



NSW Mine Safety Advisory Council

Meeting 4 – 1 December 2022

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Meeting details

Meeting	NSW Mine Safety Advisory Council (MSAC)	Date	1 December 2022
Location	Glendell Open Cut mine, 158 Hebden Road, Ravensworth	Time	9am to 12pm
Chair	Hon. George Souris AM, Independent	Reference	RDOC22/262436
Secretary	Mr Tony Linnane, Mining, Exploration and Geoscience, Department of Regional NSW		
Members	Mr Aaron Brannigan, NSW Minerals Council (metalliferous) Prof. Deborah Yates, Independent Mr Ian Cribb, NSW Minerals Council (coal) Mr James Collings, Cement Concrete and Aggregates Australia Ms Julie Armour, Independent Mr Peter Day, Resources Regulator, Department of Regional NSW Mr Robin Williams, Mining and Energy Union		
Observers	Ms Georgina Beattie, Mining, Exploration and Geoscience, Department of Regional NSW Mr Ron Cowdrey, Australian Workers' Union, New South Wales Branch Mr Garvin Burns, Resources Regulator, Department of Regional NSW Mr James Barben, NSW Minerals Council Mr Jason Kuchel, Cement Concrete & Aggregates Australia Ms Lucy Flemming, Coal Services Mr Anthony Margetts, Resources Regulator, Department of Regional NSW		
Apologies	Mr Graeme Osborne, Mining and Energy Union		
Secretariat	Ms Anna Ormerod, Mining, Exploration and Geoscience, Department of Regional NSW		
Presenters	Mr Bob Cohen, Mr Leonard Go, Ms Kirsten Almberg, University of Illinois (Chicago) Mr Tony Egan, Glencore		

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1	<p>Welcome and Chair's report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">■ The Chair opened the meeting at 9am.■ Members noted the:<ul style="list-style-type: none">□ member apologies, observers and presenters attending the meeting□ member appointment expiring in 2022□ events attended by the Chair since the last meeting□ key stakeholder events planned for the remainder of 2022.
2	<p>Declaration of interests</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">■ No conflicts of interest were declared.■ The Chair advised that an updated pecuniary interest declaration was provided to the secretariat by Ms Armour out of session. <p>Actions</p> <p>A. Secretariat to update Ms Armour's pecuniary interest declaration in the register for the next meeting.</p>
3	<p>Acceptance of previous minutes and actions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">■ Mr Cribb requested that the minutes at agenda item 6 be updated to reflect that the low level of responses means the results were not statistically representative when considering contractors and labour hire.■ Members noted the status of actions arising from the last meeting. <p>Outcomes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• MSAC endorsed the minutes of the last meeting subject to the above modification. <p>Actions</p> <p>B. Secretariat to update the minutes from the last meeting with changes requested from Mr Cribb.</p>
4	<p>Correspondence</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">■ Members noted the incoming and outgoing correspondence since the last meeting.■ Discussions move to agenda item 6.

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6	<p>Process for setting new MSAC Strategic Priorities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">■ Mr Day commented that the current MSAC strategic plan expires at the end of 2023. The Department is proposing a workshop be held at the next MSAC meeting in March discuss the new strategic plan.■ Mr Day advised that the Department would provide a discussion paper in advance of the meeting with proposed strategic priorities. <p>Outcomes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• MSAC approved the Department facilitating a workshop at the March 2023 MSAC meeting to develop a new MSAC Strategic Plan. <p>Actions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">C. Department to coordinate a workshop to review the MSAC Strategic Plan at the March 2023 meeting.
7	<p>MSAC Annual Report 2021-2022</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">■ The Chair advised that the MSAC Annual Report was recirculated to members with one minor amendment to clarify the table containing member meeting attendance.■ Mr Day said the annual report will be sent to the Minister for information and published on the Department's website. <p>Outcomes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• MSAC endorsed the MSAC Annual Report 2021-2022 for presentation to the Minister. <p>Actions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">D. Department to present the MSAC Annual Report 2021-2022 to the Minister for noting and publication on the Department's website.
13	<p>NSW Resources Regulator report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">■ Mr Burns advised that:<ul style="list-style-type: none">□ the number of incidents was similar to the same quarter last year and were predominately related to the implementation of control plans□ the number of truck incidents is concerning

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▣ planned assessment activities are down because of inclement weather and flooding▣ the priority projects for the last six months are now complete▣ there were three significant incidents involving lifting; all were referred to major investigations unit▣ the Resources Regulator's three major safety seminars are completed; they were well received, and positive messaging was received▣ an amendment was issued last week for the new regulations▣ managing psychosocial risk is a priority project for the next 6 months. <ul style="list-style-type: none">■ Members noted the quarterly safety report for July to September 2022.
5	<p>Review of coal industry health surveillance scheme</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">■ Ms Yates left the meeting at 9:20am due to a conflict of interest.■ Mr Cohen, Mr Go and Ms AlMBERG from the University of Illinois (Chicago) joined the meeting to present on some of the preliminary findings of the review, noting that the review is still to be finalised. Mr Day commented that the recommendations were clear and concise.■ The Chair advised that the Steering Committee will review the draft report of the review, once received, and it will then be provided to MSAC members for review and feedback. The Steering Committee is aiming to have the final report tabled for the MSAC meeting on 3 March 2023.■ The Chair thanked UIC and Mr Cohen, Mr Go and Ms AlMBERG.■ Members noted the update on the status of the review of the coal industry health surveillance scheme.■ Ms Yates returned to the meeting at 10:04am. <p>Actions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">E. Secretariat to circulate a copy of the UIC presentation and glossary to members out of session.
8	<p>Resources Regulator Compliance Priorities 2023</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">■ Mr Burns advised that the compliance priorities will be published next week.■ Members noted the Resources Regulator's safety compliance priorities for the period January to June 2023.
10	<p>Member updates</p>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none">■ Ms Flemming provided a quarterly update on behalf of Coal Services.■ Ms Flemming advised that remedial medicals need to be undertaken on more than 500 workers at the new Gunnedah health facility. She said Coal Services does consider forward recruitment to understand the number of people entering the industry.■ Members noted the report tabled by Coal Services.
9	Collision avoidance system <ul style="list-style-type: none">■ Mr Egan delivered a presentation on Glencore's collision avoidance system and a number of members later undertook a site tour to witness the operation of the system in the field.■ The Chair thanked Mr Egan for his presentation.■ Members noted the presentation.
11	National Dust Disease Task Force <ul style="list-style-type: none">■ Mr Linnane provided a verbal update on the paper.■ Ms Yates commented that the proposed new national dust diseases register is in its final stages of consultation.■ Members noted the progress on consultation and development of the National Silicosis Prevention Strategy and associated National Action Plan.
12	Legislative framework update <ul style="list-style-type: none">■ Members noted the update on legislative developments and reform.
14	Mine safety levy report <ul style="list-style-type: none">■ Mr Day commented that the budget includes the additional information requested at last meeting.■ Members noted the Mine Safety Levy Fund report – Actuals & Forecast Oct 2022 and the NSW Resources Regulator Annual Report 2021/22.
15	Progress of strategies identified in MSAC's Strategic Plan to 2023 <ul style="list-style-type: none">■ Mr Day advised that the Department would identify how each strategy has been addressed or why it was not addressed for the next meeting.■ Members noted the progress of strategies identified in MSAC's Strategic Plan to 2023.

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	<p>Actions</p> <p>F. Department to identify how each strategy has been addressed or why it was not addressed for the next meeting.</p>
16	<p>2023 meeting dates</p> <p>Outcomes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The Board agreed that the 2 March 2023 meeting would be held in Maitland. <p>Actions</p> <p>G. Secretariat to email members out of session requesting a member volunteer to host the June 2023 meeting.</p>
17	<p>Additional business</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">■ Ms Armour advised that the fifth national survey on sexual harassment in Australian workplaces was released yesterday. The report identified that 77% of Australians had experienced sexual harassment and one in five had experienced it at work. The report also identified that in the mining industry 62% of women compared to 25% men were likely to have been harassed. <p>Actions</p> <p>H. Secretariat to circulate a copy of the sexual discrimination infographic to members out of session.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">■ The meeting closed at 11:47am.