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**APPENDIX G**  
**Consultation Record**

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## G.1 Scoping phase engagement

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

**Table G.1 Scoping phase engagement overview**

Stakeholder group	Stakeholder	Method of engagement	Timing	Purpose of engagement
<b>Federal Government agency</b>	Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water (DCCEEW)	Meeting	September 2020	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Project introduction meeting via teleconference to discuss EPBC Act referral and potential for controlled action.</li> </ul>
<b>State Government agency</b>	Department of Planning and Environment (DPE)	Meeting	December 2019	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Project introduction meeting to provide a Project overview and to discuss approval pathway and consultation strategy for the scoping phase.</li> <li>Project briefing pre-lodgement of the Scoping Report.</li> </ul>
			September 2020	
	DPE Water	Meeting	October 2020	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Project introduction meeting to provide a Project overview, and an overview of the approach to assessing potential impacts on water resources.</li> </ul>
	DPE – Biodiversity and Conservation Division (BCD)	Meeting	October 2020	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>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.</li> </ul>
	Heritage NSW	Correspondence	Ongoing from September 2020	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Request for details of Aboriginal groups or stakeholders in the Upper Hunter Valley area.</li> <li>Notification of key ACHA milestones.</li> </ul>
	Transport for New South Wales (TfNSW)	Meeting	January 2020	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>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.</li> </ul>

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Stakeholder group	Stakeholder	Method of engagement	Timing	Purpose of engagement
	Division of Resources and Geoscience	Meeting	September 2020	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Project briefing ahead of the Conceptual Project Development Plan meeting with MEG.</li> </ul>
	Mining, Exploration and Geoscience Department of Regional NSW	Meeting	October 2020	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Conceptual Project Development Plan Briefing.</li> </ul>
	Rehabilitation and Securities Panel (RASP) of the NSW Resources Regulator	Meeting	November 2020	Project briefing, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Project summary;</li> <li>planning and approvals overview; and</li> <li>the opportunity to ask questions and provide feedback.</li> </ul>
	Environment Protection Authority (EPA)	Meeting	October 2020	Project briefing, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Project summary;</li> <li>planning and approvals overview; and</li> <li>the opportunity to ask questions and provide feedback.</li> </ul>
<b>Local Government</b>	Singleton Council:	Meetings	January 2020	Project briefing, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Project summary, including the realignment of Lemington Road;</li> <li>planning and approvals overview;</li> <li>the opportunity to ask questions and provide feedback; and</li> <li>information about future consultation plans.</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mayor and Councillors</li> <li>Council Officers</li> </ul>		September 2020	
October 2020				
	Muswellbrook Shire Council:	Meeting	September 2020	Project briefing, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Project summary;</li> <li>planning and approvals overview;</li> <li>the opportunity to ask questions and provide feedback; and</li> <li>information about future consultation plans.</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mayor and Councillors</li> <li>Council Officers</li> </ul>	October 2020		

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Stakeholder group	Stakeholder	Method of engagement	Timing	Purpose of engagement
<b>Elected representatives</b>	Federal Member for Hunter, Joel Fitzgibbon	Meeting	September 2020	Project briefing, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Project summary;</li> <li>• planning and approvals overview;</li> <li>• the opportunity to ask questions and provide feedback; and</li> <li>• information about future consultation plans.</li> </ul>
	State Member for Upper Hunter, Michael Johnsen	Meeting	September 2020	Project briefing, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Project summary;</li> <li>• planning and approvals overview;</li> <li>• the opportunity to ask questions and provide feedback; and</li> <li>• information about future consultation plans.</li> </ul>
<b>Utility providers</b>	Ausgrid	Meetings and correspondence	Ongoing from January 2020	Project briefing, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Project summary;</li> <li>• planning and approvals overview;</li> <li>• powerline realignments; and</li> <li>• the opportunity to ask questions and provide feedback.</li> </ul>
	AGL	Meetings	Ongoing from July 2020	Project briefings, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Project summary;</li> <li>• planning and approvals overview;</li> <li>• the opportunity to ask questions and provide feedback; and</li> <li>• proposed relocation of AGL electrical infrastructure.</li> </ul>
	Telstra	Meeting	Ongoing from June 2020	Project briefing, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Project summary;</li> <li>• planning and approvals overview; and</li> <li>• the opportunity to ask questions and provide feedback.</li> </ul>

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Stakeholder group	Stakeholder	Method of engagement	Timing	Purpose of engagement
	TransGrid	Meeting	Ongoing from November 2020	Project briefing, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Project summary;</li> <li>• planning and approvals overview; and</li> <li>• the opportunity to ask questions and provide feedback.</li> </ul>
<b>Non-Government organisation</b>	Minerals Council of NSW	Meeting	October 2020	Project briefing, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Project summary;</li> <li>• planning and approvals overview; and</li> <li>• the opportunity to ask questions and provide feedback.</li> </ul>
<b>Local landholders</b>	Directly impacted landowners; and Nearby/adjacent landowners: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Jerrys Plains;</li> <li>• Maison Dieu;</li> <li>• Long Point;</li> <li>• Gouldsville;</li> <li>• Camberwell; and</li> <li>• Warkworth.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Direct correspondence</li> <li>• phone calls; and</li> <li>• website update.</li> </ul>	Ongoing from September 2020	Provision of Project information.
		Project newsletter	September 2020	Project introduction: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Project summary;</li> <li>• Project maps;</li> <li>• advice about two-way communication channels; and</li> <li>• planning and approvals overview.</li> </ul>

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Stakeholder group	Stakeholder	Method of engagement	Timing	Purpose of engagement
		Project briefings via teleconference and videoconference.	September – November 2020	20 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.
<b>Community groups and organisations</b>	Community Consultative Committee (CCC)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ordinary meeting; and</li> <li>• email updates.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Quarterly ordinary meetings</li> </ul>	Project briefing, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Project summary;</li> <li>• planning and approvals overview; and</li> <li>• the opportunity to ask questions and provide feedback.</li> </ul>
	Community groups/organisations: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Singleton Chamber of Commerce;</li> <li>• Hunter Valley Gliding Club; and</li> <li>• Singleton Clay Target Club.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Correspondence;</li> <li>• website update;</li> <li>• phone calls; and</li> <li>• Project briefings (on request).</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• September – November 2020</li> </ul>	Project briefing, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Project summary;</li> <li>• planning and approvals overview;</li> <li>• the opportunity to ask questions and provide feedback; and</li> <li>• information about future consultation opportunities.</li> </ul>

## G.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 G.2, and matters raised during engagement activities are identified in Section 6.5.

**Table G.2 EIS phase engagement overview**

Stakeholder group	Stakeholder	Method of engagement	Timing	Purpose of engagement
Federal Government agency	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>DCCEEW</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Correspondence and meetings</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ongoing from April 2021</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Project update.</li> <li>Confirmation of proposed Referral approach.</li> <li>Preliminary overview of identified items of Matters of National Environmental Significance (MNES).</li> </ul>
State government agency	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Crown Lands</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Correspondence</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>April 2022</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>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.</li> </ul>
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Correspondence</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>November 2022</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Provide Crown Lands with a brief overview of the Project prior to the submission of the development application and accompanying EIS for the Project.</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>DPE</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Meeting</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>June 2021</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Project update.</li> </ul>
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Site visit</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>November 2021</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Site visit and Project update.</li> </ul>
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Meeting</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>January 2022</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Pre Commonwealth referral lodgement meeting.</li> </ul>
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Meeting</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>June 2022</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Project update briefing – Site Verification Certificate.</li> </ul>
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Meeting</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>August 2022</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Briefing regarding noise impact assessment outcomes.</li> </ul>
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Meeting</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>October 2022</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Briefing regarding proposed approach to Commonwealth referrals.</li> </ul>
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Meeting</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>November 2022</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Project briefing regarding outcomes of ACHA and consultation.</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Meetings, emails and telephone calls</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ongoing 2020-2022</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ongoing engagement with DPE in regards to the Project.</li> </ul>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>DPE – Biodiversity and Conservation Division (BCD)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Correspondence</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>December 2020</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Provision of memo outlining approach to Category 1 exempt land mapping for the Project and initial mapping for review.</li> </ul>
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Correspondence</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>August 2021</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Provision of advice from BCD in regards to Category 1 exempt land and Native Vegetation Regulatory Map.</li> </ul>
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Meeting</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>November 2022</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Project update and biodiversity development assessment report outcomes</li> </ul>

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Stakeholder group	Stakeholder	Method of engagement	Timing	Purpose of engagement
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>DPE – Energy and Industry Committee</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Meeting</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>September 2022</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Project introduction and overview.</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Department of Primary Industries – Agriculture (DPI – Ag)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Correspondence</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>November 2022</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Provide DPI Ag with a brief overview of the Project prior to the submission of the development application and accompanying EIS for the Project.</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Department of Primary Industries – Fisheries (DPI – Fisheries)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Correspondence</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>November 2022</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Provide DPI Fisheries with a brief overview of the Project prior to the submission of the development application and accompanying EIS for the Project.</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>DPE – Water</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Meetings</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>May 2021</li> <li>August 2022</li> <li>October 2022</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Meetings to discuss preliminary outcomes of assessment on Carrington West Wing barrier wall.</li> <li>Project update and water impact assessment outcomes meeting.</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Environment Protection Authority (EPA)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Meetings and correspondence</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>February 2021</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Consultation to discuss approach to the noise impact assessment.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Correspondence</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>March 2021</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Correspondence with the EPA relating to the approach to the noise assessment.</li> </ul>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Correspondence</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>June 2021</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Correspondence with the EPA responding to feedback on the noise assessment.</li> </ul>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Correspondence</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>June 2022</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>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.</li> </ul>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Meeting</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>August 2022</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Project update briefing.</li> <li>Noise impact assessment outcomes.</li> </ul>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Heritage NSW</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Correspondence</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>February 2021</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Notification of Aboriginal cultural heritage assessment test excavations.</li> </ul>
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Correspondence</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>April/May 2021</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Consultation in regard to the methodology to investigate CM-CD1.</li> </ul>

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Correspondence and meeting</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>October 2022</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Project update briefing.</li> <li>Overview of Aboriginal cultural heritage assessment report consultation and study outcomes.</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Hunter Local Land Services (LLS)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Correspondence</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>November 2022</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Provide LLS with a brief overview of the Project prior to the submission of the development application and accompanying EIS for the Project.</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>NSW Health</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Correspondence</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>November 2022</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Provide NSW Health with a brief overview of the Project prior to the submission of the development application and accompanying EIS for the Project.</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mining, Exploration and Geoscience (MEG) within the Department of Regional NSW</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Meeting and site visit</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>June 2022</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Resources and Economic Assessment meeting and site visit in accordance with Project SEARs.</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Resources Regulator</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Presentation and briefings</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>June 2022</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Project update briefing – Mine design and geotechnical investigations.</li> <li>Project update correspondence.</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Rural Fire Service (RFS)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Correspondence and meeting</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>November 2022</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ongoing engagement with existing operations in regard to the current Bushfire Management Plan.</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Subsidence Advisory NSW</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Correspondence and meeting</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>August - September 2022</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Project briefing</li> <li>Realignment of Lemington Road.</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>TfNSW</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Meeting</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>October 2020</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Project update briefing.</li> <li>Confirmation of baseline data.</li> </ul>
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Phone call</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>May 2021</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Offer of Project briefing and discussion on growth rate assumptions.</li> </ul>
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Meeting</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>August 2022</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Project update briefing.</li> <li>Assessment outcomes.</li> </ul>

**Table G.2** EIS phase engagement overview

Stakeholder group	Stakeholder	Method of engagement	Timing	Purpose of engagement
<b>Local Government</b>	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.
<b>Elected representatives</b>	• 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.

**Table G.2 EIS phase engagement overview**

Stakeholder group	Stakeholder	Method of engagement	Timing	Purpose of engagement
Local landholders	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Directly impacted landowners; and</li> <li>• Nearby/adjacent landowners:                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Jerrys Plains;</li> <li>– Maison Dieu;</li> <li>– Long Point;</li> <li>– Gouldsville;</li> <li>– Camberwell; and</li> <li>– Warkworth.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Project newsletter</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• December 2020</li> <li>• June/July 2021</li> <li>• December 2021</li> <li>• September 2022</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Project progress update.</li> <li>• Update on outcomes of scoping phase community consultation.</li> <li>• Opportunity to provide feedback/advice about two-way communication channels.</li> <li>• Invitation to attend a community information sessions.</li> <li>• Overview of environmental assessment outcomes.</li> </ul>
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Project website</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ongoing updates from September 2020</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Project progress update.</li> <li>• Outcomes of scoping phase community consultation update.</li> <li>• Opportunity to provide feedback/advice about two-way communication channels.</li> <li>• Invitation to attend a community information sessions.</li> </ul>
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Community information sessions</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• March 2022</li> <li>• April 2022</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provide an update in regard to the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS).</li> <li>• Provide opportunities to proactively share project information, seek feedback and answer community questions.</li> <li>• 9 people attended the Jerrys Plains session in March and 11 people attended the Maison Dieu session in April.</li> </ul>
	Directly impacted landowners: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Jerrys Plains; and</li> <li>• Maison Dieu.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Phone call</li> <li>• Letter/email</li> <li>• Land owner specific information sheets (18 issued)</li> <li>• One on one meetings (9 meetings held)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• August – October 2022</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provision of property specific information sheets for directly impacted land owners.</li> <li>• Project progress update.</li> <li>• Overview of environmental assessment outcomes.</li> <li>• Briefing concerning changes to or updated mitigation/acquisition rights.</li> <li>• Opportunity to provide feedback/advice about two-way communication channels.</li> </ul>

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Stakeholder group	Stakeholder	Method of engagement	Timing	Purpose of engagement
<b>Community groups and organisations</b>	• 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.

## G.3 Compliance with community participation objectives

Engagement has been undertaken by HVO and EMM Consulting in accordance with the requirements of the *SSD Engagement Guidelines 2021* and the Secretary’s Environmental Assessment Requirements (SEARs) for the project. Table G.3 demonstrates engagement was consistent with the community participation objectives in the *SSD Engagement Guidelines 2021*.

**Table G.3 Compliance with community participation objectives**

Community participation objectives	Compliance
Identify people or groups who are interested in, or are likely to be affected by, the Project.	Interested and affected parties for the Project are summarised in Section 6.3.
Use appropriate engagement techniques. This is particularly important when engaging with specific groups, such as Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander groups, where engagement should be a discrete, planned activity undertaken by and with experienced Indigenous engagement specialist.	<p>Consultation was undertaken with the Aboriginal community as part of the Project’s Aboriginal cultural heritage assessment (ACHA).</p> <p>ACHA consultation was extensive and ongoing throughout EIS development. A number of different and complementary engagement techniques were adopted as discussed in the ACHA (Appendix N).</p> <p>Further consultation was undertaken with members of the Aboriginal community, as part of the social impact assessment (SIA). This included identification of social enhancement strategies, which are discussed in the SIA (Appendix V).</p>
Ensure the community are provided with safe, respectful and inclusive opportunities to express their views.	The community was provided with several ways to engage with the Project team, including contact via phone, teleconference, email, website, private briefings and attendance at community information sessions. These included both online and in-person opportunities. Chapter 6 details the engagement tools utilised during development of the EIS.
Involve the community, councils and government agencies early in the development of the proposal, to enable their views to be considered in Project planning and design.	<p>HVO has been part of the local community since operations commenced in 1949. A range of engagement mechanisms have been used to consult with adjacent landholders, nearby neighbours, Singleton Council, Muswellbrook Shire Council, community groups and service providers.</p> <p>Section 6 provides an overview of the HVO operational communication channels, which were leveraged and built upon, as part of establishing a community engagement program for the Project. Please refer to Chapter 6 for more information on how existing communication protocols were adapted for the EIS engagement process.</p>
Be innovative in their engagement approach and tailor engagement activities to suit the context, scale and nature of the project.	A number of different and complementary engagement techniques were adopted for the EIS consultation program as discussed in Chapter 6.
Provide clear and concise information about what is proposed and the likely impacts for the relevant people or group they are engaging with.	Project materials developed clearly articulated the proposal and likely impacts. Stakeholders were provided with updates about the Project as the EIS progressed. This included keeping the community and stakeholders up to date with Project changes, especially in response to feedback received.
Clearly outline how and when the community can be involved in the process.	<p>Section 6 describes the various tools used to provide the community an opportunity to provide feedback. A HVO website, email address and phone number were widely advertised to encourage community members to contact the Project team for further information or to provide feedback.</p> <p>Opportunities to engage with the Project team was also made available through community information sessions that were advertised in the local newspapers, on the website, in Project newsletters and via direct stakeholder correspondence.</p> <p>Opportunities to attend in-person and online Project briefings were also communicated through direct targeted communications with key stakeholders.</p>

**Table G.3 Compliance with community participation objectives**

Community participation objectives	Compliance
Make it easy for the community to access information and provide feedback.	A website, email address and phone number were made available via the website and placed on introductory letters, emails and Project newsletters, to facilitate two-way communication.
Seek to understand issues of concern for all affected people and groups and respond appropriately to those concerns.	Chapter 6 provides a summary of key issues raised and how they have been addressed in the EIS.
Provide feedback about how community and stakeholder views were used to shape the Project or considered in making decisions.	Section 6 describes how feedback from community engagement was considered in the Project design and Project refinement.
Be able to demonstrate how the demography of the area affected has been considered in how and what engagement activities have been undertaken.	<p>The area of social influence for the Project has been identified as the suburbs of Jerrys Plains, Maison Dieu, Long Point and Camberwell and the broader Singleton Council and Muswellbrook Shire Council local government areas.</p> <p>In Jerrys Plains, 76% of households had at least one person accessing the internet from their home and English is the primary language spoken in at least 87% of households.</p> <p>In Maison Dieu, 94% of households had at least one person access the internet from their home and English is the primary language spoken in at least 81% households.</p> <p>Camberwell has a population of 83 people and Long Point has a population of 31 people. More detailed demographics about these state suburbs is not available.</p> <p>The communication and engagement program provided a variety of different methods and tools to allow all stakeholders access to Project information and avenues for feedback including in-person and online Project briefings, teleconference, email correspondence, website updates, digital and printed Project newsletters and in-person community information sessions.</p>

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