



WAMBO COAL PTY LTD

COMMUNITY CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Location: Wambo Coal – Lakes Room

Date: 11 April 2017

ATTENDEES:

Lisa Andrews (LA)	Chairperson
Ron Fenwick (RF)	Community member
Shane Gee (SG)	Community member
Dave Thelander (DT)	Community member
Cr Godfrey Adamthwaite (GA)	Singleton Council Representative
Steve Peart (SP)	Wambo Coal – Environment and Community Manager
Harry Egan (HE)	Wambo Coal – Environmental Advisor
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 Energy to chair the meeting.

LA distributed an attendance sheet and asked the CCC to note any changes to their contact details on the sheet.

APOLOGIES:

Janet Fenwick & Steve Schmidt

BUSINESS ARISING:

1. Bushfire Management Plan – SP needs to meet with RF and JF to discuss Wambo’s Bushfire Management Plan.
2. LA asked whether the CCC members have considered a charity of choice they would like to see Wambo Coal support. Suggestions were:
 - a. Breakfasts at a local school (SP agreed to speak with the Principal at Jerry’s Plains school)
 - b. Assistance for a local retirement home
 - c. Rotary/Lions/Apex
 - d. Neighbourhood Centre
 - e. Contact Robyn Cramp from Jerry’s Plains who works for the Department of Community Services.
3. There was no feedback regarding potential presentation topics however the CCC members are invited to contact SP if there is anything in the future.
4. There was general discussion about the timeframe required by the new CCC Guidelines to finalise the minutes. It was agreed that the minutes would be finalised and put up on the Wambo Coal website within three weeks. However, the CCC members reserve the right to discuss any technical issues identified with the minutes during Business Arising at the following meeting.
5. Discussion on the value of general Guidelines and environmental response plans was held following SP’s participation in a recent DP&E workshop on the development of Industry Guidelines (eg Independent Audit and Management Plans)

CORRESPONDENCE IN & OUT:

22.12.16	Email to CCC members with the draft minutes from the 7 December 2016 meeting – requesting review
30.12.16	Email from RF with proposed changes to the draft minutes and further discussion about the bush fire audit
22.1.16	Email to RF responding to his comments about the minutes
31.1.17	Letter to members from Peabody enclosing a CD of the South Bates Underground Extraction Plan –LW11 to 16
10.3.17	Email to CCC members advising of the EPA’s approval for the blast on Sunday 12/3/17, due to previous unfavourable conditions
28.3.17	Email from Steve Peart to Chair advising that the EA for the South Bates Exhibition was available on the DP&E’s major projects website
28.3.17	Email to CCC members forwarding on this information and providing the web link
31.3.17	Email to CCC members with the Meeting Notice & Agenda for this meeting
4.4.17	Email to CCC members with information from Peabody: "Peabody Emerges From Chapter 11 Protection in the US".

Moved that correspondence be accepted by LA, seconded by DT.

PRESENTATION

SP presented a general update on:

- Current operations
 - Overview Underground, Open Cut and Rehabilitation
- 2016 Annual Review-Summary (HE)Outline of 2017 Environment & Community Plan
- Regulatory Approvals and Development
 - South Wambo Underground MOD12
 - MOP Amendment E
 - United/Wambo JV Project
- Exploration planned for 2017
- Peabody emerged From Chapter 11 Protection on 4 April 2017.

SP mentioned that the 2016 Annual Review was submitted to DP&E and will be distributed to members of the CCC.

RF was unsure whether he had received a copy of the 2015 Annual Review. RF has subsequently downloaded a copy from the website.

RF asked about the complaints and feedback process. The complaints process was outlined by SP. Complaints received are captured in a complaints database which is uploaded onto the Wambo Coal website each month. Detailed complaints information is documented in the Annual Review each year.

RF raised concerns about the placement of noise monitors near his property. SP offered to talk directly with RF outside the CCC regarding any noise related concerns and the location of noise monitoring.

GA mentioned that he is Chair of other mine site CCCs and said at times he may comment on what is presented at those CCC meetings in case items are of interest to the Wambo CCC members.

GENERAL BUSINESS

RF raised some general matters that he had listed prior to the meeting. All matters were discussed and addressed by SP or LA including, but not limited to:

- Currency of EPA licence
- Information contained in the Annual Review
- Flow monitoring in creeks
- Water licences
- Water quality
- Sedimentation dams
- Rehabilitation of land

LA distributed the Code of Conduct and Pecuniary/Non-Pecuniary Interest forms required by the new CCC Guidelines. Members were asked to please sign and return the forms to LA.

SP mentioned the Friday community drop-in sessions that have been held at the Montrose property since February 2017. After considering community attendance to date, Wambo Coal proposes to reduce the frequency to monthly. This will be communicated to relevant members of the local community.

SP made reference to a comment made by a community member at one of the drop-in sessions. The community member was concerned about the level of information disseminated to the broader community following each CCC meeting. DT indicated that new community people might not know who to talk to. Contact details for the CCC members are on the website, however DT suggested a sign should be put up at the hall with names and contact numbers – a photo of the CCC members on the sign would help newcomers to recognise them.

NEXT MEETING

Tuesday 8 August 2017; commencing 9:00am at Wambo

The meeting closed at 11:05am with the chair thanking all for their attendance and wishing them a safe Easter break.

ACTION ITEMS

1. Bushfire Management Plan – SP to meet with RF and JF to discuss Wambo’s Bushfire Management Plan
2. Update re donation to charity at next meeting
3. CCC members board to be erected in the Jerry’s Plains hall