



Wilpinjong Coal Mine Community Consultative Committee



Meeting Minutes

1. PRESENT

Independent Chairperson:	Lisa Andrews (LA)	Date & Time:	27 November 2023
Venue:	Mudgee Rugby Club	Minute Taker:	Sally Mayberry (SM)
Committee Members:	Ian Flood (IF), Bev Smiles (BS), Cr Katie Dicker (KD), Kieren Bennetts (KB), Clark Potter (CP), Maata Te Kira (MTK), Rod Pryor (RP), Sam Magennis (SM), Lisa Menke (LM), Kim Peach (KP), Brian McDermott (BM), Tian Oosthuizen (TO)		
Invited Guests/Observers:			

2. APOLOGIES/ABSENT

Apologies:	Cr Des Kennedy, Scott Lillis
Absent:	

3. WELCOME

Lisa Andrews – opens meeting at 11am

4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Lisa Andrews – Independent Chair approved by Director General of Department of Planning and Environment (DP&E), engaged by Peabody
 Ian Flood – Manager Project Development & Approvals, Wilpinjong Coal
 Clark Potter – Senior Environmental Officer, Wilpinjong Coal
 Kieren Bennetts – Manager Environment & Community, Wilpinjong Coal
 Sam Magennis – Environmental Coordinator, Wilpinjong Coal
 Bev Smiles – Community Member (Resident)
 Katie Dicker – MWRC Councillor (alternate for Des Kennedy)
 Rod Pryor – Wollar Progress Association (Stakeholder)
 Maata Te Kira – Community Member (Resident)

5. CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

Minutes were sent out via email on the 26 September and finalised in accordance with the guidelines.

6. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE FINALISED MINUTES

BS: Regarding the previous minutes - Discussion regarding demolition of houses in Wollar. Wollar Progress Association (WPA) submission to the Draft SIMP was basically ignored, as the WPA was pushing for a property maintenance plan with feedback. Mine owned properties were requested to be maintained to encourage locals to stay in Wollar. Can the community submissions and WCPL response on the draft SIMP be provided to the CCC

RP—houses that are below standard for renting or are not economically feasible to upgrade to rental standards should be preserved for future renovation projects for people relocating to the area once the mine is complete. Renovating a property is easier than obtaining approval for construction if the house has been demolished.

IF: First National Real Estate is responsible for advising about the maintenance program.

BS: There has been no reporting and information regarding the maintenance program. Could the CCC be provided with the minimum requirements for properties from First National?

Question: Where in the SIMP does it state that Peabody has permission to demolish – can that be provided?

Answer: IF - The SIMP does not state permission to demolish – the demolition application process must go through Mid-Western Regional Council

Discussion regarding where demolition is mentioned, and what definition is used for demolition – including how houses are determined viable. If a house is not in a rentable state, it is not a viable state. Peabody then assess whether the house can economically be made viable or whether it will be demolished.

LM: The Residential Tenancies Act provides available information (fact sheets) regarding tenancy and is publicly available via the Department of Fair Trading.

Review of action items from last meeting:

1.	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	Ongoing
2.	Green waste is no longer accepted at Wollar tip – Lisa Andrews to write to MWRC on behalf of the CCC, KD to follow up * KD states there is no update for this meeting	IF	Ongoing
3.	IF to send email to members to advise when the scoping letter and report is available	IF	Complete
4.	LA to deliver presentation that was postponed from 4 September 2023 meeting	LA	Complete
5.	Review the Spontaneous Combustion Management Plan	KB	Ongoing
6.	Include in routine presentation a comparison of rehabilitation v disturbance areas	KB	Complete
7.	Discuss inclusion of dBc in Attended Noise monitoring reports with EMM	KB	Complete
8.	Provide ideal location of Ringwood Road Real Time Noise Monitor to CP	BS	Ongoing
9.	Incorporate mowing of the Recreation Ground in the next mowing round IF: Mowing has been completed. BS: Great work, it has been done. Please pass on 'good job' to the contractors. Outcome: to be completed on an ongoing basis	IF	Complete
10.	Investigate location of blast related road sentries on Mogo Road	CP	Complete

7. CORRESPONDENCE IN AND OUT

- 6/9/23 – Email from KD regarding the Wollar Tip Access. (Included with finalised minutes)
- 12/9/23 - Email to members with the draft minutes from the meeting for review.
- 22/9/23 – Email to members with advice of WCPL SVC advertisement being placed in the Mudgee Guardian on 14/9/23.
- 26/9/23 – Email to members with finalised minutes & presentations.
- 16/10/23 – Email from BS requesting the WCM advise when Modification 1A is lodged with Planning and when the exhibition is advertised.

- o 13/11/23 - Email to members with the Meeting Notice, Agenda & Correspondence Report for the meeting.

8. REPORT BY KIEREN BENNETTS

Attended noise monitoring

- Compliant with attended noise monitoring, despite a considered 'near miss'
 - o WCPL was audible on 18 and 19 September which triggered the noise TARP resulting in shut down and relocation of equipment

Discussion regarding the real time noise monitoring and associated operation of equipment. Equipment is managed in real time according to the noise – including shutting down of the entire pit if required. It's mostly determined by the environmental conditions (weather) at the time.

- o **Question:** *Is the noise data shared between mines?*
- o **Answer:** *There is a data sharing process between Moolarben, Ulan and Wilpinjong mines*

Blast Monitoring

- Compliant with overpressure and vibration

Air Quality

- Remains compliant with dust gauges and HVAS and TEOM
 - o **Question:** *Are there any dust monitors north of the mine site?*
 - o **Answer:** *There are no dust monitors placed around the north. The monitors were positioned in consultation with Wilpinjong Coal Air Quality expert, NSW EPA and have been approved by NSW DPE.*

Surface Water Discharge

- Compliant with no exceedances

Operational Downtime

- Approximately 738.2 hours of lost time in digger, loader and dozer hours
- Lost time was due to rain, noise, lightning, fog and dust

Environmental Management Plan Status

- Overview of what regulatory body is responsible for each Management Plan and where reviews are at

Rehabilitation 2023

- Rehabilitation vs disturbance site-wide maps are presented and discussed as an action item from the previous CCC meeting

Pit 5 South West Drone Seeing Trial

- Images of the drone that is being used to seed the rehabilitation areas
- It's been a slow process but it's working well so far. The rain has helped

Community Complaints:

- Overview of complaints made recently from noise, dust and traffic complaints

Community Donations

- Priority areas are per the Social Impact Management Plan
- Since the last meeting there have been numerous donations to local community groups, as well as 32 push bikes donated to local groups and have been positively received

'HAVE A CHAT" 2022 Details

- 1st 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

See attached presentation

WEP – Mod 2

- Boundary amendment and accommodation facility modification report submitted to DPE on 16 November 2023. It is currently on public exhibition for the period Mon 27 Nov – Fri 15 Dec, as advised via email from Lisa.

WEP – Mod 3

- Pit 3 and 8 extension
- Preparation of the scoping letting to lodge with DPE is underway
- Continuing to develop studies to support the modification report which will include a Social Impact Review, stakeholder consultation will commence early 2024
- Discussion regarding the life of mine (potential for extension); mining will cease in 2033 (potentially 2034 pending mine closure and rehabilitation plans).
- Further discussion and mention of extension of the mine pending results of the current drilling program, which would require application for a new SSD. The CCC will be updated as information becomes available. This Mod 3 may include changes in road and rail locations that will be determined by viability (and guided by results of the current drilling program)

EL 9399

- Exploration Licence 9399 update – 183 holes have been completed to the 21 November 2023. Results continue as expected. There will be a break in drilling from 14 December to 10 January 2024 for Christmas. There are 83 holes left to be drilled (however there may be less than 83 holes drilled pending drilling results)

Property management

- 5 houses will be demolished in December 2023 as per the SIMP
- Some of the houses have had archival recording completed as per the WCPL Historic Heritage Management Plan
 - **Question:** *What maintenance will occur for the two churches and the shop?*
 - **Answer:** *The handyman regularly checks them; the intention is to maintain them as they were when they were purchased.*
- Wild dog control – commenced a control program in consultation with LLS in the Barigan Valley on 25 November – 3 December
- Annual weed program will kick off next week (beginning December) targeting blackberry, sweet briar and blue heliotrope using a local Indigenous contractor.

WCPL RFS Participation

- A fire identified by WCPL was reported to NPWS on 6 November
- Cumbo fire brigade meeting with WCPL to develop relationship and provide ongoing support

Energy Co

- Land acquisition is required for the new Wollar substation, this is almost agreed
- Transmission easement is in the drafting stage

10. GENERAL BUSINESS

Question RP: Could the Christmas lunch be moved around different venues each year? Answer: Yes, great idea. LA has noted.

BS: There is evidence of pigs within the Wollar village. **IF:** WCPL has met with LLS as it has been identified and are waiting for a proposal from LLS

BM: Could a full boundary fence be installed around the waste station to ensure that cattle remain safely excluded?

BM: Access to the Wollar Tip if you're not a 'resident'? Only rate payers got the notice for the locked gate. It has been raised in previous meetings if you're a leaseholder of the land. A form needs to be filled out and taken to council to organise a key for the locked access gate.

11. BRIEFING ON DPE'S REVISED CCC GUIDELINES

LA provides hard copies of the revised NSW DPE CCC guidelines and presents on the changes and new governance requirements, including a Terms of Reference for this CCC.
A draft template for the 'Terms of Reference' will be circulated with the minutes for comment.

12. MEETING SCHEDULE FOR 2024

Agreed - Quarterly, Mondays, commencing at 1pm, Wollar Meeting Room:

Monday 4 March 2024

Monday 3 June 2024

Monday 2 September 2024

Monday 25 November 2024

Meeting Closed:	12:58pm with LA thanking all members for their attendance and contribution throughout 2023. Wishing all a happy festive season and safe New Year (followed by Christmas lunch at the Oriental Hotel in Mudgee). KB thanked members for their efforts on behalf of Peabody
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Next Meeting:	Monday 4 March 2024
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ACTION LIST

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3.	Provide ideal location of Ringwood Road Real Time Noise Monitor to CP	BS	Next meeting
4.	Provide information about the minimum standards of the real estate agent for rental properties	IF	Next meeting
5.	Provide information regarding how the community feedback was addressed and incorporated into the SIMP	IF	Next meeting
6.	Provide information regarding the location of dust monitoring gauges as there it was noted that there is no dust monitoring that occurs to the north of the mine.	KB	Next meeting
7.	Council to be contacted regarding fencing the unfenced boundary of the waste transfer station in Wollar	KD	Next meeting
8.	Circulate draft 'Terms of Reference' for this CCC	LA	With meeting minutes
9.	Code of Conduct and pecuniary interest forms are to be completed annually	LA	At the Q1 CCC meeting of 2024