

Upper Hunter Mining Dialogue Perceptions Research Program 2016

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Research Program Outline

Objective

To identify how the Dialogue is being perceived by stakeholders

- Current perceptions of the UHMD
- Issues impacting on involvement
- Considerations for future discussions and initiatives

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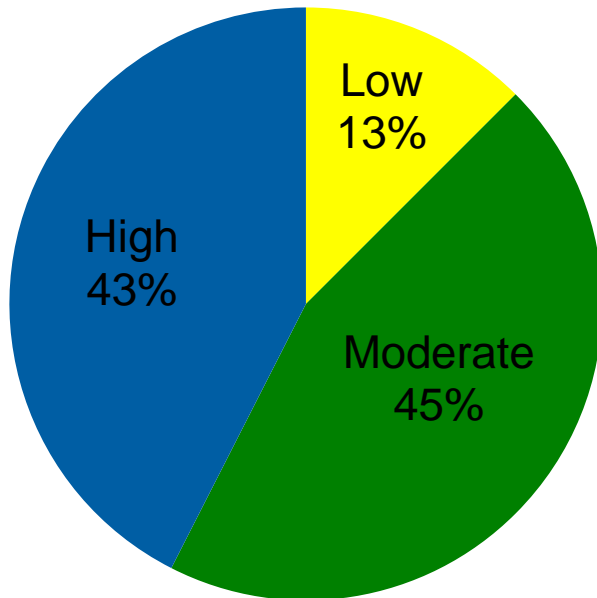
Methodology

- 40 current and past stakeholders
- In-depth interviews
- Face-to-face and telephone
- Average 30 minutes

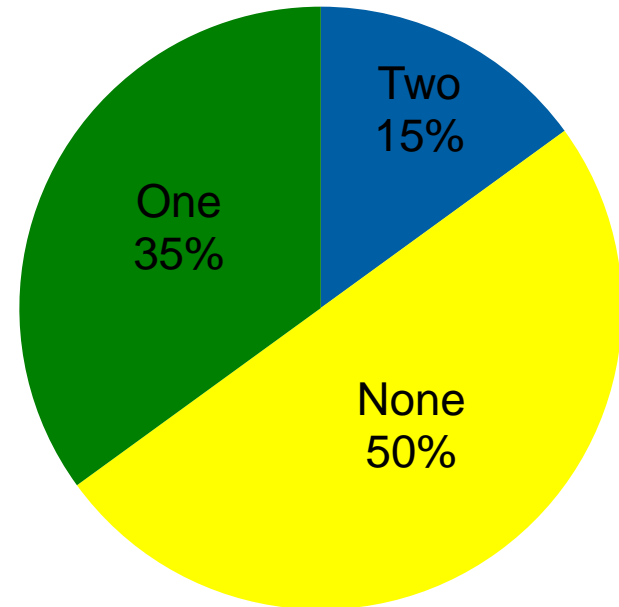
Stakeholder Category		Interviews conducted
Community	Community organisations	25
	Individual community members	
Industry	Mines	5
Other	Government agencies	6
	Other stakeholders	4
Total Interviews		40

Interview Participants

Level of involvement in UHMD



Participation in Joint Working Groups



Interview Participants

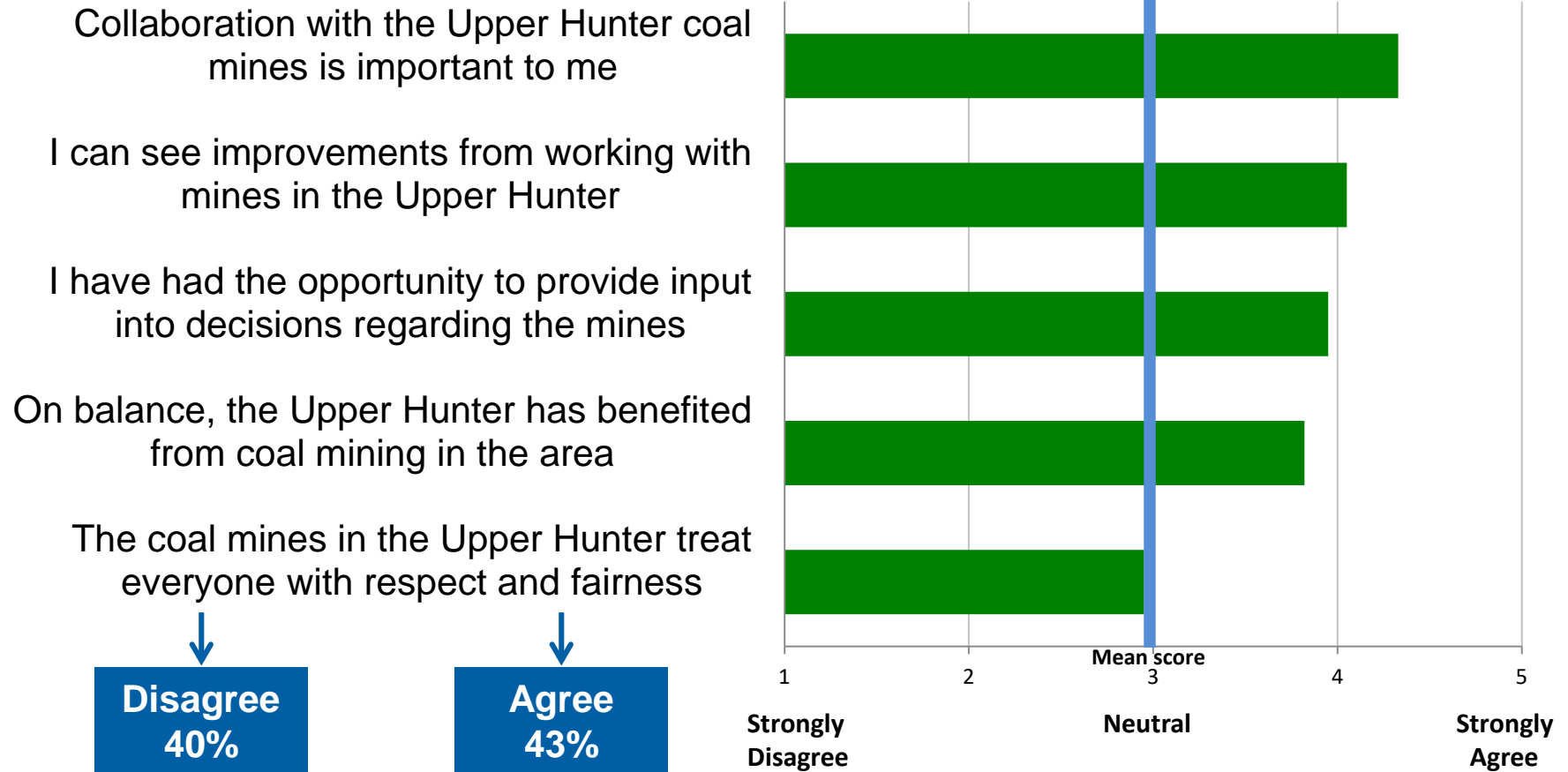
Positive impacts from participating in UHMD

- Building relationships and networks
- Understanding work undertaken by a range of stakeholder groups
- Awareness of industry roles and regulations
- Mining companies achieving better outcomes individually and on a regional basis

! Community volunteers: impact on time and how participation is viewed by others



Perceptions of Upper Hunter Coal Industry



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Changes over the last five years

- Increased regulation, compliance, monitoring, rehabilitation requirements
- Conflict due to pressure from increased mining

Current concerns

- Social impacts of change in the industry
- Planning processes and future expansion

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Suggestions for changes in coal industry

- Increased rehabilitation and address voids
- Planning for a reduced-mining or post-mining future in the Upper Hunter



Perceptions of Upper Hunter Coal Industry

Social licence to operate in the Upper Hunter

Improved interactions with community based on respect, honesty and transparent sharing of information

Commitment to compliance, monitoring and rehabilitation programs that take into account cumulative impacts

Actively supporting a diverse and healthy local economy

Assisting local communities to be strong, resilient and connected



Perceptions of UHMD

What is working well

- Interaction between industry and community
 - identifying common ground, working together
- Joint Working Group projects and trials
- Improve interaction across industry



Perceptions of UHMD

What is not working as well

- Perceived not to be achieving expectations
 - shared, collaborative, local dialogue not being met
 - influence of NSW Minerals Council
 - goals not achieved and momentum now lost
- Poor community engagement
 - lack of awareness, active engagement, communication



Ideas for future UHMD initiatives

Do things.
Tell people.

Engagement

- Raise awareness, communicate achievements
- Confirm community issues and priorities
- Increase industry participation in the UHMD

Process

- Lobby NSW government for improved regulation and planning processes

Ideas for future UHMD initiatives

Projects

- Land management, rehabilitation, voids
- Support economic diversity; work with local industries
- Contribute to strategic planning for the future of the Upper Hunter





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