



# Wilpinjong Coal Mine Community Consultative Committee



## Meeting Minutes

### 1. PRESENT

|                                  |   |                         |                  |
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| <b>Independent Chairperson:</b>  | Lisa Andrews (LA)   | <b>Date &amp; Time:</b> | 9 September 2019 |
| <b>Venue:</b>                    | Wilpinjong Coal Mine  | <b>Minute Taker:</b>    | Julie Burns (JB) |
| <b>Committee Members:</b>        | Brian McDermott (BM), Bev Smiles (BS), Ian Flood (IF), Clark Potter (CP) alternative for Kieren Bennetts, Greg Lowe (GL) alternate for NPWS<br><i>[arrived at 2.05pm]</i> |                         |                  |
| <b>Invited Guests/Observers:</b> | Peter Grosvenor (Peabody)   |                         |                  |

### 2. APOLOGIES/ABSENT

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| <b>Apologies:</b> | Blair Jackson (BJ), Lisa Menke (LM) & Colin Faulkner (CF), Kieren Bennetts (KB), Bruce Hughes (BH), Scott Lillis (SL), Cr Des Kennedy (DK), Kim Peach (KP), |
| <b>Absent:</b>    | Nil.  |

### 3. WELCOME

Committee members attended a tour of the CHPP (1pm – 3pm) prior to the Community Consultative Committee. LA opened the meeting at 3.16pm welcomed all attendees to the Wilpinjong Coal Mine CCC and thanked Wilpinjong staff for facilitating the site tour.

### 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  
 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  
 Greg Lowe – National Parks & Wildlife  
 Bev Smiles – Community Member (Resident)  
 Cr Des Kennedy – Mayor Mid-Western Regional Council  
 Bruce Hughes –Community Member (Resident)

## 5. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE FINALISED MINUTES

### ACTION ITEMS

| ACTION LIST |   |         |                    |
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| Number      | Action  | Whom    | By When            |
| 1.          | Waste management from demolition program (including asbestos removal) to be addressed at every CCC meeting, and notification placed at Wollar Store when conducting asbestos removal in the Wollar township.  | IF      | Ongoing            |
| 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. (After repeated attempts to contact TransGrid and no response we are closing this out).   | LA      | Closed             |
| 5.          | Cemetery access signage to be erected at the church and communicated to the public via the WCPL website. (IF advised that upon advice from WCPL (legal team the Wollar Cemetery is not active - cannot accept any more burials, however the cemetery will remain accessible. Wording has been drafted sign to be erected).  | IF      | Next meeting       |
| 6.          | Circulate the approved SIMP once it has been signed off from the DP&E. (Still with the DPIE)  | IF      | Upon DP&E approval |
| 7.          | Once the updated MOP has been approved a copy to the CCC be circulated.   | KB      | Upon MOP approval  |
| 8.          | Tralee EL application – IF to come back to Committee via email on what the area of the new application in total hectares is. (IF presented the proposed allocation areas by handout)  | IF      | Closed             |
| 9.          | IF to review location of current blast notification sign on Wollar Rd near Wilpinjong Rd  | IF/KB   | Next meeting       |
| 10.         | BH to send through a photograph of the tags / identifiers of the extinguisher to KB. KB to investigate to see if it can be identified (BH sent through the identifiers, confirmed that the fire extinguisher was not one of the sites and could have come from anywhere, KB could not locate the discarded extinguisher to dispose of correctly item has been closed) | BH / KB | Closed             |

## 6. CORRESPONDENCE IN AND OUT

As per Meeting Notice, emailed on 31/8/19:

- 4/6/19 – Email from Karin Fogarty with a copy of her research presentation. This document was emailed out with the draft minutes.
- 6/6/19 – Email from IF providing the area of the ELA5804 (1175.48ha). This information was emailed out with the draft minutes.
- 21/6 /19 – Email to members with the draft minutes for review, including Action Item 11 response
- 2/7/19 – Email to members with the finalised minutes, copy of company presentation, Karin Fogarty’s research presentation and invitation to workshop.
- 2/7/19 – Minutes posted to Col Faulkner.
- 31/8/19 – Email to members with the Meeting Notice, Agenda & Correspondence Report for the meeting
- 31/8/19 – Same information to Col Faulkner via post.
- 2/9/19 – Email from BH with an apology for this meeting.
- 2/9/19 – Email from KB with an apology for this meeting.
- 8/9/19 – Email from KP with an apology for this meeting.

## 7. REPORT BY CLARK POTTER

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:

### Environmental monitoring overview

- Attended Noise Monitoring locations presented. No changes to noise monitoring was compliant from May to July. CP presented a condense summary of compliance.
- Attended noise monitoring – presented and supplied hard copies of the Attended Noise Monitoring and Summary of Compliance for May – July 2019. Noise levels from WCL complied with relevant noise limits at all monitoring locations.
- BS queried what IA stood for in the report. IF confirmed that IA is “in audible”

### Real time noise monitoring

- Map of the Real Time Noise Monitoring Locations.

### Blast / Vibration Monitoring

- Blast and Vibration monitoring results from May – July 2019 were presented; no exceedance of vibration or overpressure criteria throughout.
- Number of blasts for; May – July
  - Nil queries.

### Air Quality / Dust Monitoring

- Site remained compliant throughout the reporting period.
- CP noted that the Dust trends are creeping up since December due to present dry conditions. Still well under the project approval limit.
- BS questioned what the extreme weather criteria is. IF responded that each mine must comply with the EMS, which entails an Air Quality Management Plan. There is a TARP that includes wind speed, for blasting activities.

### RO Discharge Data

- No water discharged off site since November 2018.
  - Nil queries.

### Operational downtime

- Presented graphs of lost time including breakdown of data by pit and casuals factor. Pit 3 & 7 have been the worst effected for lost time, due to as small amount of rain and noise.
  - Nil queries.

### Rehabilitation Update

- PC presented Drone pictures of the WCL Rehabilitation Food print.
- BS raised a question on if/when WCPL proposed to move Cumbo creek. CP responded to create a new creek you need to prove constructability, how likely it is to succeed. and prove the success. IF confirmed that the required baseline data is captured via current monitoring programs.

### Exploration

- Update given on exploration program on 2019 plan. CP noted that above ground sump methods would be utilised.
  - BS asked how long the results took to come back from analysis. CP advised 6-9 months

### Community

- Complaints data presented. Total of 6 complaints for period 2 June 2019 – 6 September. One for noise and 3 blast 1 Traffic and Visual Amenity.
  - BS asked if the Community complaint hotline was at cost to the caller. CP to come back and confirm
- Community Donations and sponsorships from the past quarter was presented. Breakdown over the period was; totalling \$8,000.00
  - Nil queries

## 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
- MLA1779 currently in the MOP. MOP currently available on the web. IF took an action to send out the MOP.
- MLA 515 is awaiting Minister sign off. Once signed off it will be included in the MOP. Query raised if MLA515 was Crown Land. IF confirmed that it is.
- DPIE have confirmed that the proposed pit 8 Disturbance boundary modification is general in accordance, WCPL currently updating management plans with new figures.

### Infrastructure projects

- Ulan-Wollar Road re-alignment
- 22/66kv transmission line realignment (east and west sections) is now operational.
  - Nil queries.
- Pit 8 on track, awaiting issue of MLA515 to allow cutting between pit 3 and pit 8

### Tralee EL Application

- IF gave an update of Tralee ELA
- Market interest concludes 18 Sept, indications of 1 interested party.
- Decision due early 2020.

### Social Impact Management Plan

- DPIE review comments received and responded to. Main points were around Australia Post services and RFS support.
  - Nil queries

### Rehabilitation

- Rehabilitation Strategy; DPIE comments received and responded to.
  - Nil queries

### Property Management

- Spring baiting program completed by 22<sup>nd</sup> September
- Aligns with the Munghorn ground baiting program
  - BS asked if group baiting was extending this to Pig trapping baiting, or on feral animal and obnoxious weeds. IF suggested that this was the plan by LLS
  - GL advised the 1080 is heavily policed by the EPA.

## 9. GENERAL BUSINESS

### Water Balance:

- Northern bore fields are supplying to the dam near Cumbo Shed, about 4 bores currently operating, one near Moolarben. IF indicated that they are currently supplying about 0.85ML per day noting that currently the council road work is drawing from this dam for the road realignment.
- BS raised the concern of bush fire season coming up and questioned if WCPL had enough water to assist with possible fires around Wollar and surrounding areas. IF suggested that at present water supply is available.

### 1300 Number

- BS enquired whether there is a cost when you ring the 1300 number. IF unsure. **Action Item**

National Parks & Wildlife Service

- GL gave an update on hazard reduction notifications.

Department of Planning name change

- LA advised that the Department of Planning has changed its name to Department of Planning, Industry & Environment (DPIE).

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| <b>Meeting Closed:</b> 4:19pm |   |
| <b>Next Meetings:</b>         | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• LA requested that the meeting originally set down for Monday, 9th December 2019, be brought forward one week to 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2019. No objects raised. It was noted that the meeting will be held in Mudgee and incorporate the Christmas dinner). Venue to be confirmed.</li></ul> |

**Post Script:** *The following question was asked by BS following the meeting:*

At the June meeting it was reported that proposed changes to the Noise Management Plan (NMP) were being submitted to the regulators. Has this occurred? If so, when was it submitted? A response was provided by CP:

The draft Noise Management Plan has not been submitted to DPIE at this time. The NMP will be sent to DPIE as soon as the full review of all management plans is complete. This is likely to be in October, subject of course to any third-party assistance that may be required.

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| 10.                | Confirm Quarter 4 CCC meeting date and venue.  | IF/LA       | Next meeting       |