



# Wilpinjong Coal Mine Community Consultative Committee



## Meeting Minutes

### 1. PRESENT

<b>Independent Chairperson:</b>	Lisa Andrews (LA)	<b>Date &amp; Time:</b>	3 June 2024
<b>Venue:</b>	Wollar General Store Meeting Room	<b>Minute Taker:</b>	Sally Mayberry (SMb)
<b>Committee Members:</b>	Ian Flood (IF), Bev Smiles (BS), Cr Katie Dicker (KD), Kieren Bennetts (KB), Clark Potter (CP), Rod Pryor (RP), Kim Peach (KP), Brian McDermott (BM), Tian Oosthuizen (TO), Grant Purcell (GP) & Mark Eagleton (ME)		
<b>Invited Guests/Observers:</b>			

### 2. APOLOGIES/ABSENT

<b>Apologies:</b>	Cr Des Kennedy, Lisa Menke, Maata Ti Kira
<b>Absent:</b>	

### 3. WELCOME

Lisa Andrews – opens meeting at 1:00pm and welcomes new GM, Mark Eagleton. ME introduces himself to the committee and provides background.

### 4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Lisa Andrews – Independent Chair approved by Director General of Department of Planning, Housing & Infrastructure (DPHI), engaged by Peabody Wilpinjong  
 Ian Flood – Manager Project Development & Approvals, Wilpinjong Coal  
 Clark Potter – Senior Environmental Officer, Wilpinjong Coal  
 Kieren Bennetts – Manager Environment & Community, Wilpinjong Coal  
 Bev Smiles – Community Member (Resident)  
 Katie Dicker – MWRC Councillor (alternate for Des Kennedy)  
 Brian McDermott – Community Member (Lessee of Peabody pastoral land and former resident)  
 Kim Peach – Community Member  
 Grant Purcell – NP&WS delegate (alternate)  
 Mark Eagleton – General Manager, Wilpinjong Coal  
 Rod Pryor – Community Member (Wollar Progress Association/Resident)

### 5. CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

Minutes were sent out via email on the 22 March 2024 and finalised in accordance with the guidelines

## 6. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE FINALISED MINUTES

- BS – sought clarification on the item recorded in General Business in relation to Peabody being called to Parliament after the November 2023 CCC meeting.
- IF – responded that a Greens member raised in parliament to the NSW Housing Minister that there is a housing crisis, and that Peabody are knocking down houses in Wollar. Peabody contacted the NSW Housing Minister with an explanation regarding the SIMP and the condition of the houses that are being demolished.
- BS requests clarification that Peabody was not in fact ‘called to Parliament’?
- IF - the Housing Minister took the query in parliament ‘on notice’ and Peabody followed up with information to her. There have been no further requests for information
- BS requested that the minutes reflect that Peabody was not ‘called to Parliament’ and that Peabody provided the Housing Minister with relevant information.

**Noted and agreed that previous minutes would be amended to reflect this discussion.**

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 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The old bakery can be removed henceforth from the action (consensus)</li> <li>• The General Store is scheduled to be removed in this years’ demolition plan. BM – any backfilling of tanks associated with these buildings would have been undertaken prior to the requirement to maintain records of such activities.</li> </ul>	IF	Ongoing
2.	Council to be contacted regarding fencing the unfenced boundary of the waste transfer station in Wollar Visual screening bunds are utilised rather than fencing. Property owners are responsible for fencing	IF	Ongoing
3.	Report to the CCC the actual volume of effluent disposal from the mine <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ~3.8ML per calendar year, based on the last 12 months of data</li> </ul>	KB	Complete
4.	Provide response to “Is the council delaying doing road works on the Mogo Road Wollar Creek crossing to align with WCPL’s proposed modification” <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Postscript:</i> KD had forwarded response to LA on 20/3/24. MWRC advises that they have been working through a design process with Fishers and the funding body (Nat. Disaster). The funding allows replacement of like for like, but fisheries won’t approve like for like, so additional funding will be required to comply with fisheries requirements.</li> </ul>	KD	Complete
5.	Detail SIMP consultation and circulate where the 5-house demolition request came from <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• IF provided an email summary in the draft minutes on 15 March 2024</li> <li>• IF to provide update in this presentation</li> </ul>	IF	Complete
6.	How many houses are owned but not leased by Wilpinjong? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Discussed in this presentation</li> </ul>	IF	Complete
7.	What birds are audible at night-time, per the attended noise monitoring? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Discussed in this presentation</li> </ul>	KB	Complete
8.	Can EBAM data be used as part of the assessment for air quality for Modification 3 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Not accurate enough to use in the modelling program</li> </ul>	IF	Complete

## 7. CORRESPONDENCE IN AND OUT

### Correspondence in/out:

- 15/3/24 - Email to members with the draft minutes from the meeting for review. As well as SIMP information from IF relating to Action Item 5.
- 22/3/24 - Email to members with finalised minutes & presentations.
- 21/2/24 - Email to members with the Meeting Notice, Agenda & Correspondence Report for the meeting.
- 26/2/24 – Email from IF advising that the Modification 3 (Pit 3/8 Extension) Scoping Letter is on the Major Projects Portal. Forwarded to members the same day.
- 3/4/24 – Email from KD with MWRC’s response to Action Item 4 from previous CCC regarding road works on Mogo Road, Wollar Creek. Forwarded to members on 4/4/24.
- 10/4/24 – Email from KB regarding WCPL’s upcoming drilling program. Forwarded to members on 11/4/24.
- 24/4/24 – Email from IF to CCC with information about the upcoming Wilpinjong Autumn dog/fox baiting program
- 24/5/24 – Email from KB regarding the upcoming WC Family Day on Sunday 26/5/24. Emailed to members the same afternoon.
- 24/5/24 – Email to members with the Meeting Notice & Agenda for this meeting

## 8. REPORT BY KIEREN BENNETTS

### Attended noise monitoring

- 19-20 March 2024 WCPL not audible at the attended noise monitoring locations
- **Discussion** regarding how attended noise monitoring data is presented in the presentation – specifically the representation of the full night of noise monitoring rather than each individual 15 minute attended noise monitoring event. KB clarified “machinery in operation” information presented represents equipment operations across the full night of operation, and is not specifically for the period of the attended noise monitoring event.
- 16-17 April 2024 WCPL not audible at the attended noise monitoring locations.
- 8-9 May 2024 WCPL not audible at the attended noise monitoring locations.

### Blast Monitoring

- Compliant with overpressure and vibration monitoring for February, March, April 2024
- **Discussion** about the change of the blasting types and numbers that WCPL have been blasting lately, including how the blast numbers are regulated.
  - **Question: RP** – Where are the blast monitoring results published?
  - **Answer:** EPL blast compliance results published monthly, other blast monitor (not EPL related) results published via the Annual Review. The link to the Annual Review is available at the end of the WCPL presentation.

### Air Quality

- Monitoring via depositional dust gauges, HVAS and TEOM remains compliant
- Talks to a map that shows air quality monitoring locations as a whole, in response to a question in previous CCC meeting
- **Comment** regarding the location of the air quality monitors; specifically that there are no monitors to the north of the mine.
  - **Question: BS** - If there is no data available about air quality to the north of the mine, how is historical data relevant to the modelling used to assess the impacts of Mod 3 expansion to the north?
  - **Answer:** IF provides an overview of the modelling concepts and relationship to actual air quality data recorded through monitoring and the regulatory and professional inputs into the modelling criteria
  - **Discussion** regarding the air quality monitoring locations and potential impact of accuracy for the upcoming modification

### Surface Water Discharge

- Compliant with all criteria, no exceedances for February, March, April, May 2024.

### Operational Downtime

- Approximately 372.3 hours of lost time in digger, loader and dozer hours

- Lost time was due to rain, lightning, fog and dust
- **Question:** *BS - What is it that triggers lost time for dust?*
- **Answer:** *Most likely the event referred to would be a stand down for visible dust within the pit; equipment stood down awaiting a water truck as a control to minimise the likelihood of exceeding allowable dust quality. WCPL has applicable TARPS (Trigger Action Response Plans) for such scenarios*

### **Rehabilitation 2024**

- A change in expected rehabilitation location is discussed
- 2024 Rehabilitation to disturbance ratio of 0.31
- 2024 rehabilitation target is 82.1ha

### **Infill Drilling Program:**

- Pit 8 South has a total of 24 holes to be drilled
- Pit 6 plan is to drill 9 holes
- Exploration program is a combination of Coal Quality and Coal Structure holes
- **Discussion** *about the actual vs predicted results of the drilling program*

### **NSW Mining Environmental Award Nominee**

- *WCPL are nominated as a finalist in the NSW Mining HSEC awards held in early August 2024*
- *The nomination is regarding the Pit 8 bat audit and the works conducted to protect the entry for a colony of microbats identified during the preparation for the Wilpinjong Extension Project.*

### **Community Complaints:**

- Overview of complaints from 29 February to 2 June 2024 regarding noise, dust and odour. Wilpinjong investigated each complaint and were compliant on all occasions.

### **Community Donations & Consultation**

- Priority areas are per the Social Impact Management Plan
- \$12,200 donated in support of the community for 2024 to date

### **Wilpinjong 2024 Family Day:**

- An open day for green and red crew employees and their families was held 26 May 2024 and was very successful with ~ 450 attendees

### **Community Consultation**

- WCPL are planning an Independent Environmental Audit for approximately October 2024 – CCC members requested to nominate any focus areas for the audit via LA for consideration.
- September 2024 CCC meeting is a proposed site visit to Wilpinjong – please communicate any focus areas via LA
- 2023 Annual Review is available via Wilpinjong website (link available via provided presentation). Hard/soft copies are available upon request

### **‘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**

See attached presentation

### **WEP – Mod 2**

- Determination is expected from DPHI in June 2024

- Question: BS - we know the current annual effluent; what's the impact of the increase in people for Mod 2?
- **Answer:** *IF - Effluent will be treated and disposed of on site as per current requirements*
- **Action:** *WCPL to provide details of the expected increase in effluent quantities.*

### WEP – Mod 3

- Specialists are drafting environmental assessment reports
- Stakeholder engagement is complete for the draft Social Impact Assessment; the final report will incorporate results of the relevant environmental assessments once they're available
- ACHA consultation continues with Registered Aboriginal Parties
- Proposal to lodge the Modification report with DPHI in Q1 2025

### WCPL benefits to the community and NSW

- 705 local jobs, as well as a breakdown of the monetary benefits
- RP – would like to understand the breakdown of WCPL's \$132m in taxes, royalties and rates to State and Local Government
- **Action:** *break down the taxes, royalty and rates to State and Local government and provide an overview within bounds of standard commercial confidentiality provisions*

### WEP – Mod 4 (Energy Co's CWOREZ Project)

- Substation land acquisition agreed and finalised
- Transmission easement triggers a modification of WCPL's State Significant Development consent
- This modification is inherently simpler than Mod 2 and 3 and the turnaround time is expected to be shorter than the preceding two modifications

### WEP – Rehabilitation Strategy

- Discussion about the potential consolidation of the 2 voids on the boundary between Moolarben Mine and WCPL. This is still under discussion but should not result in a modification for WCPL due to the timing of WCPL mining compared to Moolarben.
- **Question:** *BS - Groundwater model updating – how will the change in weather events be taken account of?*
- **Answer:** *IF – the government guideline is followed. The consultant responsible for the relevant assessments for Mod 3 will incorporate a summary of how climate change is dealt with within the model.*

### SIMP

- Demolition program history is detailed
- **Discussion:** *BS challenges WCPL that the 5-house-demolition concept has been misrepresented and derived from WCPL and not the community. The community did not directly ask for a 'minimum of 5 houses to be demolished annually' and evidence provided demonstrates that. The community had asked for a property maintenance and management plan to be included in the SIMP. This request was not included. WCPL refers to the CCC minutes from the dedicated consultation sessions for the development of the Social Impact Management Plan that were published without any requested changes to the draft, and that the SIMP was developed in consultation with the community and is directed by the regulator. BS requests that WCPL do not refer to the 5-house-demolition concept as derived from a community request.*
  - *The SIMP was implemented in 2018. WCPL note that no houses purchased since the implementation of the SIMP have been miss managed and resulted in inclusion in the 5-house-demolition program.*
  - *A rental agency is used to determine the houses that are safe to make available for rent. WCPL have not committed to upgrading houses that are beyond the point of repair. The SIMP is due for review soon and WCPL welcomes input/feedback into changes to the management plan*
  - *LA commits to refer to her 2018 notes from the extra ordinary CCC meeting of 23 April 2018 to review if her notes provide any further clarity on the request for a minimum number of 5 houses per year. Action.*

### EL9399

- All exploration was completed on 27 March 2024
- Waiting on bin supply from JR Richards to remove inert waste that has been consolidated into stockpiles within the EL.
- Some holes remain open pending advice from SLR regarding whether they are suitable to incorporate into the groundwater monitoring network. Should they not be suitable, they will be grouted

### Future SSD application

- WCPL have a plan to apply for an SSD as an extension of the current mine
- The project is currently being scoped and it is expected by next CCC meeting WCPL will be able to provide clearer details
- If a scoping letter is available prior to the next CCC meeting it will be forwarded through LA to members
- *Discussion regarding the future Exploration Licences and SSD applications and what might be expected in the longer term viability of WCPL, including the expected future of the Wollar village*

### Property Management

- 2023 demolition program is complete
- As of March 2024 there are approximately 40 properties that are rented to approximately 120 tenants
- As of March 2024, there are 37 properties that are not safe or suitable to make available to rent (this includes houses of vastly varying condition)
- Feral animal control with LLS is ongoing
- RFS is being consulted regarding the appropriate controls for the proposed onsite accommodation facilities.

## 10. GENERAL BUSINESS

*Question: BS – Notes that the evaporation guns are being used – how much water can go through them?*

*Answer: KB - ~1ML of water can be processed in the evaporation fans per day.*

*Question: RP - On the corner of Mogo Road where the bitumen starts, there is a drill hole that is messy.*

*Answer: IF - There is an availability issue with the waste service company, so waste is being condensed into stockpiles awaiting collection as bins are available.*

BS: The Cumbo Bushfire Brigade is active and BS has been appointed as the community engagement officer. WCPL is reminded that their tenants are responsible for their bushfire planning and management prior to fire season. KB is responsible for updating the bushfire management plan for WCPL and is currently updating the plan. Leaseholders are contacted with WCPL's fire management plans and details thereof. WCPL welcomes input/information from Cumbo Bushfire Brigade

GP provides an update on the fox and dog management program as a proactive management technique. Fire preparedness is an upcoming task, including a large recent hazard reduction burn.

The next CCC meeting will be a site tour. All visitors will go through a visitor induction including alcohol testing, and are encouraged to wear long pants and long sleeve shirts with hi vis stripe if available, alternatively WCPL can and will provide all required PPE – please send through appropriate sizing to KB via LA. KB reminded members visiting the site of its drug & alcohol testing requirements.

## 11. MEETING SCHEDULE FOR 2024

LA requests a date change to the meeting schedule for the next two CCC meetings of 2024, including an earlier start time for the September meeting (10am) to cater for the site inspection.

Quarterly, Monday meetings agreed:

<p><del>Monday 3 June 2024</del></p> <p>Wednesday 11 September 2024 at 10am</p> <p>Wednesday 4 December 2024, Wollar at 1pm.</p>	
<b>Meeting Closed:</b>	3:11pm
<b>Next Meeting:</b>	Wednesday 11 September 2024 at WCPL Main Admin Offices at 10am. Appropriate clothing to be worn and induction to be undertaken.

ACTION LIST			
Number	Action	Whom	By When
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<b>3.</b>	Provide the camp related increase in effluent and management of effluent	TO	Next Meeting
<b>4.</b>	Break down the taxes, royalty and rates to State and Local government and provide an overview <i>within the bounds of standard commercial confidentiality provisions</i>	IF	Next Meeting
<b>5.</b>	Check previous notes in relation to SIMP discussions (April 2018)	LA	Next Meeting
<b>6.</b>	Nominate focus areas for the upcoming Independent Environmental Audit to LA.	CCC members	1 September 2024
<b>7.</b>	Provide clothing sizes (inclusive of shoes) and focus areas for CCC site tour to LA	CCC members	26 August 2024