

**METROPOLITAN COAL
COMMUNITY CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE - MEETING MINUTES**

Date: 12/12/2018

Time: Commenced – 5:35pm

Location: Metropolitan Coal Mine Meeting Room, Upper Administration, Helensburgh

Attendees:

- Lisa Andrews (LA) - Independent Chairperson
- Andy Hyslop (AHy) - Peabody Metropolitan Coal (*arrived at 6pm*)
- Jon Degotardi (JD) - Peabody Metropolitan Coal
- Stephen Love (SL) - Peabody Metropolitan Coal
- Robert Scullion (RS) - CCC Member
- Allan House (AH) - CCC Member
- Lorraine Rodden (LR) - CCC Member
- Kane Organ (KO) - Peabody Metropolitan Coal
- Suzanne Cryle (SC) - Peabody Australia

Apologies:

- Peter Turner - CCC Member
- Patricia Gauci - CCC Member
- Kerrie Belter - CCC Member
- Nina Kent - Wollongong City Council
- Alexandra Stengl – Wollondilly Shire Council

Welcome and introductions:

- LA welcomed all members to the final CCC meeting for 2018 and introduced Kane Organ who has joined Metropolitan as its Environment & Community Coordinator.

Declarations of interest:

- LA declared her position as Independent Chairperson for the CCC approved by the Director General of Department of Planning & Environment (DP&E) and engaged by Peabody.

Action items from previous meeting:

- Nil.

Correspondence Report – as emailed to members with the Meeting Notice on 28/11/18, with one additional item:

- 9/8/18 – Email to members with LW 301-303 Extraction Plan Record of Decision & the Request for Sponsorship Form.

- 22/8/18 - Email draft minutes for review.
- 1/9/18 – Email to members with the finalised minutes, together with the presentation.
- 20/11/2018 – Email from Peter Turner seeking employee numbers at Metrop. This request was forwarded through the Stephen Love for inclusion in the presentation.*
- 28/11/18 – Email to members with the Meeting Notice, Agenda and Correspondence Report for this meeting.
- 29/11/18 – Email from Peter Turner with an apology for this meeting and requesting the employee numbers prior to the meeting. Forwarded through to SL for action.*
- 29/11/18 – Email to Peter Turner with employee numbers.
- 11/12/18 – Email sent to members with a reminder for this meeting.

**SL advised that Metropolitan Coal had 295 full time employees and 133 full time contractors, which covered approximately 350 contractors in total (some contractors are part-time).
Noted.*

Metropolitan Coal operations update – Stephen Love, Environment & Community Superintendent

A presentation was provided to the CCC regarding Metropolitan's:

- Extraction Plan modifications
 - Noise mitigation improvements
 - Implementation of low-noise idlers
 - Trucking of Coal Wash Rejects (CWR) and beneficial reuse options
 - Updated Water Management Plan (WMP)
 - Now includes the stream remediation plans for Eastern Tributary and Waratah Rivulet
 - Heritage powerhouse assessment
 - 2018 community investment
 - 2018 general business.
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- SL explained current and future longwall lengths had been reduced to help ensure no further impacts to the Eastern Tributary.
 - This will result in sterilization of some sections of coal
 - JD explained Metropolitan had exceeded its performance measure on the Eastern Tributary
 - Metropolitan will continue to consult with the Independent Expert Panel for Mining in the Catchment (IEPMC) and DP&E to develop future layouts
 - AH enquired about the vertical impacts.
 - JD explained the process of cracking and valley closure
 - The mine has been designed to minimise subsidence impacts and remain within performance measures.
 - LA enquired about the approval to truck CWR to Manildra Group for use in energy production in their Bomaderry plant.
 - Metropolitan's existing approval enables trucking of up to 170,000 tonnes of product coal, however this has not been undertaken since the Coalcliff Cokeworks closed
 - There will be a small increase in truck movements (2/day) associated with this
 - SL explained that Metropolitan Coal is currently updating the Traffic Management Plan (TMP) and this will be provided to the CCC for comment.

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- To counter this small increase, Metropolitan has seen a 20% reduction in CWR through use of the CWR emplacement plant. In 2019 a project team will analyze the emplacement plant - equating to 5,000 fewer truck movements in 2018.
- In response to query from AH regarding coal types, JD explained that coal quality is determined with reference to ash content and coking (steel making) properties
 - Metropolitan produces predominantly metallurgical coal however, as a byproduct some of the cleanest and best thermal coal (17% ash content).
- SL outlined the updated stream remediation plan to incorporate Eastern Tributary remediation.
 - DP&E has sought changes to both Rehabilitation Management Plan (RMP) and WMP and is seeking the ability to assess the performance of rock bar remediation (PUR injection) with a statistical approach.
 - SL explained the updated WMP is awaiting approval from the department.
- SC enquired if any other mine site is remediating using the same PUR technology.
 - JD and SL explained that similar technology had been used by companies in a couple of instances, however, final approval of remediation has not yet been obtained at either Metropolitan Coal or any other mine site.
- SL outlined the current dilapidated state of the Old Powerhouse on site.
 - AH enquired about the presence of any old equipment inside.
 - JD explained that everything from the Old Powerhouse other than the structure was removed sometime in the 60's.
 - AH commented that the Old Powerhouse seems to have limited heritage value and the building being in a dilapidated state and on site also restricts access (could be removed with little loss of heritage).
 - LA enquired about the uses for the Old Powerhouse. SL explained the structural assessment concluded there is no economic method of remediating.
- SL provided a list of sponsorships to various community organizations during 2018 with approximately \$100,000 in community investments.
 - SC enquired about the responses from Helensburgh Country Fair.
 - KO confirmed a good response was received from the community, including many current and ex-employees.
- LR enquired if any noise complaints were received in 2018.
 - SL confirmed no noise complaints in 2018, with low noise idlers thought to be contributing significantly to a lowering of noise levels across site.

General business:

- SC highlighted Peabody's support for Mentoring Programs and the focus on increasing opportunities for women in mining within Peabody.
- SL thanked CCC members commitment during year
- RS thanked SL for presenting at the recent Helensburgh Probus meeting, with 95 of 100 members attending
- AH updated the CCC as to the status of the old rail tunnel fence repairs advising that Crown Lands has endorsed the application to take over control of the tunnel. He informed Peabody that they would be receiving a letter from the Crown as an adjoining landholder. AH

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announced that he has stood down as chair of Helensburgh Historical Society and intends to focus on his Landcare role as they become stewards of the old rail tunnel.

- AH is also compiling a history of representations of Metropolitan in the media as well as the legal history of the Royal National Park.
- LR advised that she was retiring from work and all members congratulated her.
- BS thanked SL for his presentation to the Probus Club advising the committee on its success.

Meeting closed:

6:40pm

LA thanked all members for their contribution throughout 2018, wishing them a Merry Christmas and happy new year, as well as passing on Kerrie Belter's best wishes to the committee.

Meeting Schedule for 2019:

It was agreed to hold a similar schedule as 2018:

- Wednesday - 17th April 2019
- Wednesday - 10th July 2019; and
- Wednesday - 6th November 2019

ACTION ITEM

- 1 Traffic Management Plan to be updated and sent to CCC members for consultation/comment. (SL)