

METROPOLITAN COAL

COMMUNITY CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE - MEETING MINUTES

Date: Tuesday 26 July 2022

Time: Commenced 3:02 pm

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

Attendees:

- Lisa Andrews (LA) - Independent Chairperson
- Stephen Love (SL) - Peabody Metropolitan Coal
- Kane Organ (KO) - Peabody Metropolitan Coal
- James Hannigan (JH) - Peabody Metropolitan Coal
- Kerrie Belter (KB) - CCC Member
- Allan House (AH) - CCC Member
- Peter Turner (PT) - CCC Member

Apologies:

- Jon Degotardi (JD) - Peabody Metropolitan Coal
- Robert Scullion (RS) - CCC Member

Absent:

- Patricia Gauci (PG) - CCC Member
- Ron Zwicker (RZ) - Wollongong City Council (WCC)
- David Henry (DH) - Wollondilly Shire Council (WSC)

Welcome and introductions:

- LA opened the meeting at 3.02pm and welcomed all members to the meeting and thanked them for attending.
- LA introduced James Hannigan, new General Manager to CCC and asked him to provide an introduction to members.

Declarations of interest:

- LA declared her position as Independent Chair for the CCC approved by the Director General of Department of Planning, Industry & Environment (DPIE) and engaged by Peabody.

Action items from previous meeting:

- LA declared CCC meeting minutes 1 March 2022 were finalised 25 March and sent to members
- Copies of Metropolitan Coal Six Monthly report were distributed to members 3 June 2022.
- Action to prune shrubs on Entrance Road completed

Correspondence:

As what was sent with the meeting notice on 11/7/22 with a late item from AH that was moved to General Business.

- 16/3/22 – Email from SL with the revised Traffic Management Plan for Metropolitan Coal, seeking comments by 22/3/22. Forwarded to members 18/3/22.
- 15/3/22 - Email to members with the draft minutes for review.
- 25/3/22 – Email to members with the finalised minutes, presentations from March 2022 & November 2021 and LW progress plan (March 2022).
- 12/4/22 – Email from SL advising of emergency transport arrangements between Metrop Mine & BlueScope Steel in Port Kembla due to rail line damage.
- 2/6/22 – Email from PT following up provision of 6 monthly report from DPE and asking when EP will be approved. Followed up with SL.
- 3/6/22 – Email to PT advising that EP will be around 6 months processing (from March 2022).
- 3/6/22 – Email to members with the approved 6 monthly report (originally sent to LA on 5/4/22, however, not received).
- 11/7/22 – Email to members with the Meeting Notice, Agenda & Correspondence Report for this meeting, as well as request for any Community Questions.
- 25/7/22 – Email to members with the reminder for this meeting.
- 26/7/22 – [Email from AH regarding flooding from Helensburgh Creek blocking culvert under Parkes St.](#)

Community Questions

- LA confirmed that no community questions had been received prior to CCC meeting.

Metropolitan Coal operations update – Stephen Love, Environment & Community Superintendent

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

- Business Update
- Mining Update
- Annual Review
- Eastern Tributary Remediation
- LW308-310 Extraction Plan

Questions/Comments/Feedback from CCC members in relation to the Presentation:

- PT enquired on the current price of coal from Metropolitan. JH explained average price for premium product is at \$185 / tonne adding coking coal prices have dropped during 2022. In contrast thermal coal prices remain very high.
- LA noted Resources Regulator was onsite, JH explained that the visit was a planned compliance audit for onsite explosives storage. SL added that the RR remit is quite wide and covers both safety and environmental compliance aspects of mining operations.
- SL provided insight into recent planned product coal trucking campaign to Bluescope due to rail outage. Supply chain issues across the economy meant few trucks were available, and minimal trucking occurred
- KB asked about recent heavy rainfall and impacts on site, SL referred to historical graph showing significant rainfall has occurred during 2022 with the most recent rainfall event delivering just under 500mm at Metropolitan's Weather Station.

- KB enquired about the water levels in Turkey's Nest Dam with reference to spilling to Camp Creek. SL confirmed conditions remain challenging due to frequent heavy rain but de-silting continues and the water treatment plant continues to operate effectively.

General Business:

- LA read out late correspondence from AH, on behalf of Helensburgh Landcare & local residents concerned with the flooding of Helensburgh Creek where it flows under Parkes Street with report of debris blocking culvert, causing minor flooding and WCC declining to assist. **Response:** SL confirmed he has inspected the culvert and noted significant debris buildup on the upstream side. Metropolitan will clear the debris and monitor culvert performance during next rain event. KB added that lots of debris had flooded into creeks during recent rainfall events.
- AH confirmed pathway to mine memorial at the Old Mine Surgery has been completed and signed-off by council.
- KB raised the poor state of the old mine wagons in Charles Harper Park. KO confirmed that he was assisting the Lions Club in replacing these.
- SL asked for any input from CCC members regarding a potential site visit during the next CCC meeting and if there are any specific areas of interest members might have. SL will coordinate with LA ahead of the next meeting.

Next meeting: 3:00pm 22 November 2022 and will include site inspection.

Meeting closed: 3:28pm with LA thanking all for their attendance.

ACTION ITEMS:

ITEM	DESCRIPTION	RESPONSIBILITY
1	Members to advise LA of suggestions for proposed site inspection at the next CCC	CCC/LA
2	Clean out culvert under Parkes St	SL