

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

Date: Tuesday 18 July 2023

Time: Commenced 3:03 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
- Nicolas Tucker (NT) - Peabody Metropolitan Coal
- Robert Scullion (RS) - CCC Member
- Allan House (AH) - CCC Member

Apologies:

- Peter Turner (PT) - CCC Member
- Kerrie Belter (KB) - CCC Member
- Patricia Gauci (PG) - CCC Member
- Ron Zwicker (RZ) - Wollongong City Council (WCC)

Absent: Wollondilly Shire Council delegate

Welcome and introductions:

- LA welcomed all members to the meeting and thanked them for attending.

Declarations of interest:

- LA declared her position as Independent Chairperson 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 28 March 2023 were finalised 19 April 2023 and sent to members.

Correspondence: (As emailed on 4/7/23 with 2 additional items)

- 6/4/23 - Email to members with the draft minutes for review.
- 19/4/23– Email to members with the finalised minutes, with presentation.
- 4/7/23 – Email to members with the Meeting Notice, Agenda & Correspondence Report for this meeting, as well as request for any Community Questions.
- 4/7/23 – Follow-up letter to Wollondilly Shire Council seeking a replacement delegate for this CCC.
- 5/7/23 – Email from RZ with apology for this meeting.
- 12/7/23 – Email from AH requesting a breakdown/percentage of Metropolitan coal sales. Forwarded through to SL for action. *
- 17/7/23 - Email to members with the reminder for this meeting.

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 regarding:

- Mining Update
- Metropolitan Product Coal Sales
- Annual Review
- Turkeys Nest Upgrade Works
- LW 311-316 Extraction Plan and Project Modification

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

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- AH explained that the reason for his enquiry regarding the breakdown of Metropolitan's product coal sales was due to a recent claim from critics of the mine that 90% of the coal mined was sold overseas. SL confirmed that approximately 50% of annual product coal sales are supplied to Bluescope for steelmaking, and this has been the case for several years.
- AH asked if CWR is still being exported to Vietnam as product. KO confirmed that approximately 390k tonnes of CWR was transported to Port Kembla in 2022/23 financial year with no trucking. AH suggested this is a good news story for Metropolitan Coal.
- AH asked if CWR has been used as road base and if WCC still planned to use CWR for capping of Helensburgh Landfill. JH explained that CWR has been used as engineered fill during the Albion Park Rail Bypass. SL explained that during his last update from WCC regarding the Landfill site, the estimate was that it would be another 2-3 years before WCC received final approval to complete capping of site.
- LA asked how much concrete was used in the shotcreting of Turkey's Nest. KO answered that approximately 300 cubic metres of cement had been used.

General business:

- RS spoke regarding a group he is a part of who meet regularly to discuss issues pertaining to the local community in Helensburgh and the Shire. He explained that there remain some in the community who continue to believe that Metropolitan is draining water from Woronora Reservoir. SL offered to meet with group to discuss their concerns and provide an overview of the substantial body of evidence now available which demonstrates that this is not the case. RS accepted the offer and will make arrangements to meet.
- AH highlighted the need for more CCC members to attend suggesting that new members should be recruited. CCC members made suggestions of potential candidates to be followed up by with LA.
- AH identified the Metropolitan boundary signage and fenceline on Parkes Street needed repair. **Action: KA to arrange repairs to boundary fence and signage on Parkes Street.**
- LA provided a preliminary update on the revised CCC guidelines recently issued by the Department of Planning & Environment. LA has attended a workshop regarding CCC changes and will present more detailed information at next CCC meeting relating to the Terms of Reference, Code of Conduct, CCC membership and effectiveness of the committee.

Meeting closed: 3:37pm

Next meeting: Tuesday 21 November 2023 at 3:00pm

ACTION ITEMS:

ITEM	DESCRIPTION	RESPONSIBILITY
1	Arrange repairs to boundary fence and signage on Parkes Street.	KA
2	Write to stakeholder groups inviting membership on the CCC	LA
3	Provide briefing on revised DPE CCC Guidelines for SSDs	LA