

MEETING	Independent Expert Panel on Mining in the Catchment	
MEETING NO.	1	
DATE/TIME	19 February 2018 Meeting opened: 10.00am Meeting closed: 3.30pm	LOCATION: Pardalote Meeting Room, NSW Department of Industry, Level 48, 19 Martin Place Sydney 2000
ATTENDEES	<p>Panel members in attendance:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Emeritus Professor Jim Galvin (Interim Chair) • Professor Bruce Hebblewhite • Dr Ann Young • Professor Neil McIntyre • Mr Michael Williams • Dr Chris Armstrong (A/Chief Scientist & Engineer) <p>Secretariat in attendance:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Suzanne Pierce • Jaclyn Aldenhoven • Jerein Kailath <p>Observers in attendance:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clay Preshaw, Director, Resource & Energy Assessments, Department of Planning & Environment 	
PREPARED BY	OCSE	

1. Welcome and Introductions

Members introduced themselves and provided an overview of their experience and areas of expertise.

Management processes for the Panel were discussed.

- The Office of the Chief Scientist & Engineer (OCSE) will provide secretariat support to ensure the independence of the Panel.
- The Panel requested that officials from the Department of Planning and Environment (DPE) and other agencies be available to attend meetings as needed to provide background information and data.
- Members are to complete and maintain the currency of the OCSE *Conflict of Interest Declaration* in regard to perceived, potential and actual Conflicts of Interest. Interests or conflicts will be declared as they arise in relation to specific agenda items and any actions arising from a declaration will be recorded.
- Public submissions will be accepted. Secretariat to manage and report on key issues to the Panel.
- OCSE to host a webpage to provide a point of contact and information for stakeholders and broader community. Content to include Terms of Reference, panel membership, minutes of meetings, invitation for submissions, submissions and contact details.

Action	Responsibility
1.1. OCSE <i>Conflict of Interest Declaration</i> to be circulated and completed	Secretariat, Panel
1.2. Policy for recording minutes reflecting discussion to be circulated	Secretariat
1.3. Website content to be developed for Panel approval	Secretariat

2. Context and rationale

JG, BH and CP provided background for the Panel on the history and content of previous mining reviews in the Catchment and the changes to mining approval and licence requirements over time

Draft Terms of Reference and timeframes discussed

Action	Responsibility
2.1 Terms of Reference for the Expert Panel to be finalised	DPE, Secretariat
2.2 Structure and decision making flowchart that includes Ministers and agencies with responsibility for mining activities as they impact on water in the Greater Sydney Water Catchment Special Areas (GSWCSA) e.g. assessment, approvals and monitoring to be developed	DPE with Secretariat support
2.3. Background paper on the legislative framework for water management in NSW to be developed, with a focus on mining in the GSWCSA (linked to action 2.2)	Secretariat

3. Planning and work program

Panel discussed the scope of works and timeframes. It was agreed that a progress report on Task 1 will be provided to DPE by 19 April 2018.

The Panel discussed the need to provide advice to DPE on the Subsidence Management Plan application for Longwall 16 at the Dendrobium mine.

Action	Responsibility
3.1 Progress report on Task 1 to be provided by 19 April 2018	Panel
3.2 Provide advice on the Subsidence Management Plan application for Longwall 16 at the Dendrobium mine	Panel

4. Other business

The Site visit on 20 February 2018 with WaterNSW and South32 to Cordeaux Dam catchment area was discussed. It was noted that meeting #3 of the Panel should include a site visit to Waratah Rivulet.

The WaterNSW Standardised Assessment Framework for Mining (SAFM) was noted by the Panel. JG noted a potential conflict of interest as a peer reviewer for the SAFM. WaterNSW to be invited to a Panel meeting to present on SAFM.

Action	Responsibility
4.1 Arrange for presentations from Dendrobium and Metropolitan Mines at Panel meeting #2 to provide Panel members with an overview of current and proposed activities	Secretariat
4.2 Arrange site visit to Waratah Rivulet and Eastern Tributary at Panel meeting #3 and a separate presentation by WaterNSW	Secretariat

5. Next meetings

#2 - Monday 5 March 2018, 10am

#3 - Monday 26 March 2018, to include site visit to Waratah Rivulet and Eastern Tributary

#4 - Tuesday 3 April 2018, 10am

#5 - Thursday 19 April 2018, 10am