dan Repacholi	• Correspondence • Project briefing	July 2022	Project introduction and update briefing.
	• State Member for Upper Hunter, David Layzell	• Correspondence • Project briefing • Site visit	• December 2021 • December 2022	Project update briefing.

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Local landholders	- Directly impacted landowners - Nearby/adjacent landowners: - Jerrys Plains - Maison Dieu - Long Point - Gouldsville - Camberwell - Warkworth	Project newsletter	- December 2020 - June/July 2021 - December 2021 - September 2022	- Project progress update. - Update on outcomes of scoping phase community consultation. - Opportunity to provide feedback/advice about two-way communication channels. - Invitation to attend a community information sessions. - Overview of environmental assessment outcomes.
		Project website	Ongoing updates from September 2020	- Project progress update. - Outcomes of scoping phase community consultation update. - Opportunity to provide feedback/advice about two-way communication channels. - Invitation to attend a community information sessions.
		Community information sessions	- March 2022 - April 2022	- Provide an update in regard to the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS). - Provide opportunities to proactively share Project information, seek feedback and answer community questions. - Nine people attended the Jerrys Plains session in March and 11 people attended the Maison Dieu session in April.
	Directly impacted landowners: - Jerrys Plains - Maison Dieu	- Phone call - Letter/email - Land owner specific information sheets (18 issued) - One on one meetings (9 meetings held)	August – October 2022	- Provision of property specific information sheets for directly impacted land owners. - Project progress update. - Overview of environmental assessment outcomes. - Briefing concerning changes to or updated mitigation/acquisition rights. - Opportunity to provide feedback/advice about two-way communication channels.

Stakeholder group	Stakeholder	Method of engagement	Timing	Purpose of engagement
Community groups and organisations	Community Consultative Committee (CCC)	• Ordinary meetings	Quarterly	• Project update presentations. • Provide an opportunity to receive feedback.
		• Project update email	Monthly	• Update about Project progress. • Maintain connection with the CCC as part of providing opportunities to provide feedback.
	Muswellbrook Chamber of Commerce	• Meeting	July 2022	Project briefing.
	Singleton Business Chamber	• Correspondence and meetings	• June 2021 • July 2022	Project briefing.
	Hunter Valley Gliding Club	• Correspondence and meetings	• June 2021 • September 2022	• Project briefing. • Overview of assessment outcomes.

B.3 Post EIS submission engagement

Key engagement continued post exhibition of the EIS and is summarised in Table B.3.

Table B.3 Post EIS submission engagement

Stakeholder group	Stakeholder	Method of engagement	Timing	Purpose of engagement
Federal Government agency	DCCEEW	Meeting	23 March 2023	Meeting with DCCEEW to discuss the proposed EPBC Act referrals.
		Meeting	27 April 2023	Meeting with DCCEEW to describe the updated EPBC Act referrals and outline further works to be completed to inform the revised referrals.
		Meeting	11 September 2023	Pre referral lodgement meeting providing an overview of the outcomes of further work undertaken (including biodiversity studies), and an overview of the referrals prior to lodgement.
		Meeting	10 September 2024	Briefing on the Project and Project updates.
		Meeting	13 March 2025	Pre EPBC referral lodgement meeting.
		Meeting	20 August 2025	Pre referral lodgement meeting providing an overview of the outcomes of further work undertaken (including biodiversity and water studies), and an overview of the referrals prior to lodgement.
		Meeting	10 September 2024	Briefing on the amended Project and Project updates.
		Meeting	13 March 2025	Pre referral lodgement meeting
		Meeting	20 August 2025	Briefing providing Project update, assessment approach and next steps
		Meeting	19 November 2025	Briefing on Draft PER guidelines and forward work program
		Meeting	19 February 2026	Briefing on response to IESC Advice and Water Resources Assessment
		Meeting	29 June 2026	Briefing on Draft PER comments and Hunter Valley Delma survey outcomes
State government agency	DPHI – Energy, Resources & Industry Planning and Assessments	Meeting	18 April 2023	Request for additional information in relation to noise received including: • identification of the source of the noise which results in the marginal impacts • an assessment of whether there are any refinements that can be made to the Project to avoid these impacts.
		Meeting	25 May 2023	Meeting to discuss DPHI submission and assessment of noise presented in the EIS.

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		Site visit	8 May 2023	DPHI site visit to the HVO Complex.
		Meeting	2 August 2023	Meeting to discuss the GHG emissions predicted for the Project and works completed following EIS public exhibition in relation to refining Project's emissions profile and GHG reduction opportunities.
		Meeting	10 August 2023	Meeting to raise the proposed amendment to the Lemington Road re-alignment to further avoid Warkworth Sands Woodland, and an update on other matters including GHG emissions.
		Meeting	17 August 2023	Meeting to further discuss the proposed amendment to the Lemington Road re-alignment and the implications for biodiversity impacts, and an update on the referral of the Project under the <i>Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999</i> (EPBC Act).
		Meeting	30 October 2023	Pre lodgement meeting with DPHI to discuss this Submissions Report and Amendment Report approach and outcomes.
		Meeting	3 December 2024	Meeting to provide an update on the Project and overview of proposed amendments to the HVO North mine plan to avoid coal extraction in gas domain 1.
		Meeting	26 March 2025	Letter outlining proposed amendments and approach to this Amendment Report.
		Meeting	22 July 2025	Amendment Report overview.
		Meeting	3 July 2026	IPC applicant briefing
		Meeting	17 July 2026	IPC and DPHI site tour
		Meeting	16, 17 & 22 July 2026	IPC public hearing
		Meeting and correspondence	Various	Ongoing engagement and response to information requests throughout the assessment phase of the Project
	EPA	Meeting	23 August 2023	Meeting to discuss matters raised in CAS's submission and works completed following EIS public exhibition in relation to refining Project's emissions profile and GHG reduction opportunities. This meeting was also attended by DPHI – Planning and Assessments.
		Meeting	3 December 2024	Meeting to provide an update on the Project and overview of proposed amendments to the HVO North mine plan to avoid coal extraction in gas domain 1.
		Meeting	16 July 2025	Meeting to provide an overview of proposed amendments and present key outcomes of revised GHG emission calculations.

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	DCCEEW – Heritage	Meeting	2 May 2023	Meeting to discuss the matters raised by DCCEEW Heritage in their submission and agree on the approach to respond to the matters in the submissions report.
	TfNSW	Meeting	8 June 2023	Meeting to discuss the matters raised by TfNSW in their submission and agree on the approach to respond to the matters in the submissions report.
	DCCEEW – Water	Meeting	25 July 2023	Meeting to discuss the matters raised by DCCEEW Water in their submission and agree on the approach to respond to the matters in the submissions report.
		Meeting	10 August 2023	Following the meeting on 25 July, DCCEEW Water provided a supplementary submission providing further clarification on the defined extent of the Hunter Regulated River Alluvial Water Source and the interpretation of this, as well as DCCEEW Water's recommendation regarding proposed mitigation and avoidance measures for impacts on this water source.
		Meeting	28 September 2023	Follow up meeting with DCCEEW Water in response to their supplementary submission on 10 August, to present HVO's understanding of the extent of the paleochannel deposits and the location in the mine schedule at which the installation of the barrier wall would be triggered. This meeting was also attended by DPHI – Planning and Assessments.
	Climate and Atmospheric Science	Meeting	23 August 2023	Meeting to discuss matters raised in CAS's submission and works completed following EIS public exhibition in relation to refining Project's emissions profile and GHG reduction opportunities. This meeting was also attended by DPHI – Planning and Assessments.
	DCCEEW – CPHR	Meeting	19 October 2023	Meeting to discuss matters raised in the BCD submission regarding the biodiversity assessment, outline proposed amendments to the Lemington Road realignment to avoid all direct impacts to Warkworth Sands Woodland, and present outcomes of additional biodiversity assessment works completed following the submission of the EIS.
		Site visit	19 February 2024	Site visit to view Action areas.
Local Government	Singleton Council	Meeting	26 September 2023	Meeting with Singleton Council to present the proposed amendments to the Lemington Road alignment, discuss the approach adopted for the flood modelling and discuss the matters raised in the submission from Council on the Project.
		Meeting	1 November 2023	Meeting with Singleton Council technical staff to present the technical engineering aspects of the proposed amendments to the Lemington Road alignment.
		Meeting	3 July 2025	Meeting to provide an update on the Project.
		Meetings	Various	Ongoing discussions with Singleton Council regarding the development of a VPA and closure of council road aspects.

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	Muswellbrook Shire Council	Meetings	27 October 2023	Meeting with Muswellbrook Shire Council to discuss matters raised in the submission from Council on the Project and regarding the development of a VPA.
		Meeting	1 August 2025	Meeting to provide an update on the Project.
		Meetings/ correspondence	Various	Ongoing discussions with Muswellbrook Shire Council regarding the development of a VPA.
Local landholders	• Directly impacted landowners • Nearby/adjacent landowners: – Jerrys Plains – Maison Dieu – Long Point – Gouldsville – Camberwell – Warkworth	Newsletter	• February 2023 • April 2023 • September 2023 • April 2024 • October 2024 • April 2025	Provide update on Project progress
Community groups and organisations	HVO Community Consultative Committee (CCC)	Meetings	• February 2023 • May 2023 • August 2023 • November 2023 • February 2024 • May 2024 • November 2024 • February 2025 • May 2025 • November 2025 • February 2026 • May 2026	Provide update on Project progress
	Coolmore Australia Pty Ltd	Site visit	13 June 2023	Identify and agree on locations within the property for additional visual impact analysis to be undertaken.

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		Letter	26 June 2023	Seeking further clarification on the approach that would be taken by the additional visual assessment.
		Letter	26 July 2023	Response providing clarification on additional visual assessment approach.
		Meeting	19 September 2023	Present outcomes from additional visual assessments
		Letter	26 September 2023	Copies of the additional viewshed analysis provided.
	Hunter Valley Glider Club	Meeting	18 September 2023	Discuss the access improvements proposed to the HVCG intersection with Comleroi Road.