

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

Date: Tuesday 11 May 2021

Time: Commenced 3:15pm

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

Attendees:

- Lisa Andrews (LA) - Independent Chairperson
- Stephen Love (SL) - Peabody Metropolitan Coal
- Jon Degotardi (JD) - Peabody Metropolitan Coal
- Kane Organ (KO) - Peabody Metropolitan Coal
- Jim Middleton (JM) - Peabody Metropolitan Coal
- Robert Scullion (RS) - CCC Member
- Kerrie Belter (KB) - CCC Member
- Allan House (AH) - CCC Member
- Peter Turner (PT) - CCC Member

Apologies:

- Ron Zwicker (RZ) - Wollongong City Council (WCC)
- Patricia Gauci (PG) CCC Member
- Alexandra Stengel (AS) – Wollondilly Shire Council (WSC)

Welcome and introductions:

- LA welcomed all members to the meeting and introduced JM (Metropolitan General Manager) to the CCC. LA invited JM to provide some background on his experience and for attendees to state their position on the CCC to assist JM.

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.
- JM enquired as to the frequency of CCC meetings, SL and LA confirmed 3 times per year with the flexibility to arrange additional meetings where required.

Action items from previous meeting:

- LA declared that the CCC meeting minutes of 9 December 2020 were finalised 31 December 2020 and sent to members. No arising business.

Correspondence Report:

- 16/12/20 – Email from PT with a request for a six monthly report. This was forwarded through the Metropolitan on 17/12/20 for consideration.
- 21/12/20 – Email to member with the draft minutes for review.
- 21/12/20 – Email to PT advising that Metrop will speak with DPIE regarding his request for the six monthly report.
- 31/12/21 – Email to members with the finalised minutes.
- 2/2/21 – Email to members regarding Peabody's extension to the idling of Metropolitan Mine to May 2021.
- 3/2/21 – Email from Barnett & May, appointed Independent Environmental Auditors advising they will be conducting the 2020 audit of the environmental performance of the operations. This email forwarded to members seeking any matters to be included.
- 17/2/21 – Email from SL providing the six monthly report on Metropolitan LWs; which was forwarded through to members for their information.
- 5/3/21 – Email to members advising of CCC date change from 20/4/21 to 11/5/21.
- 3/5/21 – Email to members with the Meeting Notice, Agenda & Correspondence Report for this meeting.
- 10/5/21 – Email to members with the reminder for this meeting.

Metropolitan Coal operations update – Stephen Love, Environment & Community Superintendent and Kane Organ, Environment & Community Coordinator

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

- Company and Mining update
- 2020 Annual Review
- Hazard Reduction Burn Woronora Special Area
- Transport Totals 2020
- Metropolitan Independent Environmental Audit

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

- KB queried the proportion of workforce that had returned following shut down period. JM estimated that approximately 8 resignations had been received as a result of the shutdown period. SL added that a significant portion of the workforce were able to gain work in other mines in the Illawarra region during the shutdown period.
- AH asked if Metropolitan's current status supplying predominantly Bluescope was a sustainable option. JM confirmed that it was not long term, identifying the need to also export coal to sustain business. PT queried the destinations for export sales. JM identified any viable export destination but coal predominantly goes to Asian markets. JD added that CWR has continued to be sold as product coal with no contract in place but as a regular export.
- AH highlighted that South 32 were continuing to supply Bluescope and requested clarity regarding reasoning behind shutdown. JM explained that the shutdown was due to low coal prices, but that Metropolitan will be supplying Bluescope now that operations are back underway on site.
- AH asked if South32 were still interested in buying Metropolitan and if Metropolitan was for sale as was previously planned in 2016. SL clarified that South32 approached Peabody regarding a sale of Metropolitan at the time, and Peabody had not actively sought to sell

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Metropolitan. JM added that companies often own assets that they may not intend to sell, but could be convinced to at the right price or as part of a broader strategy for the business.

- KB asked if the IEA was finalised. SL indicated the IEA is in the final stages including consideration of recommendations before developing a response to be submitted to DPIE for approval.

General business:

- KB stated there was a rumor that the mine was closing due to recent roundabout upgrades in Helensburgh town centre given that trucks could not negotiate the roundabout safely. SL confirmed that this rumour was not known at Metropolitan, and confirmed that the Parkes Street upgrades had not had an impact on deliveries. WCC had consulted Metropolitan regarding the upgrade works, which had given Metropolitan the opportunity to highlight the need for ongoing heavy vehicle access.
- KB asked why the water cart was used on the mine entrance road during rain periods. SL explained that the watercart is used to move leaf litter off the roadway, so that it does not block drains at the bottom of the mine entrance road.
- KB asked if lawn maintenance contractor was maintaining the grass on Parkes Street adjacent to school crossing. SL and KO confirmed that this should be occurring, but would reconfirm with the contractor.

Meeting closed: 3:48pm

Next meeting: 17 August 2021 at 3pm