

**METROPOLITAN COAL
COMMUNITY CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE - MEETING MINUTES**

Date: 11/07/2019

Time: Commenced – 5:03pm

Location: Metropolitan Coal Mine Meeting Room, Upper Administration, Helensburgh

Attendees:

- Lisa Andrews (LA) - Independent Chairperson
- Jon Degotardi (JD) - Peabody Metropolitan Coal
- Stephen Love (SL) - Peabody Metropolitan Coal
- Bob Gordon (BG) - Peabody Metropolitan Coal
- Ricky Shipe (RSh) - Peabody Metropolitan Coal
- Mick Boyd (MB) - Peabody Metropolitan Coal
- Robert Scullion (RS) - CCC Member
- Allan House (AH) - CCC Member
- Peter Turner (PT) - CCC Member
- Kerrie Belter (KB) - CCC Member

Apologies:

- Kane Organ (KO) - Peabody Metropolitan Coal
- Suzanne Cryle (SC) - Peabody Australia
- Lorraine Rodden (LR) - CCC Member
- Patricia Gauci (PG) - CCC Member
- Ron Zwicker (RZ) - Wollongong City Council

Absent:

- Brad Staggs (BS) - Wollondilly Shire Council

Welcome and introductions:

- LA opened the meeting at 5.03pm and welcomed all members to the meeting. LA introduced the Acting General Manager, Bob Gordon; Mick Boyd CHPP Manager and Ricky Shipe from Peabody USA (visiting on a study/work program).

Declarations of interest:

- LA declared her position as Independent Chair for the CCC approved by the Director General of Department of Planning & Environment (DP&E) and engaged by Peabody. No changes to members' previous declarations.

Action items from previous meeting:

- No action items.

Correspondence:

- 2/5/19 - Email draft minutes for review.
- 10/5/19 – Email to members with the finalised minutes, together with the April presentation and the updated Long Wall Map.
- 14/5/19 – Email to members with link to media coverage of WaterNSW’s submission to the Independent Expert regarding mining in the catchment.
- 2/6/19 – Email from BS regarding the new waste contractor.
- 3/6/19 – Email from SL clarifying information regarding the new waste contractor.
- 6/6/19 – Email to CCC members providing the same information.
- 17/6/19 – Email to CCC members with a link to the Win TV new story on the gardening program at Holy Cross Catholic School.
- 26/6/19 – Email to members with the Meeting Notice, Agenda and Correspondence Report for this meeting.
- 27/6/19 – Email from Ron Zwicker, advising that he is Wollongong City Council’s new delegate.
- 11/7/19 – Email from Patricia Gauci with an apology for this meeting.
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Metropolitan Coal operations update – Stephen Love, Environment & Community Superintendent and Mick Boyd, CHPP Manager

A presentation was provided to the CCC with an update regarding:

- Completion of Longwall (LW) 303 and planned commencement of LW 304 in late July 2019;
 - Future LW 305-307 layout including narrower longwall blocks and wider pillars;
 - Installation of groundwater wells and commencement of polyurethane (PUR) grout injection at Eastern Tributary (ET) crossing;
 - Planned monitoring of upland swamps including soil moisture probes and flow gauges;
 - Efforts to increase water recycling and reduce potable water consumption at Metropolitan;
 - Recent changes to owner/operator status of site Coal Handling & Preparation Plant (CHPP) and stockpile, as well as trucking operator;
 - Recent successful Resources for Regions grant to Wollongong City Council (WCC) for Helensburgh Town Centre upgrades; and
 - Recent sponsorships to Helensburgh community organisations.
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- PT asked what depth the groundwater wells at ET were drilled to. SL explained that all wells were drilled to a depth that reached 20m below the surface of the stream bed.
 - KB enquired if WCC could utilise road maintenance contribution funds provided by Metropolitan to repair the Princes Highway where Metropolitan trucks muster during weekday mornings. JD confirmed that this was the case.
 - AH commented on the difficulties faced by WCC implementing the planned upgrades due to traffic flow and parking problems in the town centre. New library to include a dedicated space for Helensburgh District Historical Society to provide information on the history of Helensburgh including the mine.

General business:

AH requested that a visit be arranged to observe Eastern Tributary. SL and JD confirmed that this should be possible at the next CCC meeting and details would be provided prior.

Action: Metropolitan to include visit to ET Crossing at next CCC Meeting

Meeting closed: 5:47pm

Next meeting:

11 December 2019 at 5:00pm. To include a visit to Eastern Tributary Crossing