



# Wilpinjong Coal Mine Community Consultative Committee



## Meeting Minutes

### 1. PRESENT

<b>Independent Chairperson:</b>	Lisa Andrews (LA)	<b>Date &amp; Time:</b>	2 December 2019
<b>Venue:</b>	Oriental Hotel, Mudgee	<b>Minute Taker:</b>	Julie Burns (JB)
<b>Committee Members:</b>	Bev Smiles (BS), Colin Faulkner (CF), Kim Peach (KP), Bruce Hughes (BH), Scott Lillis (SL), Ian Flood (IF), Kieren Bennetts (KB)		
<b>Invited Guests/Observers:</b>	Clark Potter (CP), Josh Frappell (JF) & James Heesterman (JH)		

### 2. APOLOGIES/ABSENT

<b>Apologies:</b>	Blair Jackson (BJ), Lisa Menke (LM), Brian McDermott (BM), Cr Des Kennedy (DK)		
<b>Absent:</b>	Nil.		

### 3. WELCOME

Committee members gathered at the Oriental Hotel Mudgee for the last Community Consultative Committee (CCC) meeting. LA opened the meeting at 4.04pm and welcomed all attendees to the Wilpinjong Coal Mine CCC.

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

## 5. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE FINALISED MINUTES

### ACTION ITEMS

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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. (Hard copy reports were supplied and available at the meeting)	KB	Ongoing
4.	Cemetery access signage to be erected at the church and communicated to the public via the WCPL website. (Legal have supplied further clarification on draft signage to be erected)	IF	Next meeting
5.	Circulate the approved SIMP once it has been signed off from the DP&E. (this has been electronically sent on the 25/10/19 and hard copies were delivered to Wollar Store)	IF	Close
6.	Once the updated MOP has been approved a copy to the CCC be circulated. (KB confirmed that this updated MOP has been uploaded to the Wilpinjong web page, link in presentation and two copies placed at the Wollar Store)	KB	Upon MOP approval
7.	IF to review location of current blast notification sign on Wollar Rd near Wilpinjong Rd (IF confirmed that the sign will be relocated further south – away from the corner)	IF/KB	Next meeting
8.	IF to send out map of MLA515. (Map of MLA515 presented in the Property & Approvals presentation in Sept meeting and sent out with Sept minutes)	IF	Next meeting
9.	Confirm Quarter 4 CCC meeting date and venue (complete)	IF/LA	Closed
10.	Check 1300 numbers to see if there is a charged associated with ringing it. (KB confirmed that it is the cost of a local call)	IF	Next meeting

## 6. CORRESPONDENCE IN AND OUT

As per Meeting Notice, emailed on 30/11/19:

- 11/09/19 - Email from BS requesting further information on the Noise Management Plan review. This was forwarded on to Wilpinjong to response.
- 16/09/19 - Email from CP with response that all management plans are undergoing review and hope to be submitted in October 2019.
- 25/09/19 - Email to members with the draft minutes for review
- 02/10/19 - Email to members with the finalised minutes and presentations.
- 02/10/19 - Minutes posted to Col Faulkner.
- 25/10/19 - Email to members advising that the SIMP was approved by DPIE on 21/10/19.
- 31/10/19 - Email from BH requesting 2 hard copies of the SIMP for the Wollar Progress Association. This email forwarded on to Ian Flood for action.
- 18/11/19 - Email to members with the Meeting Notice, Agenda & Correspondence Report for the meeting
- 18/11/19 - Same information to Col Faulkner via post.
- 30/11/19 – Email to members reminder of upcoming meeting and Christmas dinner

## 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:

### Mine Operations Plan Approval

- MOP amendment approved by the DPIE on the 26<sup>th</sup> November 2019 and is approved until 31/12/20
- Amendment allows for access to the recently approved mining lease ML1795
- The MOP Amendment A can be found on the Wilpinjong mine site.

### Aerial photograph

- Updated photograph provided from November 2019. KB described that the main work is in Pit 6, Pit 5 North slowed up and Pit 5 South planned activity has slowed, Pit 1 has some activity to the south.
- Pit 2 capping of the tailings dam
- Pit 4 complete
- Pit 3 north eastern – Haul road and ML 1795
- BS queried when the Heavy vehicles will be entering Pit 8, KB advised it would be mid-month (Dec).

### Environmental monitoring overview

- Attended Noise Monitoring locations presented.
- On the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> of August there were 3 WCPL audible at sites; N6, N13, N14.
- On the 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> of September WCPL was audible at site; N13.
- On the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> of October there were 4 WCPL audible at site; N6, N13, N14, N20.
- Attended noise monitoring – presented and supplied hard copies of the Attended Noise Monitoring and Summary of Compliance for Aug – October 2019. Noise levels from WCPL complied with relevant noise limits at all monitoring locations.

### Real time noise monitoring

- Map of the Real Time Noise Monitoring Locations.
- BS queried noise monitoring plan with Ringwood road and Mogo road

### Blast / Vibration Monitoring

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

### Air Quality / Dust Monitoring

- Site remained compliant throughout the reporting period.
- CF queried how the dust events get monitored and what the trigger for a regional dust event is. EPA provide publicly available air quality data, which demonstrate regional dust events.
- BS queried whether there had been a visit from the EPA. KB advised WCPL recently had a visit from the EPA (3 weeks previous). Also noted that the EPA doesn't have to come on site, they also use drones and often do unannounced perimeter inspections and noise monitoring.
- BH queried if WCPL has received any formal compliance notices. KB advised that none had been received.
- SL asked if WCPL could supply year on year graph of the results from the TEOM monitoring.

#### 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 causal factor. Total lost time from the 5<sup>th</sup> September – 28<sup>th</sup> November has been 894 hours Pit 6 (20%) & 7 (25%) have been the worst effected for lost time, due to as Lightning and Noise
- Slide amendment to the Pit 4 lost time graph the labels are incorrect, Noise should be moved noise current on lightning Slide 32. KB to update presentation.
- BS raise the question on Pit 8 having 74% down time due to noise when it's not actually operational. IF discussed that Pit 8 downtime also includes infrastructure works in pit 3 north associated with the progression into Pit 8.

#### Rehabilitation Update

- Presented aerial overview of WCPL's Rehabilitation footprint.
- WCPL rehabilitated 121 hectares in 2019, a fantastic result.
- Planning for 138 hectares of rehabilitation in 2020
- Currently sowing a cover crop in rehabilitation areas to cover exposed areas with the intention of reseeding with native species in 2020.
- SL gave a suggestion on sowing of native seed with the crop, the native seed would remain viable in the topsoil for extended periods and germinate in appropriate conditions. BH asked if the crop should have a protective coat or product, SL replied that it is not required as the native seed is naturally adapted to extended dormancy.
- Capping is complete on Tailings dam 5 allowing for consolidating and settlement WCPL are targeting rehabilitation of the dam in 2020

#### Wilpinjong Creek Revegetation works

- The purpose of the revegetation works is for erosion control and resilience enhancement.
- 1400 Endemic species tube stock have been planted along the creek, selected species are ;
  - Yellow Box Community
  - Rough Barked Apple Community
  - Blakely's Community

#### Exploration

- Update given on 2019 exploration program.

#### Community

- Complaints data presented. Total of 8 complaints from 5 complainants for period 9 September 2019 – 30 November. 3 for noise, 3 dust, 1 odour and 1 Traffic
- Community Donations and sponsorships from the past quarter was presented. Breakdown over the period was; totalling \$65,259.50
  - 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

- MLA515 – now ML1795 - granted 27 September 2019
- MOP amendment approved 26 Nov 2019
- Colliery Holding Boundary amendment to incorporate ML1795 with remaining ML's approved
- Ulan-Wollar Road re-alignment – western section currently waiting road opening plan for registering as a road from the MWRC.
- 22/66kv transmission line realignment (east and west sections) is complete
- IF presented Pit 3 to Pit 8 ridge cutting to show the profile and redesign process
- BH asked if the haul road and public road are close to each other. IF confirmed they are but would have a fence and bund separating them.
- BH requested consideration to extend the eastern road re-alignment to Mogo road boom gates. Would this increase the disturbance EEC impact. IF to review request.

### Water Sharing

- Progressing water sharing arrangement with Moolarben. BS queried if it was an internal agreement between Moolarben and WCPL. IF confirmed it was.
- Would provide water for use within operational water management system
- Potentially up to 6 ML/day when required
- Via direct transfer pipeline within PA boundary of both operations

### Tralee EL Application

- IF gave an update of Tralee ELA
- ELA 5804 – DRG in market interest test process complete
- Likely end up under the Strategic Release framework
- Decision due early 2020.

### Social Impact Management Plan

- BS & SL expressed their disappointment in the SIMP and the effect the mine has on Wollar as a town.
- BS inquired if there will be continued support with the current fires that effect the Wollar and surrounding communities. IF confirmed that there would be, however it is up to the RFS to deploy resources where is needed. WCPL will work with the RFS to make sure that there are resources when we have the coverage. IF presented WCPL's RFS participation
- BS asked the questions on the possibilities if the Wollar General Store closed.
  - Would they maintain postal services? IF explained that this is an Australia Post service and it would be up to them. IF to request a representative from Australia Post to attend the next CCC meeting.
  - Where in the village would information be available when the shop closes? IF responded that the Wollar store breezeway could still be used.

### Property Management

- Spring Weed Control Program, Focus on Sweet Briar – due to dry conditions. Another target area is 'Tree of Heaven' in Wollar – in consultation with Col Faulkner
- Pig Trapping
  - Currently trapping along Wilpinjong Creek
  - Lessee's also participating
  - Working with LLS to secure blood samples for disease mapping project

## 9. GENERAL BUSINESS

### RFS Fuel Tank

- BH commented on if Wilpinjong would purchase a fuel tank for the use of the RFS whilst fighting fires around Wollar village. IF advised the committee that they could lodge a Community Donation request to the Wilpinjong Donation committing, outlining the request and how the tank would be managed with the RFS and how the risk would be managed having the fuel tank accessible.
- CF advised that on 20<sup>th</sup> November around 3pm a blast shook his house and felt very large. KB advise that the vibration was within the approval limits.
- CF queried if the Pit 4 Cumbo Creek pump was deeper than the creek. KB responded that Put 2 sits at an angle and any water ail flow down to Pit 4.
- KB thanked the committee for the efforts in 2019, and wishes everyone a safe and happy Christmas.

<b>Meeting Closed:</b>	6:18pm with LA thanking all members for their attendance and contribution throughout 2019. Wishing them a merry Christmas and happy new year.
<b>Meeting Schedule for 2020:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Monday 16th March 2020</li> <li>Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June 2020</li> <li>Monday 14<sup>th</sup> September 2020 – Tour of Wilpinjong, focus on Rehabilitation; and</li> <li>Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2020</li> </ul>

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6.	Slide amendment to the Pit 4 lost time graph. KB to update and email out to members.	KB	Next Meeting
7.	Organise Australia Post representative to attend the next CCC meeting	IF	Next Meeting
8.	Consider the eastern section of the Ulan-Wollar road realignment to extend through to Mogo Road.	IF	Next Meeting