



Wilpinjong Coal Mine Community Consultative Committee



Meeting Minutes

1. PRESENT

Independent Chairperson:	Lisa Andrews (LA)	Date & Time:	11 th March 2019 - 2:02pm
Venue:	Wollar Store	Minute Taker:	Julie Burns (JB)
Committee Members:	Blair Jackson (BJ), Kieren Bennetts (KB), Brian McDermott (BM), Ian Flood (IF) Gail Ratcliffe (GR), Bruce Hughes (BH), Colin Faulkner (CF), Lisa Menke (LM), Scott Lillis (SL), Bev Smiles (BS) & Kim Peach.		
Invited Guests/Observers:	Nil		

2. APOLOGIES/ABSENT

Apologies:	Des Kennedy (DK)
Absent:	Nil.

3. WELCOME

LA welcomed all attendees to the first Wilpinjong Coal Mine CCC for 2019.

4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Lisa Andrews – Independent Chair approved by Director General of Department of Planning and Environment (DP&E), engaged by Peabody Energy
 Blair Jackson – General Manager, Wilpinjong Coal
 Julie Burns – Executive Assistant to General Manager – Wilpinjong Coal
 Kieren Bennetts – Environment & Community Manager, Wilpinjong Coal
 Ian Flood – Manager Project Development and Approvals, Wilpinjong Coal
 Col Faulkner – Community Member (Resident)
 Scott Lillis – Community Member (Former Resident)
 Brian McDermott – Community Member (Lessee of Peabody Pastoral land and Former Resident)
 Kim Peach – Community Member and Lessee of Wollar General Store
 Lisa Menke – National Parks & Wildlife
 Bev Smiles – Community Member (Resident)
 Cr Des Kennedy – Mayor Mid-Western Regional Council
 Gail Ratcliffe – Native Title Liaison Officer
 Bruce Hughes –Community Member (Resident)

5. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE FINALISED MINUTES

ACTION ITEMS

- Waste management from demolition program (including asbestos removal) to be addressed at every CCC meeting, and an ad placed in the Wollar Public School newsletter when conducting asbestos removal in the Wollar township.
Ongoing – addressed in presentation by IF.
- IF to communicate project modifications to the CCC.
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- KB to ensure attended noise monitoring reports are available in hard copy at each CCC meeting.
Ongoing – - hard copies were made available.
- IF to investigate and provide feedback on how to best manage the public maintenance of headstones in the church yards.
Carry over – IF presented findings and submitted draft wording for signage. Further action taken for signage to be created and notification to the public. See below action list
- LA to write to TransGrid and request further information in regard to why the new powerline towers are not being painted green.
Carry over – LA confirmed that she has sent an email on the 20/11/18, 22/11/18 and the 20/02/19, which she has had no response. LA requested IF assistance to get another contact to forward the request to.
- IF to provide the CCC with copies of the Social Impact Management Plan once submitted to the Department of Planning and Environment, Wollar Progress Association to receive a hard copy.
Carry over –The Social Impact Management Plan is not yet approved by the Department of Planning and Environment. Once approved IF will send out to committee members.
- KB to remind contractors and employees about the park and puff to deter smoking at the front gate. Complete. BH enquired whether staff and contractors could smoke inside the property gates. BJ advised that this was not possible, as this area is part of the Mining Lease and therefore smoking is prohibited. KB commented that Peabody support the use of the Park & Puff area and provide rubbish removal.

6. CORRESPONDENCE

As per Correspondence Report that was sent to members with the Meeting Notice on 1/3/19 with 2 additional items:

0/12/18 – Email to members with the draft minutes for review.

03/01/19 – Email to members with the finalised minutes.

03/01/19 – Same information to Col Faulkner via post.

18/01/19 – Email to members with the “Have a Chat” dates for 2019.

20/2/19 – Email to Transgrid following up a response to the painting of the towers.

01/03/19– Email to members with the Meeting Notice & Agenda for the meeting and requesting RSVP’s for dinner

01/03/19 – Same information to Col Faulkner via post.

7. REPORT BY KIEREN BENNETTS

An update on operations and an overview of activities was provided to the CCC via presentation. The presentation will be provided to the CCC members electronically. Discussions and actions arising from the report:

- Aerial photograph
 - Updated photograph provided from February 2019. KB described that Pit 6 mining continues. Pit 5 north near competition, Pit 4 approx. one strip to go, Pit 3 infrastructure was starting to be actioned.
- Environmental monitoring overview
 - Attended noise monitoring – Presented and supplied hard copies of the Attended Noise Monitoring and Summary of Compliance for November 2018 – January 2019. It was advised that for all monitoring events during the reporting period WCPL remained compliant.

- CF inferred that real time noise monitoring is used for determination of compliance to noise criteria. IF clarified that compliance is determined by attended monitoring, meaning the monitoring is taken by an independent noise specialist, this is different to the “real time noise monitoring” which is taken from the real time monitoring systems, and used for operational noise management.
- Action taken: BS notified that there needed to be an amendment to December 2018 CCC Presentation for the reported September 2018 attended noise monitoring, as location N20 was listed as both inaudible and audible. Action: Presentation to be reviewed, updated and resent to members of the CCC.
- Real time noise monitoring
 - Nil queries.
- Blast / Vibration Monitoring
 - Nil queries
- Air quality
 - Regional dust events caused non-mining related elevated dust levels during December - the site remained compliant throughout the reporting period.
 - IF explained to the committee that when a dust event is elevated the dust protocols are implemented, such as water carts, trucks reduce speed. IF also noted should conditions exist operations are amended in accordance with the Air Quality Management Plan
 - BH inquired if the operators are required to radio in elevated dust conditions. IF confirmed that the operators are *expected* to report any adverse dust conditions and to invoke protocols accordingly.
 - BH recommend that WCPL should include visual assessments beyond the mining boundary as part of air quality management. IF confirmed that this is undertaken by site personnel when required
 - CF queried if water carts are used to spray individual excavators when dusty. IF confirmed that the controls for loading from excavator include minimising drop height and load speed.
- Water discharge
 - BH queried the fact that the Goulburn River had a green algae, low flows and higher temps, queried if this would be Iron discharge. KB/IF noted that this could be environmental such as unseasonal change in temperature.
 - For the month of October 2018 - January 2019 water analysis results are compliant for discharge under the conditions of the EPL12425.
 - BS requested an amendment to the Water discharge monitoring (RO) slide for January - the discharge volume data needed to be added. Action: KB to update and circulate back to Committee members.
- Operational downtime
 - It was noted that lightning has been the biggest interruption to operations in the last quarter – total of 4192.34 hours which equates to 61% of our total lost time by event. KB explained that if there is lightning within 15km’s of the mine, operations are amended in accordance with its lightning procedure.
 - BS requested an amendment to the Lost Time details for Pit 7. Missing the noise percentage which should read 22%. Action taken for KB to update and circulate back to Committee members.
- Rehabilitation
 - Nil queries
- Exploration
 - Nil queries.
- Community
 - KB presented the Community Donations and Sponsorship for the month of January and February. Action: KB to add the category for each donation or sponsorship granted in future presentations.

- The committee was reminded to spread the word within the community that the first Thursday of every month “have a chat” at the Wollar store is on and to encourage the community to come along and have a chat with Wilpinjong Coal team.

8. REPORT BY IAN FLOOD

An update on the Wilpinjong Extension Project (WEP) and property matters was provided to the CCC via presentation. The presentation will be provided to the CCC members electronically. Discussions and actions arising from the report:

Wilpinjong Extension Project

- Mining Lease applications
 - Nil queries.
- Infrastructure projects
 - Ulan-Wollar Road re-alignment
 - BH queried whether flooding had been considered due to the rail being higher than the road. IF confirmed it had been considered in the design.
 - BH queried whether the phone line and optic had been included in the re-alignment. IF responded – optic fibre had been moved a few years previously and unsure if the copper line had been moved or not.
 - BM queried whether the road will be fenced off, IF confirmed it would, on completion of the road construction process.
 - BS queried whether an environmental / impact assessment had been conducted. IF advised that the MWRC carries out the design and that the impact assessment was part of the WEP EIS.
 - BM queried whether the project plan includes sealing the existing road (Eastern section) or relocate the road to the north of the railway. IF advised that this was still undecided and will update the CCC at the next meeting. Action item
 - 22/66kv transmission line realignment (east and west sections)
 - Nil queries.
 - 330kv deviation
 - Nil queries.
 - Pit 8
 - BS queried where the location of the satellite ROM Pad was. IF advised that this was considered in the EIS due to TKPH risk but at this stage was still undecided if required for operational purposes.
 - BM queried on the timeline of the haul road into Slate gully. IF confirmed that it would be completed mid-year.
- Tralee EL Application
 - Nil queries.
- Social Impact Management Plan
 - Awaiting signoff from the DP&E.
 - Action raised by BS for IF to circulate the approved SIMP once it has been signed off from the DP&E. Action.
- Rehabilitation
 - Rehabilitation strategy
 - BS queried the Pit 6 void between Moolarben and Wilpinjong Coal. IF explained that the Rehabilitation Strategy submitted to DP&E covers off on the potential cooperation between MCO and WCPL to combine the two proposed final voids each company has approval for, noting that due to the planned date this cooperation agreement is high level.
 - Rehabilitation performance completion

- Proposed rehabilitation performance and completion criteria to DP&E with plan to transition to local bench mark data. Indication from DP&E that to cover off on adequacy of rehab for the honeyeater habitat an independent Expert review would be required. WCPL awaits formal response/comment from DP&E.

Property Management

o Cemetery Access

- Confirmation that the MWRC has a Cemetery policy and the Cemeteries and Crematoria Act 2013 requires ongoing public access.
- BM queried whether we could put signage up at the church and communicate to the public via such mediums as the Mudgee Guardian, MWRC newsletter and added to the website.
- Action raised for IF to arrange for the signage to be erected at the church, and to arrange the communication to the public via WCPL website.

Property Management

- Demolition waste disposal
 - Nil queries.

9. GENERAL BUSINESS

Resignation of Gail Ratcliff

- GR announced that she has handed in her resignation and would not be in attendance to the next CCC meeting. The committee thanks Gail for her involvement the committee to date.

Bee Hive

- LM asked if Peabody had been contacted by OEH about placing a hive for the honey eater. KB confirmed that they have.

Available water supply for Wilpinjong

- BH asked how much water Wilpinjong Coal has in store to sustain operations without rain. IF advised approx. 12 months of water is currently stored onsite not taking into consideration the potential for further rain or groundwater interception?

Wollar Store

- BS asked for clarity around the Store acting as an Australia Post agent. BS advised that the notifications of parcels were not being left and the service had declined in general. BS to discuss with Australia Post and KP direct.

Ulan Wollar Road Covered 40km Sign

- BH raised the issue that the 40km speed sign had been covered with cardboard, however the lights are still blinking. IF advised that this was a MWRC question, and to raise it with the Council.

Public Toilet at Wollar store

- BS queried if the lights were on a 24/7 basis at the Wollar Store. IF confirmed that the lights had motion sensors and were in operation 24/7 for public access to the facilities.

Signage

- IF advised that approval has been granted by MWRC to install updated blasting signs and road closure co-ordination signs as part of Peabody's Traffic Management Plans.

Meeting Closed: 4:01pm

- Next Meetings:**
- Monday, 3 June 2019 – Wollar Store
 - Monday, 9 September 2019 – Wilpinjong Coal Mine site visit and tour
 - Monday, 9 December 2019 – (Mudgee / Christmas dinner) with venue to be advised.

ACTION LIST

Number	Action	Whom	By When
1.	Waste management from demolition program (including asbestos removal) to be addressed at every CCC meeting, and a notice placed on the Wollar Store noticeboard when conducting asbestos removal in the Wollar township.	IF	Ongoing / as required
2.	Communicate project modifications to the CCC.	IF	Ongoing
3.	Attended noise monitoring reports to be available in hard copy at each CCC meeting.	KB	Ongoing
4.	Follow up correspondence with TransGrid and request further information in regard to why the new power line towers are not being painted green.	LA	Next meeting
5.	Follow up and provide confirmation to BM regarding road access at Slate Gully once the infrastructure locations have been confirmed.	IF	Ongoing
6.	Cemetery access signage to be erected at the church and communicated to the public via the WCPL website.	IF	Next meeting
7.	Amendments to the December 2018 CCC Presentation and January 2019 CCC as discussed and redistributed to CCC.	KB	ASAP
8.	Community Donations and Sponsorship - add the category for each donation or sponsorship granted in future presentations.	KB	Next meeting
9.	Circulate the approved SIMP once it has been signed off from the DP&E.	IF	Upon DP&E approval