



# Wilpinjong Coal Mine Community Consultative Committee



## Meeting Minutes

### 1. PRESENT

<b>Independent Chairperson:</b>	Lisa Andrews (LA)	<b>Date &amp; Time:</b>	07/03/2022, 01:04 PM
<b>Venue:</b>	Wollar Store, Wollar NSW	<b>Minute Taker:</b>	Shonni Goonrey (SG)
<b>Committee Members:</b>	Ian Flood (IF), Bev Smiles (BS), Brian McDermott (BM), Scott Lillis (SL), Kieren Bennetts (KB), Lisa Menke (LM), Cr Katie Dicker (KD)		
<b>Invited Guests/Observers:</b>	Josh Frappell (JF), Rod Smith (RD), Rod Pryor (RP), Tian Oosthuizen (TO)		

### 2. APOLOGIES/ABSENT

<b>Apologies:</b>	Cr Des Kennedy (DS), Jacques du Toit (JD), Scott Lillis (SL), Kim Peach (KP), Bruce Hughes (BH)
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### 3. WELCOME

LA opened the meeting at 1.04pm and welcomed all attendees. Stating that the proposed site inspection set down for this day had been postponed to September, due to the recent inclement weather. LA introduced TO, who joined the E & C team in January 2022, inviting him to introduce himself to the committee. LA also welcomed RS who will be the NPWS alternate delegate and RP local resident from Wollar.

LA acknowledged the passing of community representative Col Faulkner and held a moment of silence to contemplate and reflect on Col's friendship, life and contribution to the community of Wollar.

### 4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Lisa Andrews – Independent Chair approved by Director General of Department of Planning and Environment (DP&E), engaged by Peabody  
 Shonni Goonrey – Compliance Officer, Wilpinjong Coal  
 Josh Frappell – Environmental Advisor, 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)  
 Bev Smiles – Community Member (Resident)  
 Bruce Hughes – Community Member (Resident)  
 Lisa Menke – Manager NSW National Parks & Wildlife Service Mudgee Area  
 Katie Dicker - MWRC Councillor (alternate for Des Kennedy)  
 Rob Smith - NSW National Parks & Wildlife Service - Goulburn River NP & Munghorn Gap NR Ranger  
 Cr Des Kennedy – MWRC Councillor  
 Kim Peach - Community Member (Resident) & former Wollar Store operator  
 Tian Oosthuizen – Compliance Manager, Wilpinjong Coal

## 5. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE FINALISED MINUTES

Review of action items from last meeting

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) Send emails to notify- hasn't selected houses yet.	IF	Ongoing
2.	Communicate project modifications to the CCC. (IF) Nil to discuss.	IF	Ongoing
3.	Attended noise monitoring reports to be available in hard copy at each CCC meeting.	KB	ongoing
4.	Confirm if the old Bakery and old General Store has fuel tanks in the ground. IF confirmed that the selections of houses to be demolished does not include the old Bakery and General Store, item on hold until such time that these properties are selected.	IF	On hold
5.	Does Australia Post need to be provided with additional addresses for RFS? In Presentation- (IF) spoke to Troy Porter RFS waiting on response waiting on suggestion regarding fuel.	IF	Next Meeting
6.	Follow up with Troy Porter from RFS regarding refuelling for RFS, consider Peabody's liability if supplying fuel after the store closes.	IF	Next Meeting
7.	Detail production tonnes for the last 12 months and what is the remaining LOM? Discussed at the December 2022 CCC meeting – December 2021 minutes amended to include (Previous 12 months production tonnes - 14.5MT & remaining LOM - 83MT)	KB	Next meeting

## 6. CORRESPONDENCE IN AND OUT (AS EMAILED 24/2/22 WITH 3 ADDITIONAL ITEMS)

- 24/12/21 – Email to members with the draft minutes from the extraordinary meeting for review.
- 11/1/22 - Email to members with the finalised minutes
- 11/1/22 – Minutes posted to Col Faulkner
- 24/1/22 – Email to members advising of Col Faulkner's passing.
- 25/1/21 – Email to MWRC requesting confirmation of its delegate on this CCC.
- 2/2/22 – Email to members attaching the ARTC track work notification calendar for 2022.
- 21/2/22 – Email from MWRC advising that Cr Kennedy is the delegate on this CCC and Cr Dicker is the alternate delegate.
- 24/2/22 – Email to members with the Meeting Notice, Agenda & Correspondence Report for the meeting.
- 26/2/22 – Email to members confirming site tour, seeking shoe sizes and approval for two observers.
- 4/3/22 – Email to members with site PPE requirements.
- 4/3/22 – Letter to MWRC regarding reducing the speed limit on Wollar Rd.

## 7. REPORT BY KIEREN BENNETTS

### Presentation Overview

- February 2022 Aerial overview of Wilpinjong Coal. (BS) what's the new overburden area in the middle of the mine site? Is it material stored for rehab? (IF) there aren't any new dump locations. (JF) Potentially it could be the Elevated Waste Emplacement Area to back fill the rail loop and admin area. (IF) this emplacement has approval to go to approx. RL450m, with a final maximum height of RL440m. (BS) Wollar Road is closed, potentially noticed it as we are now travelling on the Ulan-Wollar Road more.

- Environmental Monitoring Overview
  - Attended Noise Monitoring
  - Real-time Noise Monitoring locations
  - Blast Monitoring / Vibration Monitoring
  - Dust Monitoring
  - Surface water and RO Discharge Data
  - Operational Downtime
  - Environmental Management Plan Updates
  - 2021 / 2022 Exploration Program
  - Rehabilitation Update
  - Community - Complaints, Donations & Consultation

**Wilpinjong Coal - Current Aerial February 2022**

- Map provided

**Environmental Monitoring Overview**

- Attended Noise Monitoring Locations - Map provided of locations.
- Attended Noise Monitoring 1-2 December 2021- Summary of results displayed.
- Attended Noise Monitoring - WCPL Audible 1-2 December 2021- Map provided of locations.
- Attended Noise Monitoring - Machinery in Operation- Table provided.
- Modifying Factors- EPA 'Noise Policy for Industry'. (BS) Discussion on attended noise monitoring and how low frequency noise assessment is undertaken during the monitoring event. KB to provide further information at the next CCC.
- Attended Noise Monitoring - Summary of Compliance 1-2 December 2021.
- Attended Noise Monitoring 27-28 January 2022- Summary of results displayed on table.
- Attended Noise Monitoring - WCPL Audible 27-28 January 2022- Map displayed
- Attend Noise Monitoring - Machinery in Operation 27-28 January 2022.
- Attended Noise Monitoring - Summary of Compliance 27-28 January 2022

**Current Real Time Noise Monitoring Locations - Map displayed**

- Blast/ Vibration Monitoring November 2021- January 2022- Overpressure Monitoring Results
- Blast/ Vibration Monitoring November 2021- January 2022- Vibration Monitoring Results

**Air Quality- Depositional Dust Gauge Location - Map presented**

- Air Quality Depositional Dust - Monitoring Trends End January 2022
- High Volume Air Sampler - Monitoring Trends End January 2022
- TEOM Locations
- TEOM - Monitoring Trends end of January 2022. (BS) what about PM2.5? (KB) we don't have compliance criteria. We are required to monitor and report on in the Annual Review.

### **Surface Water and Discharge Monitoring- Summary November 2021**

- Monthly Discharge Data - November 2021
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- Monthly Discharge Data - January 2022. (BS) What's happening with all the water on the mine site? (KB) We are discharging excess water via the RO Plant and evaporators.

### **Operational Downtime**

- Lost time- approx. 7559.9 hrs Diggers, Loader and Dozer Hours 8 December 2021- 1 March 2022
- Presented:
- Lost Time by location
- Lost Time by event

### **Environmental Management Plan Update**

- Site Environmental Management Plans – Update

### **Rehabilitation 2022**

- 43ha Rehabilitation target - Mine Operations Plan (MOP)
- 100 Ha rework of existing rehabilitation to final biometric vegetation types (BVT)
- Total 143ha.
- BVT Communities- HU732 – Yellowbox Grassy Woodland and HU824 – White Box Shrubby Woodland

### **Upcoming Rehabilitation Work-**

- 16ha of Mine Rehab anticipated to be converted to a Whitebox Community with tubestock planting in Spring 2022
- Natural Sequence Farming along Wilpinjong/Cumbo Creek in April 2022
- Landscaping of the West Start Point
- Further Soil Amelioration works and integrations following on from 2021 works
  - Vermicast and Vermiliquid fertilisers
  - Compost
  - Humate + Gypsum
  - Increases in cover crops when native seeding
- Topsoil Sampling
- Continuing local seed collection- Seis native pastures
- Investigating Cool Burn in Rehab
- 43ha rehabilitation target – Mine Operations Plan (MOP)
- 100ha rework of existing rehabilitation to final Biometric Vegetation Types (BVT). Total 143ha
- (BS) how are you tying in the rehab to surrounding natural landscape. (JF) backfill process includes an allowance for settlement, compaction as part of the dumping and also a process to key into the top of the highwall.

### **Exploration**

- No onsite drilling program in 2022
- Cementing of boreholes and drill site rehabilitation drilled in 2021 have commenced, expected to be completed by end of March 2022.
- Cementing of boreholes and drill site rehabilitation delayed due to wet weather (wet ground conditions) and to COVID restrictions.

## Community

- 20 complaints received between 8<sup>th</sup> December and 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2022
- Four individual complainants
- 15 complaints from Mogo Road & five complaints from Ringwood Road
- Nine complaints regarding noise, nine complaints regarding Odour/Spontaneous Combustion and two regarding Noise & Blasting
- All complaints in the reporting period were investigated, with Wilpinjong Coal remaining compliant on all occasions
- Donation priority areas as per WCPL's Social Impact Management Plan: the environment, Health Care, Community Development, Arts & Culture, Youth Services & Education and Diversity.
- Donations should be submitted via: WilpinjongCommunityEvents@peabodyenergy.com, iflood@peabodyenergy.com or kbennetts@peabodyenergy.com
- Applications need to address the following: Event / Location details, Dates / Longevity Details, Importance of funding clearly outlined, How Wilpinjong / Peabody will be recognized for the sponsorship/donation/support.

## Community Donations/ Sponsorship/ Support 2022

Purpose	Amount	Category
Tour Dechenne – respite house	\$5,000	Health Care
Henry Lawson Heritage festival	\$2,500	Community Development
Mudgee Dragons Junior Rugby League – Indigenous round & first aid room	\$6,000	Diversity
Mudgee High School – end of year fund raiser via swimming carnival	\$500	Community Development
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$14,000</b>	

## 'HAVE A CHAT' 2022 Details

- 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of every month between 1:30pm and 4:30pm at the Wollar Store
- Community Complaints Hotline 1300 606 625

## **8. REPORT BY IAN FLOOD**

### Presentation overview

- WEP
- ELA
- Property Management

### WEP-SIMP Community Event

- Consider potential ideas for a community event this year – would appreciate ideas from the CCC
- SIMP intent: Following the approval of this SIMP, WCPL will trial the coordination of an annual social event between long-term residents and WCM workers in Wollar to encourage familiarity and social interaction. The continuation of such events will be evaluated based on the level of community participation.
- (BS) stated you need to talk to the workers in the township of Wollar as there are very few locals. (IF) the social event was a request from the community as part of the stakeholder consultation undertaken for the development of the SIMP, discussion around trialing the Social Event before writing to the department to amend condition.

### Exploration License Application 6415

- ELA6415 status
- Application lodged 17 December 2021
- Advertised in the Mudgee Guardian (local) and The Land (state) newspaper as required
- Public comment period was from 21 January (initial ad) to 24 February 2022
- WCPL response to comments provided to MEG Tue 1 March. (BS) EL6169 over the ridge line so you have 2 exploration licenses, what's your intention with that. (IF) no intention to drill. Discussion around Exploration Drilling. (BS) are you likely to extend the current mine to the north? (IF) I'm going to say no - discussion around implications of Wilpinjong creek, rail line, power line, Goulburn River, national park and lack of room for mining. (TO) extension to the north is not in the current LOM Plan.

### Property Management

#### Mail Service

- Working on cart/bench for contactor
- Arranging elevation of post boxes as per CCC feedback. (BS) Have you got a time frame when the boxes will be elevated? (IF) before the next CCC Meeting, they (the bottom row) aren't being used? (BS) It was an undertaking so just wanted to know time frame. (BS) hasn't been smooth transition, there was a disconnect somewhere with contractor company. (IF) Explained that he presented the addresses on a slide and residents were explained the process at the last CCC meeting. Labels were made that duplicated information provided, therefore he was unsure what the disconnect could have been, as the process followed has been communicated.

### Weed Control

- PPH has commenced annual weed control program targeting; Sweet briar, blue heliotrope, blackberry – some dense areas of St John's wort
- Will focus on known areas of concentration and include Wollar Village. (BS) Is LLS requiring you to spray St Johns wort? (IF) MWRC weeds officers are responsible for weed control and they understand the difficulty of controlling wort in such prolific seasons. .

### Baiting Programs

- LLS aerial baiting; 2-15 May
- MWDG ground baiting; planning autumn program
- 3 local coal mines offered to fund bait purchase
- Will include all of Peabody landholdings and participation of lessee's. (LM) NPWS support aerial baiting for wild dog and fox control .10 ton of bait, 40 baits helicopter per 1km as it's more precise as well as 10 baits/km from fixed wing aircraft. Lots of research gone into baiting wild dogs and foxes and the associated beneficial outcomes for some threatened species.. Discussion around the impact on native animals and the sort of digestion systems of different animals as 1080 is injected into the meat so therefore smaller animals don't consume sufficient meat to get a lethal dose of 1080.

### WCPL- RFS Participation

WCPL recent RFS participation/attendance

- Discussed items raised at November CCC with Troy Porter
  - Mailbox for Wollar RFS shed
  - RFS refueling options
- Awaiting response / meeting to assess options particularly regarding fuel supply

## 9. GENERAL BUSINESS

- (LA) Recruitment process for a replacement committee member discussed in accordance with the CCC SSD Guidelines. LA will liaise with Peabody for the advertising campaign and will forward this information on to members for disbursement to their networks.
- (BM) Wollar Rural Waste Transfer Station no longer accepts green waste (ACTION). (KD) to take back to Council on behalf of the CCC regarding this change.
- (LM) Rob Smith (RS) is the new ranger for the Goulburn River NP and Munghorn Gap NR and will be an alternate delegate for NPWS.
- (BS) Wollar Store Signage stating the store is still open. (IF) to organise removal.
- (BS) Powerline proposal, has Wilpinjong been contacted. (IF) Yes have had meetings with EnergyCo and at this stage understand that they intend to duplicate the existing 330kv route from Wollar substation to the north. (BS) Upgrade of Wollar substation. (IF) 2 different projects.
- (LA) Requested that presentations be provided electronically for distribution to CCC members.
- (KB) reschedule planned site inspection for CCC to September 2022 meeting.

**Meeting Closed:** 2:38pm

**Next Meeting:** Monday 6th June 2022, including site visit.

## ACTION LIST (NEW)

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4.	Confirm if the old Bakery and old General Store has fuel tanks in the ground. IF confirmed that the selections of houses to be demolished does not include the old Bakery and General Store, item on hold until such time that these properties are selected.	IF	On hold
5.	KB reminded that September meeting will be on site, please send through points of interest for the site visit.	KB	Next Meeting
6.	Discussing speed limit with MWRC. Sent through to council waiting on response. Road will reopen 10 weeks.	LA	Next Meeting
7.	Provide further information on attended noise monitoring and how low frequency noise assessment is undertaken during the monitoring event.	KB	Next Meeting
8.	Suggestions on proposed community event in accordance with SIMP.	CCC	Next Meeting
9.	Raise issues at the next combined Mines Meeting regarding water release impact. (KB) Waiting on next Combined Mines meeting to raise this issue.	KB	Next Meeting
10.	Green waste is no longer accepted at Wollar tip - KD to take matter back to MWRC	KD	Next Meeting
11.	Provide PDF copies of presentations with draft CCC meetings minutes to LA.	IF	Ongoing
12.	Wollar store signs to be removed.	IF	Next Meeting
13.	Complete raising of the mailboxes at Wollar Store	IF	Next Meeting