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Hi Alex

I have now had a chance to read the CCC Guidelines. As mentioned on the phone, CCAA has not yet been able to seek comment from our members.

My high level comment overall is that the document is too prescriptive. DPE should say that it believes community engagement is important and CCCs are a tool in the information exchange but the document goes into the areas the CCC may be engaged in (I would delete 4 - i do not consider it appropriate for a CCC to review a company management plan).

Page 3 - After making a great start not mandating CCCs (i'd be interested in any evidence DPE has where a CCC has not been mandated in the past 2-5 years for an SSD project?) it then says the "The Department will decide when the CCC should be established..." rather than "if".

I don't believe DPE should be mandating the make up of the CCC. I don't believe the Independent Chairperson is the best in every situation. This is dangerous territory. DPE may suggest this approach and make up - but if 20 community members want to be on a CCC - why should this not be the case? If the company director wants to Chair and has demonstrated they are a fair and skilled chair that has the respect of the community - why should they not be able to continue in this role?

To me it reads as though DPE knows best - it has a set model - which it thinks works and is now seeking conformity.

I'm of the view that if a CCC is to be established, it should then be left up to the company and the community to establish how it wishes to operate. It is in everyone's interests for it to work well and so I would wind back the prescription. If DPE wants to outline a suggested model that fine but it should not be mandated.

Happy to discuss in person.

Cheers

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