# Dartbrook Community Consultative Committee Meeting

18<sup>th</sup> April 2018



### **AGENDA**



- 1. Apologies
- 2. Declaration of Pecuniary Interest
- 3. Correspondence
- 4. Confirmation of previous minutes
- 5. Actions from previous minutes
- 6. Business Arising MOP, Annual Review, Hunter River Monitoring, Planning Applications
- 7. General Business:
  - Complaints & Incidents Summary
  - Regulatory Consultation
  - Exploration Program
  - Environmental Monitoring
  - Land Management
  - Community Consultation
- 8. Other Business
- Next Meeting

### **Actions from previous minutes**



Action Item	Action	Outcome
1.	To report re Dartbrook's independent Chairperson.	SB to update
2.	That relevant information continues to go to the CCC members prior to the CCC meeting.	DW sent out available pre- meeting info
3.	To report on the proposed additional background environmental water monitoring program to be put in place to support proposed future mining studies.	JB to report
4.	To report back on property management at Nandowra and Dartbrook roads	DW to report
5.	To advise if the MSC would like a roof support as a monument.	SB advised not required
6.	To issue a calendar planner invitation to the CCC.	DW sent out pre-meeting

### **BUSINESS ARISING**



#### 1. Mining Operations Plan

- DRG approved the MOP on 18 December 2017
- Approved MOP document is available on the AQC website

#### 2. Annual Review 2017

- Finalised and lodged with regulators before end of March 2018 as required
- The Annual Review has been provided electronically to CCC and is also available on the AQC website
- Please advise if you would like a hard copy

### **BUSINESS ARISING continued**



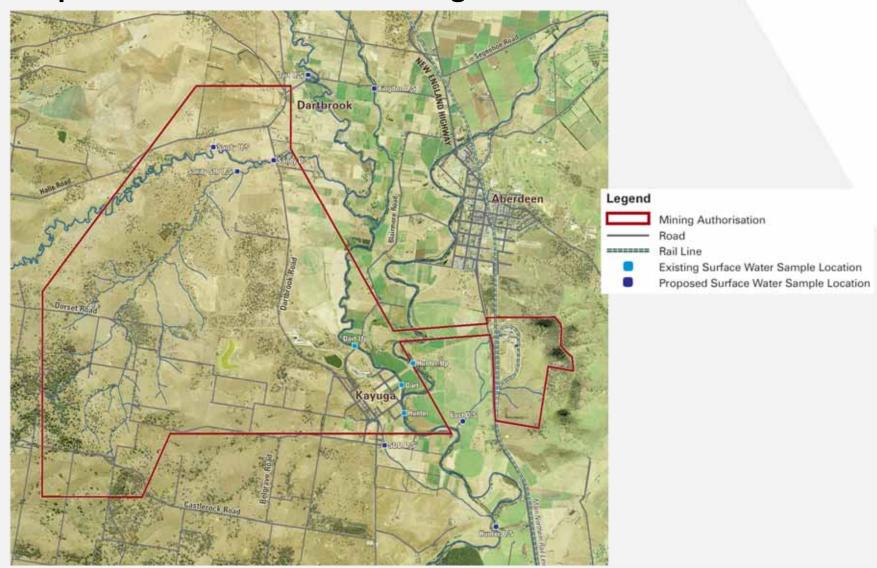
#### 3. Hunter River Monitoring Program

- Program developed with expert input from Cumberland Ecology & WRM Water & Environment in consultation with Dol-Water
- Monitoring is proposed to be undertaken at 12 sites:
  - Four existing surface water quality monitoring locations; and
  - Eight additional locations selected by WRM.
- Initial aquatic ecology monitoring will be undertaken twice per year in Autumn and Spring to collect baseline data
- Program results will be provided to the CCC and reported in the Dartbrook Annual Review

### **BUSINESS ARISING – continued**



### **Proposed River Health Monitoring Locations**



### **BUSINESS ARISING continued**



#### 4. Underground Modification

- An Environmental Assessment (EA) is being prepared to support the Modification application for the recommencement of underground mining on site
- The EA is planned to be submitted by mid-June 2018 for public exhibition
- Consultation with DPE has confirmed the Department's assessment requirements

### 4. Open Cut Project Studies

- PFS for the surface mining project has been completed
- Environmental studies are underway to support a Gateway Application (to be submitted in April)
- The early phase of community engagement for the project Social Impact studies will most likely commence in May

# **GENERAL BUSINESS – Complaints and Incidents**



No environmental complaints or incidents have been recorded since the previous CCC meeting

## **GENERAL BUSINESS – Regulatory Consultation**

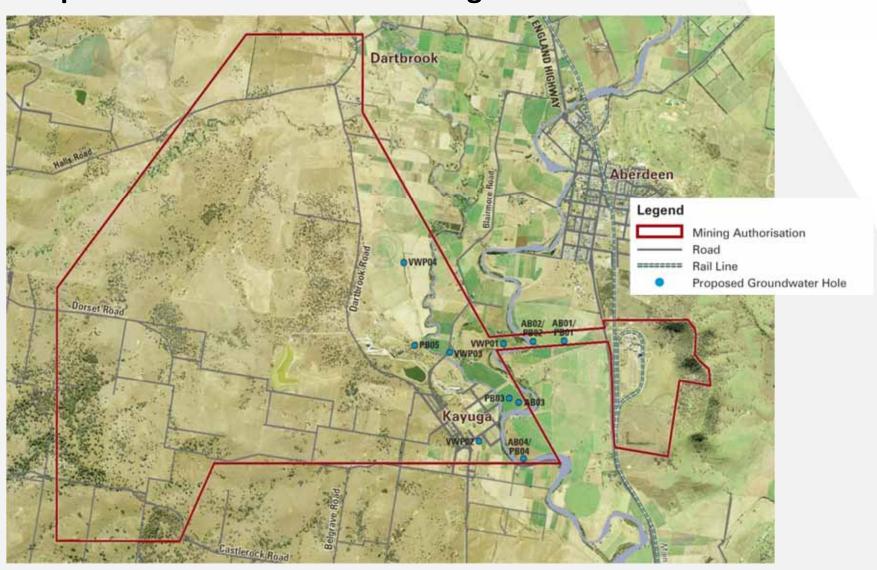


- Applications to Dol-Water in March for the development of
   13 additional groundwater monitoring bores
- Meeting with Dol-Water held in April to discuss the Hunter River monitoring and exploration programs

# **GENERAL BUSINESS – Regulatory Consultation continued**



### **Proposed Groundwater Monitoring Bores**



## **GENERAL BUSINESS – Exploration Program**

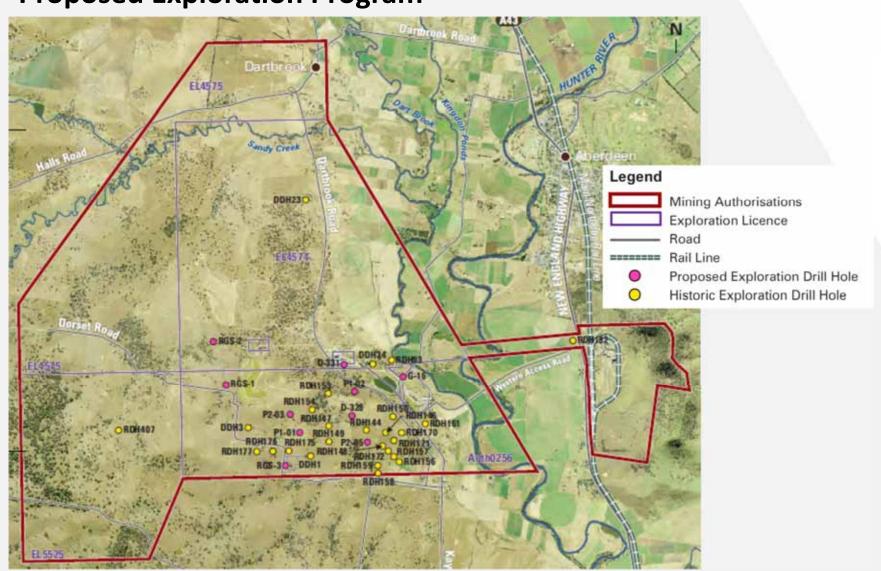


- Exploration applications submitted to DRG in March for:
  - Proposed development of 10 exploration drill holes; and
  - Rehabilitation of 26 drill hole sites which were installed in the early 1980s
  - Program scheduled to commence in late April
- DRG visited site in March to review the sites where works are proposed

# **GENERAL BUSINESS – Exploration Program continued**



### **Proposed Exploration Program**

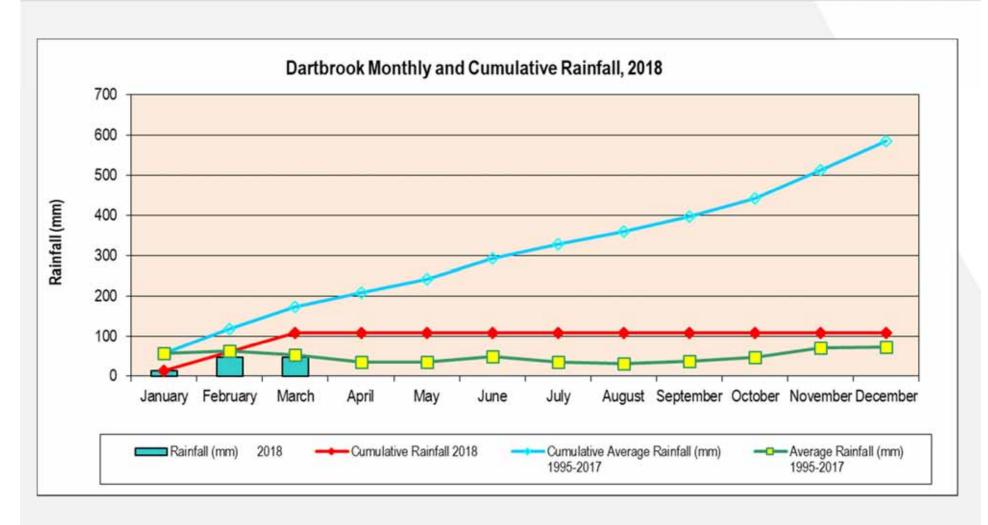


## **GENERAL BUSINESS – Environmental Monitoring**



- Rainfall
- High Volume Air Sampling
- Dust Deposition
- Dust Isopleth
- Surface Water Hunter River Salinity
- Surface Water Dart Brook Salinity
- Greenhouse gas

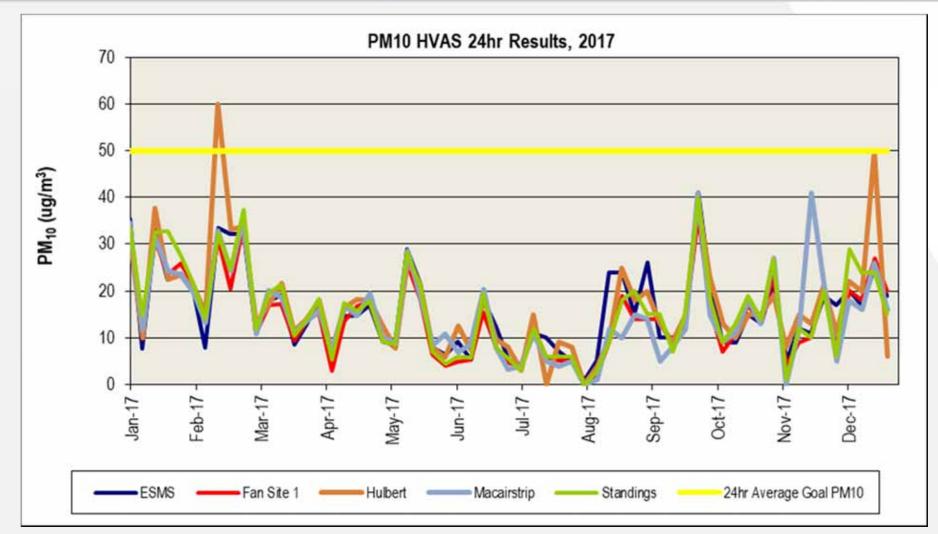




2017 yearly rainfall = 406.2 mm

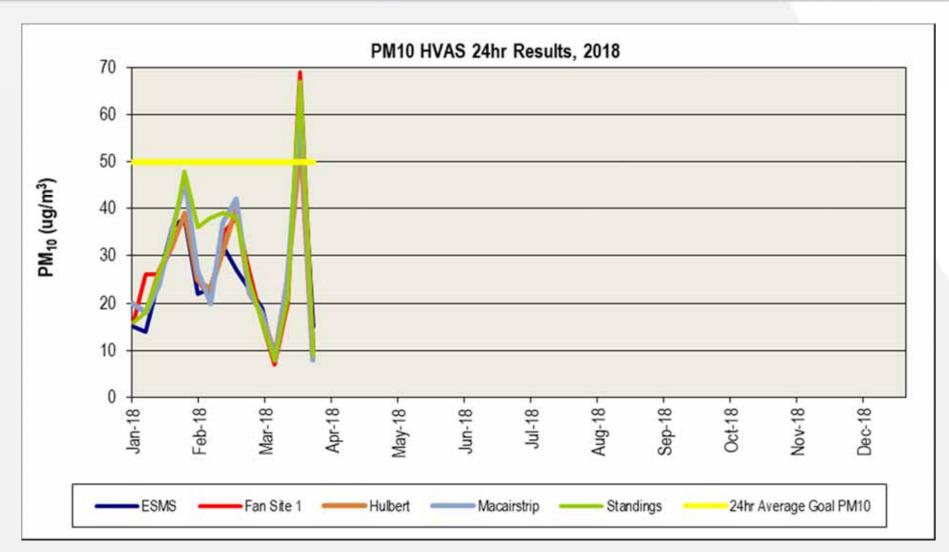
Dartbrook average yearly rainfall 1995-2017= 586 mm





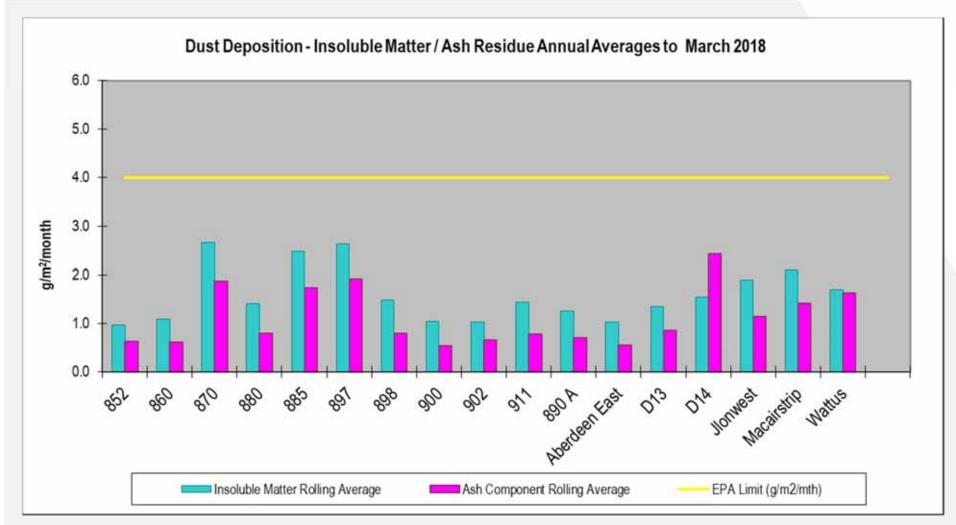
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PM10 (Particulate Matter <10μm) NEPC guideline limit is 50ug/m<sup>3</sup>

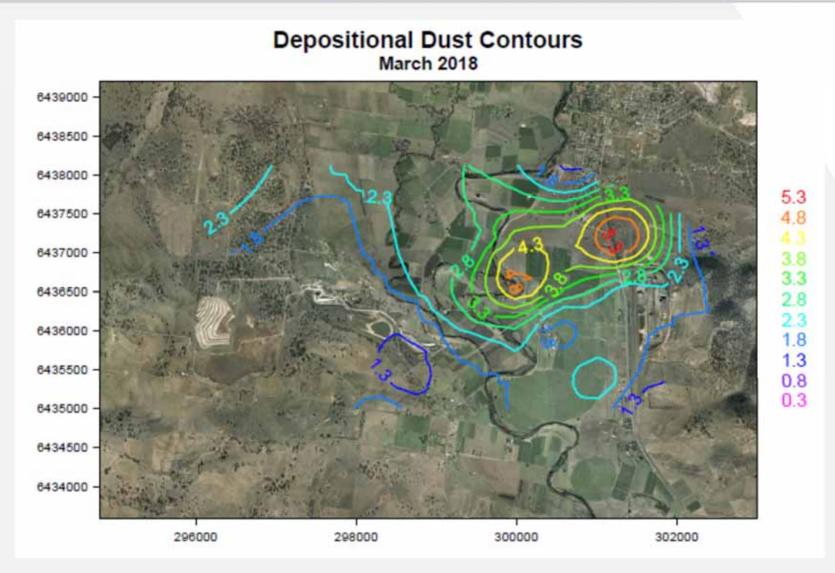




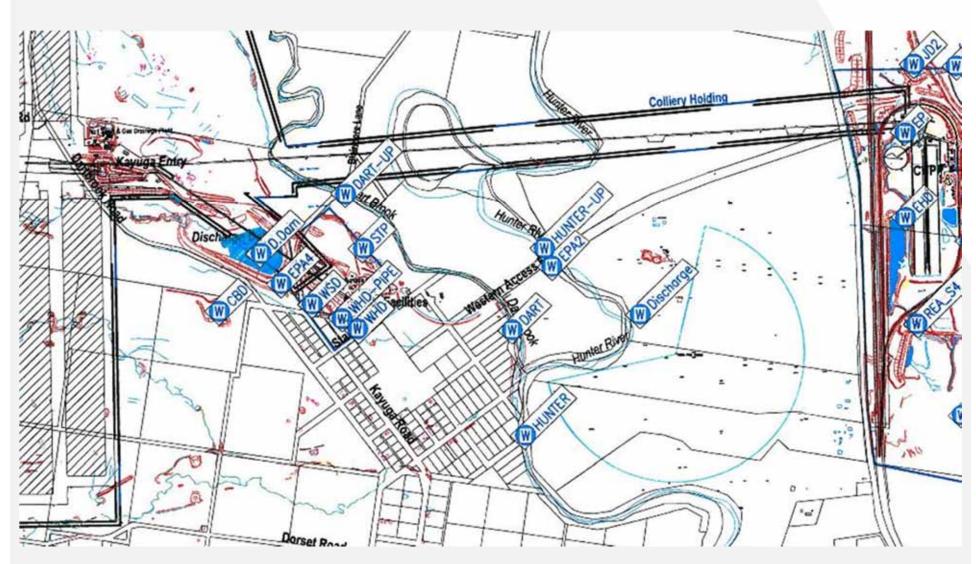
Insoluble Matter is Ash + Combustible Matter

Ash is more representative of dust component, remainder is typically organic matter (e.g. insects) Annual average below limit of 4g/m2/month at all sites

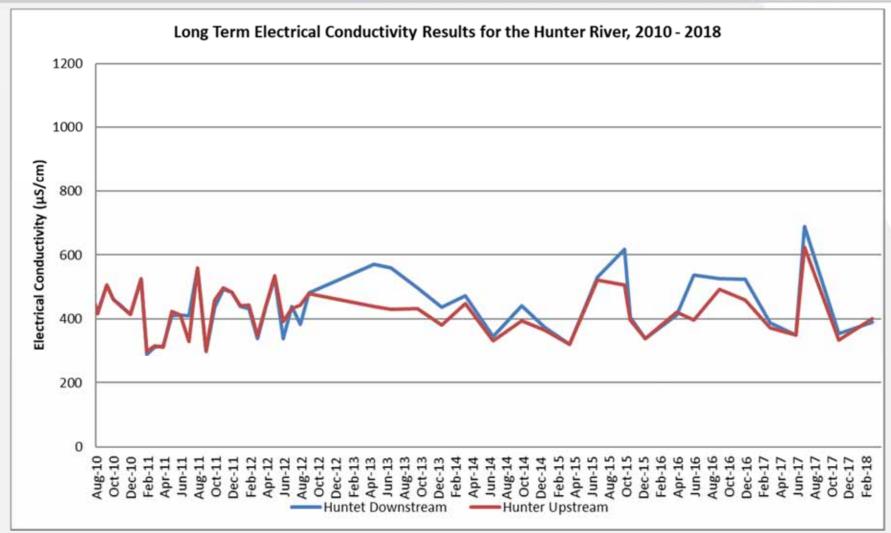




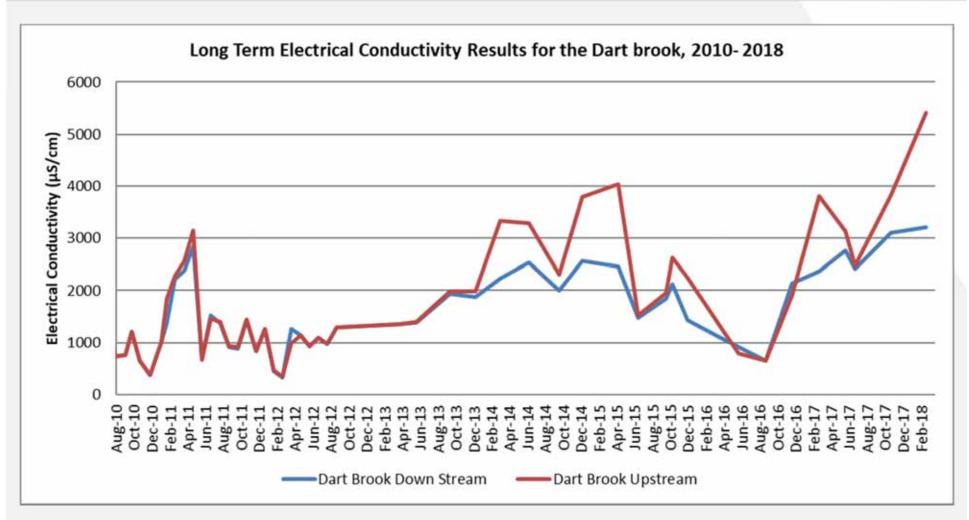














Date	Scope 1 Emissions			Scope 2 Emissions	Total Emissions	
	Methane (t CO <sub>2</sub> -e)	Carbon Dioxide (t CO <sub>2</sub> -e)	Nitrous Oxide (t CO <sub>2</sub> -e)	Carbon Dioxide (t CO <sub>2</sub> -e)	(t CO <sub>2</sub> -e)	
Jan-17	4,420	811	0.01	395	5,627	
Feb-17	425*	531	0.02	379	1,335	
Mar-17	2,047	630	0.01	421	3,097	
Apr-17	2,278	663	0.02	378	3,319	
May-17	2,354	686	0.02	397	3,436	
Jun-17	3,349	881	0.01	373	4,602	
Jul-17	4,098	958	0.02	379	5,434	
Aug-17	4,152	911	0.02	393	5,457	
Sep-17	9,232	948	0.01	353	10,534	
Oct-17	8,252	927	0.02	404	9,583	
Nov-17	5,712	812	0.02	413	6,937	
Dec-17	6,083	1,052	0.01	447	7,582	
2017 Total	52,400	9,811	0.19	4,732	66,943	

## DARTBROOK CARE & MAINTENANCE – Land management



Ongoing program of slashing and mowing, property maintenance Renewal of boundary fencing Halls Road, Dartbrook Road, New England Highway Kayuga Homestead upgrade Caretakers living on site Scrap steel removal completed

## DARTBROOK CARE & MAINTENANCE – Land management continued



- Dairy upgrade complete
- Weed treatment, including for:
  - Broadleaf weeds and liverseed grass on paddocks sown to oats
  - Green cestrum control on river bank
  - Prickly pear on the East Site



## DARTBROOK CARE & MAINTENANCE – Land management continued



- Grazing stock on the REA (61 cows with calves)
- Pig & Roo control program continued:
  - 2017 program culled 91 Roos (site had NPWS
    - licence for 200)
  - No pig sightings during 2017
  - Dog baiting in conjunction with LLS

## DARTBROOK CARE & MAINTENANCE – Community Consultation



- Ongoing consultation:
  - Newsletter No 6 will be out next week
  - Dartbrook Sponsorship & Donations Initiative continues to call for Applications <a href="http://www.aqcltd.com/irm/content/sponsorships.aspx?RID=463">http://www.aqcltd.com/irm/content/sponsorships.aspx?RID=463</a>
  - Consultation over recent sponsorships provided to
     Muswellbrook Kindy for a playground upgrade and to UHSC for the Young Endeavour Scheme
  - The Environmental Contact Line continues to operate on: 1300 131 058

### **OTHER BUSINESS**



Business for the next meeting

### **NEXT 2018 MEETING DATE**



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