



Wilpinjong Coal Mine Community Consultative Committee



Meeting Minutes

1. PRESENT

Independent Chairperson:	Lisa Andrews (LA)	Date & Time:	16 March 2020, 2:06pm
Venue:	Wollar General Store, Wollar	Minute Taker:	Melanie Thomas-Grimes
Committee Members:	Colin Faulkner (CF), Kim Peach (KP), Bruce Hughes (BH), Scott Lillis (SL), Ian Flood (IF), Kieren Bennetts (KB), Blair Jackson (BJ) and Brian McDermott (BM),		
Observer:	Bob Clarke (BC)		

2. APOLOGIES/ABSENT

Apologies:	Lisa Menke (LM), Cr Des Kennedy (DK), Bev Smiles (BS) and Julie Burns (JB).
Absent:	Nil.

3. WELCOME

Committee members have gathered at the Wollar General Store for the first 2020 Community Consultative Committee (CCC) meeting. LA opened the meeting at 2:06pm and welcomed all attendees. Mentioned that Bob Clarke was in attendance as an observer and Melanie Thomas-Grimes would be minute taker for absent Julie Burns.

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
 Melanie Thomas-Grimes – WEP Administration – 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 [alternate delegate]
 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
 Colin Faulkner (CF) Community Member (Resident)

5. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE FINALISED MINUTES

ACTION ITEMS

ACTION LIST			
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 confirming availability of the asbestos contractors)	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 available at the Wollar Store for BS)	KB	Ongoing
4.	Cemetery access signage to be erected at the church and communicated to the public via the WCPL website. (Signage not finalised)	IF	Ongoing
5.	Year on year graph of the results from the TEOM monitoring. (Included in the Environment and Community presentation)	KB	Closed
6.	Slide amendment to the Pit 4 lost time graph. KB to update and email out to members.	KB	Closed
7.	Organise Australia Post Representative to attend the next CCC meeting (Australia Post declined meeting invite. Included in Property and Approvals presentation)	IF	Ongoing
8.	Consider the eastern section of the Ulan-Wollar road realignment to extend through to Mogo Road. (Has been noted as a potential opportunity, road works have been delayed until 2024)	IF	Closed

6. CORRESPONDENCE IN AND OUT

As per Meeting Notice, emailed on 13/03/20:

- 4/1/20 – Email to members with the finalised minutes and presentations & Have a Chat dates for 2020.
- 4/1/20 – Minutes posted to Col Faulkner.
- 3/3/20 – Email to members with the Meeting Notice, Agenda & Correspondence Report for the meeting
- 11/3/20 – Same information to Col Faulkner via post.
- 11/3/20 – *Email from Bev Smiles with apology and a request for list of issues to be raised at this CCC. This request forwarded through to KB for action. BS list will be addressed by KB in this meeting presentation.
- 13/3/20 – Email to members with a reminder for this meeting and note RE: Advised by Ian Flood, that Wilpinjong is preparing a minor modification to the WEP Project regarding additional water sources. IF will be providing the CCC with further information at this meeting.

*Questions from Bev Smiles:

- When will sealing of the remaining gravel road on Wollar side of mine occur? – the road surface is very rough and potholed.
- Report from EPA recent visit to Wollar – was there official communication with mine after the investigation?
- Demolition Plan – there was an undertaking to provide the CCC with a demolition plan once the SIMP had been approved. December 2019 CCC reported that additional commitments would commence in 2020. When will a demolition plan for buildings in Wollar Village be presented?
- Traffic hold-ups with blasting. On 3 March, local residents were held up for one hour between 2pm & 3pm on Ulan-Wollar Rd with blasting road closure. It is understood that the road was closed for 3 hrs on 2 March.
- These prolonged road closures are inconvenient and have possible serious implications for emergency service vehicle access.
- How will blast management be improved to limit inconvenience to community members and other road users?

Answers to these questions were provided in the presentations, however, for clarity are documented separately in General Business.

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 2020.

Environmental monitoring overview

- Attended Noise Monitoring locations presented.
- On the 18-19 November 2019 there were 5 WCPL audible at sites; N6, N15, N17, N20 and N21.
- On the 9-10 December 2019 there were 3 WCPL audible at sites; WCPL was audible at site; N13, N15 and N 21.
- On the 15 – 16 January 2020 there were 2 WCPL audible at site; N13, N21.
- Attended noise monitoring – presented and supplied hard copies of the Attended Noise Monitoring and Summary of Compliance for November 2019 – January 2020. Noise levels from WCPL complied with relevant noise limits at *all* monitoring locations.
- No discussion on slides 1-19

Real time noise monitoring

- Map of the Real Time Noise Monitoring Locations.

Blast / Vibration Monitoring

- Blast and vibration monitoring results from November 2019– January 2020 were presented; no exceedance of vibration or overpressure criteria throughout.
- 49 blasts for November 2019– January 2020
 - Nil queries.
- Slide (20-22) didn't include Compliance line, this can be included for future use.

Air Quality / Dust Monitoring

- Site remained compliant throughout the reporting period.
- BM queried has the monitoring gear in Slate Gully been decommissioned. KB response, Yes.
- LA asked if SL was happy with data presented. Response Yes

Surface Water & Discharge Monitoring

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

Water Event – February 2020

- Water event on 19/2/2020 – fully reported to EPA and corrective actions taken by site.
- BH queried was there any toxic substances in water that went off site? KB Response No. Samples were taken after the event both up stream and downstream and there was minimal difference between water composition samples.
- CF queried what is the chance of future possibility of it happening again? KB response unlikely as now have a 2 megalitre dam with pumps in place now. The displacement of the pumper during the rain event due to lighting has been resolved by the redesign of the dams with pumps.
- CF queried where does that water get pumped to? KB response all back into other onsite holding points (dams).

Operational downtime

- Presented graphs of lost time including breakdown of data by pit and causal factor. Total lost time from the 29th November – 10th March 2020 has been 3587.83 hours Pit 6 (26%) & the ROM (19%) have been the worst effected for lost time.
- Nil queries.

Rehabilitation Update

- Presented aerial overview of WCPL's Rehabilitation footprint.
- WCPL planning for 138 hectares of rehabilitation in 2020
- BH states his observation of the collection of fallen trees at Hillview. Discussion arose over the need for fallen logs to satisfy the Biometric Vegetation Types for Wilpinjong's final landuse.
- CF queried what happened to logs from previously fallen trees. KB response they have been mulched. Also stated that different final landuse outcomes were in place prior to the approval of the WEP.
- BM queried how much water was stored on site. KB response 1,000 -1,100 megalitres, company is comfortable with amount on hand, even with no rainfall there is sufficient supply for operations until 2021.
- BM queried flow rate achieved on bore at Cumbo locality. BJ responded 3-4L / sec. found water at depth of approx. 30m.

Exploration

- Update given on 2020 exploration program.

Community

- Complaints data presented. Total of 18 complaints for period 2 December 2019 – 9 March 2020. 13 for noise, 1 noise & dust, 2 odour & spon com, dust 1 and 1 for vibration / overpressure.
- KB addressed all Bev Smiles emailed (11.03.2020) questions (see correspondence report*).
- KB queried lack of information surrounding who claimed the road was closed for 3 hours during planned blasts on 2nd March. If that person can contact him or company to provide first hand details of their delay.
- Discussions on this topic included the possibility it was the "lollipop" sign person that may have informed a driver of their estimated time on their traffic control job, on this day.
- BM queried the possibility that there were 2 blasts on this day for the Ridge cutting and in pit and that the road may not have been closed for the second blast. However, dates for the ridge cutting blast are not consistent with the complaint day.
- BH queried what will female travellers do if held up for prolonged periods of times during blasting if they need to use the toilet? IF responds that Blast Management Plan (BMP) does not include these types of scenario.
- KB acknowledged that the actual time closed on the day was longer than normal, due to ARTC processes. This has been addressed for future closures.
- Community Donations and sponsorships from the past quarter was presented. Breakdown over the period was; totalling \$63,760.00
- 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:

Mining Lease Applications

- MLA3 – yet to be lodged and is approx. 5 years away in the mining schedule.

Wilpinjong Extension Project - Water Sharing

- Not progressed on back of Moolarban and Ulan having no capacity to commit.

Wilpinjong Extension Project – Infrastructure Projects

- Ulan-Wollar Road re-alignment – eastern section delayed until approximately 2025
- Finishing of last section of gravel was delayed due to water constraints – work will recommence in Mar and expect to be finished about the end of April 2020.
- Nil queries

Wilpinjong Extension Project

- Presented pictures of Pit 3 to Pit 8 – ridge cutting and haul road
- Pit 8 Blasting details
- Nil queries

Proposed Water Supply Modifications

- Propose extraction of groundwater from 3 bores at Hillview and conversion of current S&D bore at Tralee.
- Minimal environmental impact expected - minimal disturbance, avoidance of heritage items or ecological features.
- BM queried where would surface pipes go, under the railway line? IF responded - no, needs to go under railway or over tracks and showed proposed pipe route on maps.
- BH enquired whether the pipes would be buried under ground? IF responds - no they will only be under ground when it crossed the road, otherwise sit on surface. Displayed example photo
- BH queried the fire / heat resistance rating of pipes. IF responded that will be an operational risk to be managed.

Tralee EL Application

- ELA 5804 not yet determined; likely to end up under the Strategic Release Framework

Australia Post

- IF has been in contact with Network Manager – request passed to the Delivery Manager but no contact made with IF prior to this meeting. IF now has contact details and will extend a direct invite to the Delivery Manager with aim to invite to next CCC meeting in June 2020.
- BH queried if it would help if the Progress Association sends a letter to Aust. Post in addition to company communication. IF to provide the contact details. (Action 7.)

Property Management

- Blue Heliotrope targeted since rain.
- Pig trapping along Wilpinjong Creek and Cumbo Creek (trial site with LLS)
- Dog trapping along Wilpinjong Creek, around Cumbo Valley and Tichular Valley
- Continue transition works for WEP offset areas to return to NPWS
- Wollar Solar:
 - Peabody and Wollar Solar Development are working together on finalising agreements to facilitate the construction of the Wollar Solar Farm.
 - Peabody are pleased to be able to work with the renewable energy industry to use that land to support a project that is compatible with coal mining activities.

WCPL – FRS participation

- IF presented WPCL's involvement with Cooks Gap RFS since last meeting particularly relating to the recent fire devastation;
- Provided 2 trucks and associated crew (fire ground captain and crew members) for 2 weeks to control daytime activities at Poggy Creek fire
- Numerous employees (25+) attended fires in local area and as part of RAFT teams on north and south coast
- Barigan Road power pole (2 people and truck)
- Direct donation of \$1719.60 to Gulgong RFS from Blue Crew production team
 - LA congratulates Peabody personnel on their BBQ RFS donation. "Well done"

9. GENERAL BUSINESS

- BH queried was it correct that there is an Open Day BBQ at Rocky Hill for Registered Aboriginal Parties (RAP) and will it be open to others i.e. CCC or other registered aboriginal parties? KB responded it might be possible to open at another time if others are interested. Interested parties should contact the mine to organise.
- Discussion included query is Rocky Hill site to be destroyed, IF response Yes after completion of the required management and mitigation actions contained within the approved Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Management Plan
- BM queried what / where is Rocky Hill? IF response vegetative rock hill in the centre of Pit 8, 2 rock shelters
- BM queried is there rock art on it? IF responded yes, some hand paintings are on it.
- CF queried if the little bats have been studied? IF response - yes and described the monitoring of species and habitat are in place, it's known that they have a roosting site in Pit 8 and not a breeding site. Stabilising work on the entry to their habitat (old mine entrance) is in place and still remains stable after blasts. IF will provide photos of the bats and pipe in place. (Action 8)
- CF queried cracks are occurring in front of Catholic Church with mortar falling out. Will there be anything done? IF responded that we are still waiting for the Catholic Diocese to action / respond to their option to remove the church, in the first 5-year period from date of current agreement.
- CF queried fence on western side of creek is falling down, posts are popping out of ground, can the fence be given some attention? IF will look at the fence. (Action 9)
- CF queried when the mine leaves can the common ground paddock (240 acres) be given back to Progress Association? IF and LA responded that this can be considered at the end of the mine life.
- BM queried who owns cattle grid at top of the lane going into Barigan / Wandoona? IF response MWRC. IF will confirm ownership of the grid with MWRC. (Action 10) Discussion included that the grid is in a dangerous condition and needs repair. Located before the turn to Maree Rd and Tichular Rd
- KB comments that there may need to be some flexibility with the next meeting due to the evolving Corona Virus situation. LA to keep CCC members informed.
- BH queried that the grass in the village needs cutting. IF response that he has already talked to Lynchy and arranged for mowing to occur.

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The Ulan Wollar Road re-alignment (eastern section) has been delayed until approximately 2025. The existing road alignment works are ongoing, with completion expected April 2020.
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The EPA have not communicated to Wilpinjong regarding a recent visit to Wollar.
- Demolition Plan – there was an undertaking to provide the CCC with a demolition plan once the SIMP had been approved. December 2019 CCC reported that additional commitments would commence in 2020. When will a demolition plan for buildings in Wollar Village be presented?

As per the SIMP, Peabody are committed to demolishing a minimum of 5 houses per year and advising the community via the CCC and Community Notice Board at Wollar Store. It has not yet been determined which 5 properties or engaged the required contractors – although it is understood that due to the recent bush fires, asbestos removal contractors are hard to engage.

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3 March 2020 -road was closed for one hour, due to ARTC process change in rail possession protocol.

2 March 2020 –road was closed for one hour and 15 minutes -result of blasting product misfire.

- These prolonged road closures are inconvenient and have possible serious implications for emergency service vehicle access.

Procedures are in place to allow for the passing of emergency vehicles in an emergency scenario to pass through.

- How will blast management be improved to limit inconvenience to community members and other road users?

Continue to manage in accordance with the approved Blast Management Plan, additionally reviewing road possession procedures with contract traffic controllers, taking into consideration ARTC requirements to minimise road traffic disruptions.

Meeting Closed:	3:35pm with LA thanking all members for their attendance.
Next Meetings:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Monday 1st June 2020 • Monday 14th September 2020 – Tour of Wilpinjong, focus on Rehabilitation. • Monday 23rd November 2020

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5.	Organise Australia Post Representative to attend the next CCC meeting	IF	Ongoing
6.	Provide contact details of Aust. Post Delivery Manager to BH	IF	Next meeting
7.	Provide summary of bats and pipes with photos etc	IF	Next meeting
8.	Inspection of the fence on western side of Wollar creek, behind park	IF	Next meeting
9.	Confirm ownership of cattle grid going into Wondoona (top of lane, at Barigan located before the turn to Maree Rd and Tichular Rd)	IF	Next meeting