



# Wilpinjong Coal Mine Community Consultative Committee



## Meeting Minutes

### 1. PRESENT

<b>Independent Chairperson:</b>	Lisa Andrews (LA)	<b>Date &amp; Time:</b>	06/06/2022, 01:02 PM
<b>Venue:</b>	Wollar Store, Wollar NSW	<b>Minute Taker:</b>	James Heesterman (JH)
<b>Committee Members:</b>	Ian Flood (IF), Bev Smiles (BS), Kim Peach (KP), Brian McDermott (BM), Cr Katie Dicker (KD), Clark Potter (CP) & Rob Smith (RS).		
<b>Invited Guests/Observers:</b>	Josh Frappell (JF), Tian Oosthuizen (TO), Tony Welbourne – Global Acoustics (TW) <i>arrived at 1.22pm &amp; left at 2.13pm</i> . Peter Jones (PJ) and Cara Inia (CI) [representatives from EnergyCo NSW] <i>arrived at 1.15pm and left at 1.53pm</i> .		

### 2. APOLOGIES/ABSENT

<b>Apologies:</b>	Mayor - Cr Des Kennedy (DS), Bruce Hughes (BH), Lisa Menke (LM), Rod Pryor (RP), Kieren Bennetts (KB).
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### 3. WELCOME

LA opened the meeting at 1.02pm and welcomed all attendees. LA advised that two representatives from EnergyCo would be briefing the CCC today on the proposed Central-West Orana Renewables Energy Zone project (Cara Inia & Peter Jones). Further, that Tony Welbourne from Global Acoustics would be presenting to the CCC on the noise monitoring process undertaken on site.

### 4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Lisa Andrews – Independent Chair approved by Director General of Department of Planning and Environment (DP&E), engaged by Peabody  
 James Heesterman – Environmental Coordinator, Wilpinjong Coal  
 Josh Frappell – Environmental Advisor, Wilpinjong Coal  
 Clark Potter – Senior Environmental Advisor, Wilpinjong Coal  
 Ian Flood – Manager Project Development and Approvals, Wilpinjong Coal  
 Brian McDermott – Community Member (Lessee of Peabody Pastoral land and Former Resident)  
 Bev Smiles – Community Member (Resident)  
 Katie Dicker - MWRC Councillor (alternate for Des Kennedy)  
 Rod Smith - NSW NPS - Goulburn River & Munghorn Ranger  
 Kim Peach - Community Member (Resident) & former Wollar Store operator  
 Tian Oosthuizen – Compliance Manager, Wilpinjong Coal  
 Tony Welbourne – Director, Global Acoustics

## 5. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE FINALISED MINUTES

Review of action items from last meeting:

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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) 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	Complete
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.	LA	Ongoing
7.	Provide further information on attended noise monitoring and how low frequency noise assessment is undertaken during the monitoring event	KB	Completed
8.	Suggestions on proposed community event in accordance with the SIMP.	CCC	Complete
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	Ongoing
10.	Green waste is no longer accepted at Wollar tip- Lisa Andrews to write to MWRC on behalf of the CCC	KD	Next meeting
11.	Provide PDF copies of presentations with Draft Meetings Minutes to LA.	IF	Complete
12.	Wollar store signs to be removed.	IF	Complete
13.	Complete raising of the mailboxes at Wollar Store	IF	Complete

## 6. CORRESPONDENCE IN AND OUT (AS SENT WITH MEETING NOTICE ON 26/5/22 WITH 4 ADDITIONAL ITEMS

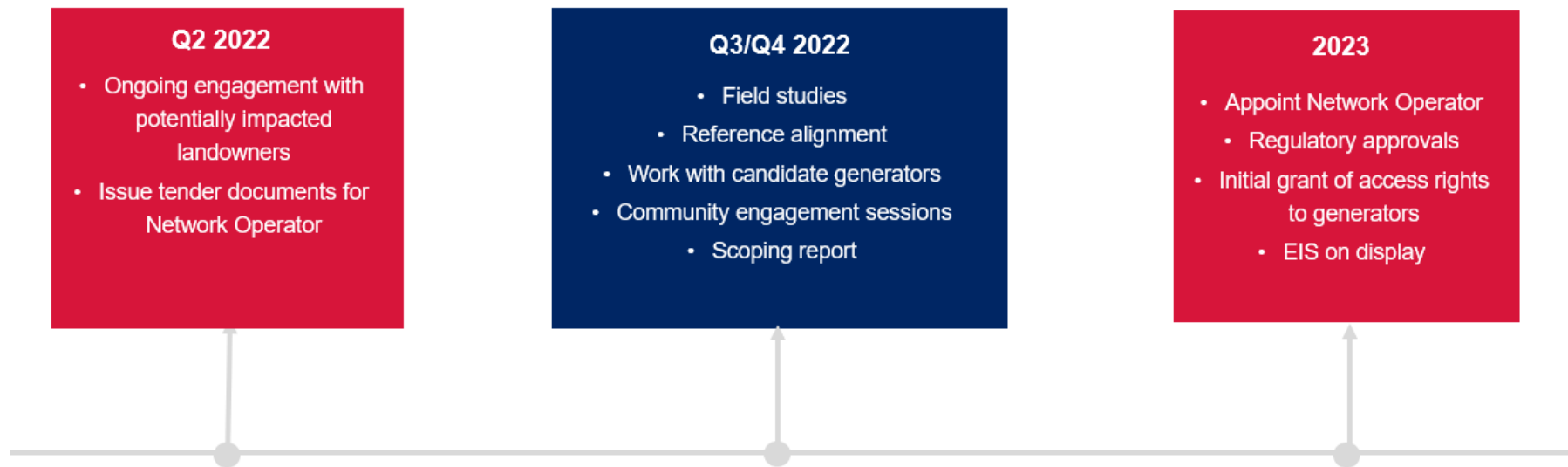
- 10/3/22 – Response from MWRC regarding reduction of speed limit on Wollar Rd, Cumbo. Will take to local traffic committee meeting and suggested I lodge request with Transport for NSW as it's one of their designated roads.
- 17/3/22 – Lodged request for speed reduction on line with Transport for NSW.
- 17/3/22 – Email from Cr Dicker confirming issues from CCC meeting to raise with MWRC. Response provided by chair.
- 18/3/22 – Email from IF regarding the opening date of Wollar Rd. This information forwarded to CCC members with details on the lowering of the speed limit.
- 30/3/22 - Email to members with the draft minutes from the meeting for review.
- 31/3/22 – Email from RS with his contact details. Governance forms sent to him for completion.
- 7/4/22 - Email to members with the finalised minutes and presentations.

- 11/5/22 – Email from BS regarding Wilpinjong’s EL & MLA.
- 11/5/22 – Email from IF providing information on Wilpinjong’s mining tenements. Forwarded to members the same day with a question concerning the SIMP annual social event.
- 25/5/22 – Letter to DPE regarding recruitment of new member on the CCC.
- 26/5/22 - Email to members with the Meeting Notice, Agenda & Correspondence Report for the meeting.
- 31/5/22 – Email to Rod Pryor inviting him to be an observer at this CCC.
- 31/5/22 – Email from Rob Smith NPWS with his completed governance forms. Acknowledged by Chair.
- 3/6/22 - Email to members with a reminder for this meeting.
- 6/6/22 – Email from DPE approving Rod Pryor as new community representative on this CCC.

## 7. ENERGYCO PRESENTATION

PJ and CI, representatives of EnergyCo, presented an update on the Central-West Orana REZ Transmission Project. The presentation outlined:

- An overview of preparatory works completed as of March 2022
- A map of the revised study corridor within which the proposed dual 550kV powerlines are planned to be positioned (generally following the existing 330kV through the Wollar and Wilpinjong localities)
- An additional substation proposed to be constructed adjacent to the existing Transgrid Wollar substation, accommodating for the increased load.
- Continuation of works:



Questions were asked and answered. PJ to obtain BS’s contact details for further discussion.

## 8. REPORT BY CLARK POTTER

### Presentation Overview

- May 2022 Aerial overview of Wilpinjong Coal
- 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
- 2022 Exploration Program
- Rehabilitation Update
- Community - Complaints, Donations & Consultation

### Wilpinjong Coal - Current Aerial May 2022

- Map provided

### Environmental Monitoring Overview

- Attended Noise Monitoring Locations – Map of locations provided.
- Attended Noise Monitoring 10-11 February 2022- Summary of results displayed.
- Attended Noise Monitoring - WCPL Audible 10-11 February 2022 - Map of locations provided.
- Attended Noise Monitoring - Machinery in Operation- Table provided.
- Attended Noise Monitoring - Summary of Compliance 10-11 February 2022.
- Attended Noise Monitoring 2-3 March 2022- Summary of results displayed on table.
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### Current Real Time Noise Monitoring Locations - Map displayed

- Blast/ Vibration Monitoring February 2022 - April 2022 - Overpressure Monitoring Results
- Blast/ Vibration Monitoring February 2022 - April 2022 - Vibration Monitoring Results

- TW presented an in-depth explanation of the attended noise monitoring process, which focused on the definition and application of modifying factors, a description of the analyser and software application used to perform spectral analysis and the different weightings able to be applied to directly focus the analysis on noise sources of interest.
- (KD) What is the process for penalty application? (CP) The first instance is classed as an exceedance which requires further validation as per the Trigger Action Response Plan. We are listening specifically for mine noise amongst other sources and frequencies.
- (BS) Does the analysis determine true mine noise levels? (TW) Yes, mine noise is determined or measured by the operator using the noise analyser, pausing the unit when other noise sources are audible whilst taking a noise measurement. Global Acoustics' mobile app determines which modifying factor is applied to the one-third octave low frequency noise thresholds.
- (CP) A statement is available at the bottom of every attended noise monitoring report confirming that noise levels have been assessed against the one-third low frequency octave noise thresholds and whether modifying factors applied. TW showed BS where this information is found in the Attended Noise Monitoring Report.
- (BS) enquired about meteorological exemptions for inversions, which occur on cold/clear nights in winter. It was acknowledged that noise complaints will increase during inversion events, however, there are exemptions for the monitoring, rather than meteorological data. TW stated that he would look at the way this information was worded in the reports.

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

- Air Quality Depositional Dust - Monitoring Trends End April 2022
- High Volume Air Sampler - Monitoring Trends End April 2022
- TEOM Locations (map presented)
- TEOM - Monitoring Trends End of April 2022.

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

- Surface water and discharge Monitoring - Summary February 2022
- Monthly Discharge Data – February 2022
- Surface Water and Discharge Monitoring - Summary March 2022
- Monthly Discharge Data – March 2022
- Surface Water and Discharge Monitoring - Summary April 2022
- Monthly Discharge Data – April 2022
- Discussion regarding the inclusion of the Pit 8 Clean Water Dam (CWD) system in Wilpinjong Mine's discharge table. (BS) Is there a discharge limit on the CWD? (CP) CWD has no volume limit – when discharged, the water must remain below the real-time turbidity measurement of the Wilpinjong Creek Upstream Gauging Station or below 50NTU if there is no flow in Wilpinjong Creek.

#### **Operational Downtime**

- Lost time- approx. 9104.8 hrs diggers, loader, and dozer hours 2 March to 1 June 2022
- Presented:
  - Lost time by location
  - Lost time by event
  - Lost time by pit

#### **Environmental Management Plan Update**

- Site Environmental Management Plans – Status
- Site Environmental Management Plans – Review

- (BS) Is there a requirement to respond to and implement comments from external authorities? (CP) Yes an update to the management plans is required based on Departmental feedback and comments.
- (BS) Are the EC and pH triggers approval conditions? (IF) No, trigger parameters are for indicative internal use.

### **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
- Natural sequence farming course, run by Stuart Andrews at Wollar Store (practical aspects carried out in Cumbo Valley)
- Soil amelioration works
- Topsoil sampling
- Continued local seed collection
- (IF) MOP reverted to the Rehabilitation Management Plan, essentially the same document only reshuffled.

### **Exploration**

- No onsite drilling program in 2022 at Wilpinjong Mine
- EL9399 covered in Property & Approvals presentation

2021 exploration program update:

- Cementing of boreholes in Pit 8 has been completed
- Cementing of boreholes in Pit 6 and drill site rehabilitation are delayed due to wet weather (wet ground conditions)

*Map of 2021 exploration holes presented.*

### **Community**

- 18 complaints received between 4 March & 1 June 2022
- 6 individual complainants
- 9 complaints from Mogo Road, 6 complaints from Ringwood Road and 3 from Ulan-Wollar Road
- 11 complaints regarding noise, 1 complaint regarding odour/spontaneous combustion and 6 complaints regarding a combination of noise, blasting & dust
- 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 Since March 2022

<b>Purpose</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Category</b>
Watershed Landcare – Green Day	\$3,500	Environment
Mudgee Angus Breeders Association – Cattle Sale	\$1,000	Community Development
Mudgee Lions Club – Defibrator	\$2,500	Health Care
Mudgee Veterans Golfers Association – Golf Tournament	\$2,000	Community Development
<u>Kanandah</u> Retirement Village – Water feature for Dementia Wing	\$3,355	Health Care
Mudgee Running Festival & Coal Miners Cup	\$3,700	Community Development & Mining Initiatives
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$16,055</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

## **9. REPORT BY IAN FLOOD**

### Presentation overview

- WEP
- EL 9399
- Property Management

### WEP-SIMP Community Event

- Propose to update the SIMP to remove the requirement for the annual community event;
  - As raised by the community at the Q1 CCC – not considered of value
  - Wollar workforce residents – agreed as the majority are drive in, drive out
  - Committee agreed with suggestion by IF to amend to state that the event will only be held on an annual basis if requested by the CCC

### WEP – Rehabilitation Strategy

- Submitted revised rehabilitation strategy
  - Pit 1, 2, 4, 5 – Minimal change to currently approved landform
  - Pit 3 – Elevated area ties into natural ridgeline at lower height
  - Pit 6 – Lower elevation increases catchment of final void, while maximizing vegetated area
  - Pit 8 – Generally lower in elevation (reinstates natural drainage direction to north)

### SSD-6764 Landform

- Maps presented of SSD-6764 conceptual, proposed conceptual and Geofluv landform designs
- Proposed conceptual landform – Pit 6
- Optimisation of Landform

- Proposed landform revision – maintains compliance to SSD-6764 consent conditions
- Discussion arose regarding the integration of natural sequence farming into the rehabilitation process.
- (BS) How will the Moolarben and Wilpinjong voids work together? (IF) Peabody are looking at options to integrate both voids together, however they are currently not proposed to be positioned immediately adjacent to each other, both companies are looking at options to extract the barrier coal and join the void.

### **MLA 3 – Now MLA 616**

- Submitted to MEG Monday 2 May
- Covers ~70 ha in NW corner
- Last required Mining Lease for WEP approval area
- Currently being processed by MEG
- MLA 616 advertised in The Land (Thu 12 May) and the Mudgee Guardian (Fri 13 May)

### **Exploration Licence Application 6415 - Now EL 9399**

- EL9399 status
- Approved 4 May 2022
- Covers 1670 ha
- anticipate drilling commencing buy end of Aug
- 2 - 3 rigs; 7 days a week
- ~250 holes
- ~3-year program
- All holes drilled with above ground sumps
- Map of the exploration licence area presented
- Likely WCPL will apply for drilling approval with the department for a subset of the planned 250 holes being the priority holes. These would focus on the north of the EL and then a wide spread to cover the entire area.
- (BS) Are land access agreements required? (IF) All drilling activities will be undertaken on Peabody-owned land.
- (BS) Community notification of drilling activities requested. **Action.**

### **Property Management – CCC follow-up**

- Mailboxes elevated as per CCC feedback
- Signs – removed as per CCC feedback

### **Property Management – Baiting programs**

- LLS aerial baiting; 2-15 May
- MWDG ground baiting;
  - 3 local coal mines funded bait purchase includes all of Peabody landholdings and participation of lessee's
  - 31 May to 3 July

### **Property Management – Demolition**

- 5 houses identified (2 Bedes Lane, 3 Fitzgerald Street, 9 Price Street, 17 Barigan Street, 19 Barigan Street)
- Planning to commence in July
- Process repeated from previous years;



- Licensed asbestos contractor
- Licensed hygienist to monitor
- Inert waste in pit

**WCPL- RFS Participation**

WCPL recent RFS participation/attendance

- Discussed items raised at November 2021 CCC with Troy Porter
  - Mailbox for Wollar RFS shed – not required
  - RFS refueling options – will consider once brigade issues sorted

**10. GENERAL BUSINESS**

- (BM) Is the issue of being unable to dispose of green waste in Wollar able to be addressed? KD to follow up.
- (BS) Is spontaneous combustion on site becoming more of a management issue? (IF) Carbonaceous material has been dumped in Pit 3 which is actively being covered over with inert material.
- (BS) Is Wilpinjong Mine a union or non-union mine? (IF) A union mine, although with lower employee representation than other sites. All employees are open to join a union.
- (BS) How many vacancies are there currently at Wilpinjong Mine? (TO) Currently between 70 and 80, although there has been a reduction in vacancies in the past few months. During May 560 workers were employed at the mine.
- (KD) Is there any opportunity for a site open day? (IF) Currently there is no intent to host a public open day.
- (BS) informed the CCC that the annual “Col Faulkner Bon Fire & BBQ” will be held in Wollar this long weekend. All welcome to attend.

<b>Meeting Closed:</b>	3:29pm
<b>Next Meeting:</b>	Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> September 2022, commencing at 1pm at Wilpinjong mine and will include a site inspection. CCC members asked to advise WC of any particular areas they wished to look at.

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8.	Ensure community notification of exploration drilling activities in EL9399 as requested.	IF	Ongoing