



WAMBO COAL PTY LTD
COMMUNITY CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

Draft Minutes

Location: Wambo Coal – Lakes Room

Date: 10 April 2018

ATTENDEES:

Lisa Andrews (LA)	Chairperson
Ron Fenwick (RF)	Community Member
Janet Fenwick (JF)	Community Member
Dave Thelander (DT)	Community Member
Stephen Schmidt (SS)	Community Member
Peter Baker (PB)	Peabody - SVP Underground Operations
Albert Scheepers (AS)	Wambo Coal – General Manager
Peter Jaeger (PJ)	Wambo Coal – A/Environment and Community Manager
Suzanne Cryle (SC)	Peabody – Community Relations Manager
Trish Searle (TS)	Wambo Coal – Assistant to GM (minute secretary)

OPENING:

The meeting commenced at 9:07am

LA welcomed committee members. LA declared that she has been approved by the Department of Planning and Environment (DP&E) and is engaged by Peabody to chair the meeting. LA also advised the CCC that Steve Peart is no longer employed by Peabody and Peter Jaeger is Acting Environment and Community (E&C) Manager.

LA distributed an attendance sheet and asked the CCC to note any changes to their contact details on the sheet. LA advised that the minutes for the previous meeting were finalised on 12 December 2017.

APOLOGIES: Godfrey Adamthwaite, Shane Gee

BUSINESS ARISING:

Action Items:

1. Installation of the CCC Representative board. PJ provided the draft board so CCC members could check details are current. The board will be installed with Peter Jaeger as Acting E&C Manager then updated when the new E&C Manager is recruited
2. PJ provided brief details of a Glencore commissioned investigated to determine sources of high aluminium levels – results in presentation and contact details for community follow-up if required.
3. Independent Environmental Audit – correspondence/feedback not yet provided.
4. North East Tailings Dam capping – included in presentation.
5. Mine subsidence – PJ sought clarification on what was required and suggested it might be regarding the change from the Mine Subsidence Board to a Mine Subsidence Committee. This information was forwarded to the CCC members last year.
6. Outline Air Quality Management Plan – distributed and key points in today's presentation.

Other Business Arising

RF commented that the draft Bushfire Management Plan (BMP) still needs some work and is not yet on the website. RF further mentioned that someone has been on the fire trail and has cleared vegetation without requesting access. PJ confirmed that Wambo consultants have been advised not to go past the gate. PJ will check with Wambo consultants/contractors to find out if they have been through the gate onto RF land and also that boundary signage is adequate. BMP is currently with RFS and Singleton Council for review. Not correspondence received to date. When the BMP is approved it will be uploaded onto the website.

CORRESPONDENCE IN & OUT:

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| 15.12.17 | Email to members with copies of notices placed in the Singleton Argus and Newcastle Herald regarding the conviction in the L&EC due to the dam failure in January 2016 |
| 19.12.17 | Email to members with the draft minutes for review. |
| 16.1.18 | Email to members advising of the PAC's public meeting for United Wambo JV project on 8.2.18. |
| 16.1.18 | Email to members with the finalised minutes from 12.12.17 meeting. |
| 16.1.18 | Email from Steve Peart advising of his resignation from Wambo Coal. A thank you response was sent to Steve. |
| 12.2.18 | Email to members with the Air Quality and Greenhouse Gas Management Plan (Version 5), approved by DP&E on the 11 December 2017; and The Noise Management Plan (Version 8), approved by DP&E 6 February 2018. |

- 12.2.18 Email to DPE with the 2017 report on the CCC activities.
- 12.2.18 Email to DPE with copies of the finalised minutes from 2017 CCC meetings.
- 3.4.18 Email from Cr Adamthwaite with an apology for this meeting due to illness.
- 4.4.18 Email from Peabody attaching a copy of the recently approved Environmental Management Strategy.
- 4.4.18 Environmental Management Strategy forwarded through to CCC members.
- 9.4.18 Email from Shane Gee with an apology for this meeting and raising a noise issue: *(The noise coming from the mine the last few weeks at times has been very noticeable. At 2am I think it was Thursday morning late last week the noise was quite loud.)*

Moved that correspondence be accepted by LA, seconded by DT

PRESENTATION

PJ presented a general update on:

1. Current Operations
 1. Underground
 2. Open Cut
2. Compliance Summary
3. North East Tailings Dam (NETD)
4. Air Quality and Greenhouse Gas Management Plan (AQGGMP)
5. Approvals
6. Sponsorship
7. Aluminium in Surface Water

GENERAL BUSINESS

SS asked for further information on rehabilitation including the use of tree seeds vs seedlings and maintenance of rehabilitated areas. PJ said that he will provide an update on the creek diversion, establishing trees and some information on areas of rehab approaching relinquishment at the next CCC. Interest in Wambo's rehabilitation prompted PJ to offer to include rehabilitation in the next CCC. SS enquired about the potential for a beef trial on rehab areas – PJ advised Wambo is working through the logistics and will probably consider a beef trial later this year.

DT spoke about blasts from Yancoal and Wambo and the cumulative dust impacts on the community. He suggested the two mining companies should discuss a mitigation plan for blasting. Sometimes four blasts a day between Yancoal and Wambo pits with associated dust. Following a comment by RF DT said that vibration and noise impacts have not been significant recently but dust is an ongoing issue.

SS spoke about air quality management – not just the mine site but dust caused by transportation of coal to the port by train. PJ outlined the methods used to reduce dust i.e. moisture content of the coal and a profiling bar that is used at the train loadout. PJ mentioned that EPA inspections are conducted on Wambo's train loadout. PJ will provide video footage of loading trains for the next CCC.

RF noted that there is currently a lot of work on North Wambo Creek. The road is in need of repair in high traffic areas. He mentioned a broken sign that was to alert people to the end of a pipe. PJ will check with Civil and get the sign removed / replaced.

Albert explained re the Hunter Tailings pit and NETD (North East Tailings Dam) an innovation in tailings rehabilitation he'd implemented from Coppabella. Still in the early stages but showing promising results so far.

Aluminium in surface water. Investigation commissioned by Glencore. Report concludes that the aluminium is not from coal dust but from soils prevalent in the Hunter Valley and in particular the Singleton district. Contact details were provided to the CCC if they would like to follow up. DT will speak to the contact at Glencore. RF said that aluminium and its impact on horses has only been noticed recently.

PB raised the matter of surety bonding for rehabilitation. He outlined the purpose and method. PB clarified how the Chapter 11 process impacted Peabody's bonding and the steps that were taken to guarantee Peabody's Australian rehabilitation obligations through an insurance company instead of through a bank guarantee during the Chapter 11 period.

RF left the meeting at 10:22am.

AS provided a presentation on the Life of Mine Review. He provided a high level plan for the next 20 to 30 years of mining at Wambo and explained that future planning (except the period covered by the current approvals) will be subject to expenditure approval by the Peabody Board of Directors as well as Government approvals.

SS raised the subject of the JV and employment. SS is keen to be involved if there is potential for apprenticeships and traineeships and mentioned that some previous Aboriginal trainees at Wambo with Downer EDi had a 100% success rate with all trainees completing their traineeships.

AS advised that future employment hasn't been finalised at this stage. Wambo Open Cut personnel to Superintendent level, including maintenance, will automatically transfer to Glencore. When the project receives final approval Peabody will engage with Glencore regarding employment however Peabody's input will be limited because from an operational perspective Glencore will have control. AS will speak to Gary Wills regarding Glencore's intention and provide feedback at the next CCC.

PB mentioned that in the short term Wambo has relied heavily on contract labour due to uncertainty of the start date of the JV. It is currently anticipated the start date will be April 2019 so the decision has now been made to put on more permanent labour. Peabody is holding open cut operator assessment centres in Singleton this week (12 and 13 April) as part of the recruitment process. PB reiterated how important it is to prioritise local employment. DT asked whether as part of the typical 'ramp up and ramp down' of their Australian assets Glencore are likely to offer transfers to the Wambo United JV. PB said that businesses have a moral obligation to look after employees. PB feels that a combination of experienced and cleanskins is most successful.

A mitigation discussion will be held with DT after the meeting because it falls outside the scope of the CCC.

SS thanked the committee for the flowers sent to his wife who is recovering well.

NEXT MEETING

Tuesday 7 August at 9am at Wambo

The meeting closed at 11:15am

ACTION ITEMS

1. CCC members board to be put on the noticeboard in the Jerry's Plains hall
2. PJ to follow up on Shane Gee's note regarding noise
3. Next community update to include item on rehabilitation
4. PJ will check if Wambo consultants/contractors have been through the gate onto RF land and that boundary signage is adequate.
5. Agenda items for next meeting:
 - a. Update on creek diversion, establishing trees and areas of rehab approaching relinquishment
 - b. Video footage of loading trains
 - c. Update regarding United Wambo JV employment.