



WAMBO COAL PTY LTD
COMMUNITY CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

Minutes

Location: Wambo Coal – Lakes Room

Date: 16 August 2018

ATTENDEES:

Lisa Andrews (LA)	Chairperson
Ron Fenwick (RF)	Community Member
Janet Fenwick (JF)	Community Member
Dave Thelander (DT)	Community Member (<i>left meeting at 10:40</i>)
Stephen Schmidt (SS)	Community Member
Godfrey Adamthwaite (GA)	Singleton Council Representative
Shane Gee (SG)	Community Member
Albert Scheepers (AS)	Wambo Coal – General Manager
Peter Jaeger (PJ)	Wambo Coal – A/Environment and Community Manager
Suzanne Cryle (SC)	Peabody – Community Relations Manager
Aislinn Farnon (AF)	Glencore United JV Approvals Manager (<i>left meeting at 10:44</i>)
Trish Searle (TS)	Wambo Coal – Assistant to GM (minute secretary)

OPENING:

The meeting commenced at 9:04am

LA welcomed committee members and thanked everyone for agreeing to the change of meeting date. LA declared that she has been approved by the Department of Planning and Environment (DP&E) and is engaged by Peabody to chair the meeting. LA also welcomed PJ and AS from Peabody and Aislinn Farnon from Glencore who is the United Wambo Project Approvals Manager.

LA distributed an attendance sheet and asked the CCC to note any changes to their contact details on the sheet. LA advised that the minutes for the previous meeting were finalised and distributed on 28 April 2018.

BUSINESS ARISING:

Action Items:

1. Installation of the CCC Representative board at Jerry's Plains hall. PJ confirmed that the board has been installed.
2. PJ to follow up on Shane Gee's note regarding noise. Included in presentation.
3. Rehabilitation. Included in presentation
4. PJ to check if Wambo consultants/contractors have been onto RF land and that boundary signage is adequate. PJ has spoken to all contractors and was unable to identify anyone who had been on RF land. PJ has provided a map to all contractors with boundaries marked and checked signage. Biosecurity also a consideration with people entering the property.
5. Agenda items: Update on creek diversion and rehab, footage of loading trains and United Wambo JV are all covered in today's presentation.

No other business arising from the previous minutes.

CORRESPONDENCE IN & OUT:

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| 21.4.18 | Email to members with the draft minutes for review. |
| 28.4.18 | Email to members with the finalised minutes from 12.12.17 meeting. |
| 13.5.18 | Letter from Peabody with CD's for distribution to members of the extraction plans for South Bates Extension Underground Mine |
| 28.5.18 | CD's distributed to members with covering letter regarding the South Bates Extension and Longwalls 17-20. |
| 1.6.18 | Email from David Thelander advising that his disc wasn't working. |
| 2.6.18 | Email to members asking if their discs were OK and offering to replace. |
| 19.7.18 | Email to members with the meeting notice & agenda for this meeting. |
| 1.8.18 | Email to members requesting a change in the meeting day. Responses received back. |
| 6.8.18 | Email to members with the amended meeting notice for 16.8.18. |

Moved that correspondence be accepted by **LA**, seconded by **DT**.

LA advised that in future, the correspondence report will be sent out the meeting notice. No objections raised.

PRESENTATIONS

The meeting commenced with a presentation by Aislinn Farnon on the United Wambo JV which covered:

1. Timeline for the Assessment process
2. PAC (IPC) Submission Summary
3. IPC Review Report – Key Issues
4. Final Void Environmental and Economic Assessment
5. Acquisition of land at Jerrys Plains; and
6. Noise Management

RF questioned the frequency of calibration of groundwater models as well as impacts on groundwater and monitoring. RF commented that aquifers have not been properly monitored over a period of years. Triggers need action and response. AF advised the Department of Planning and Environment (State) and the Department of Environment and Energy (Federal) government departments want TARPs (Trigger Action Response Plans) included in the Surface and Groundwater Monitoring Plans.

Action: AF to provide information on the frequency of calibration of groundwater models and further explanation on drawdown for South Wambo Creek aquifers.

GA described Singleton Council's commitment to focusing on potential mine final landform uses. Singleton Council is putting money aside so funds will be available to assist with identifying potential uses of relinquished mine sites. GA also noted that a substantial amount of water is needed for most proposed uses for final voids however the time it will take for the required amount of water to fill the voids makes some of these ideas impractical.

RF questioned the air quality monitoring process. AF indicated that a campaign will be undertaken for at least a year with air quality monitoring at Warkworth and Redmanvale. PM_{2.5} monitors will be located next to PM₁₀ monitors to provide the data needed to understand air quality in those areas.

SS raised the subject of Indigenous artifacts found on the United site. This is a key issue for the traditional custodians of the area. AF advised that the local Aboriginal community had assessed the artifacts found to date and none were considered to have 'high significance'.

Further to this, letters were also recently sent to Registered Aboriginal Parties (RAPs) to advise that the Development Plan is available for review. It has been proposed by representatives of the RAPs that the salvaged artifacts should be kept at the Keeping Place at the Wollomi Brook facility until a decision can be made about their longer-term placement. Options include potentially returning them to the site after relinquishment.

SS asked about Indigenous participation in Community Information Days. AF advised that the United site has 93 registered parties, and has undertaken around 120 survey days as well as a number of Community Days. No submissions were received from the Aboriginal community. [AF provided correction to figures post-meeting: *the site has 83 registered parties and has had 31 field days field days with eight RAPs per day representing 248 survey days.*]

The Cultural Heritage Management process has been handled by Glencore's Policy and Strategy Cultural Heritage Manager. AF advised that the first management plan to be undertaken for the site is the Cultural Heritage Management Plan. A further 10 weeks of salvage are planned and the Aboriginal community members will be involved. AF invited SS and the CCC to pass on her contact details to anyone from the local Aboriginal community who has not had contact with the project and might wish to be involved.

PJ asked whether the artifacts kept at Wambo's Safe Keeping Place would be better kept together with the United area artifacts as all the artifacts from this area belong to the Wonnarua people. The Wollomi Brook Safe Keeping Place was proposed because it is publicly-accessible and suitable as an education place. It was agreed the project and Wambo would seek advice from the local Aboriginal community regarding this matter.

AF said that more artifacts could be discovered with the planned excavations. No interested person will be excluded. SS went on to say that the Wonnarua people are the traditional custodians of this area however there are around 27 Aboriginal groups in the Hunter Valley. The Wonnarua Elders are the knowledge holders for culture and sites in this area.

Discussion then centered around the planned two voids that will remain at relinquishment. The voids will cover 111ha. AF explained that filling in the voids would be uneconomic so approval for two voids on the United site has been sought. Wambo currently has two voids approved so the proposal is to eventually move those two voids from the approved location to the proposed project location. RF noted significant changes had been made to the final landform, rehabilitation and void expectations since the original mine applications were made.

Due to two different consents there is a legislative requirement to have two CCCs; one for the United Wambo JV open cut and the other to cover Wambo's Underground and CHPP. As the committee members and chair are likely to be the same for both it has been proposed to have combined CCC meetings. The CCC members agreed with this logic.

The presentation included a plan of land that Glencore purchased from NuCoal. The slide showed the portion of the land that has been set aside for biodiversity offsets and the remainder that is currently being used for agricultural purposes (cattle grazing), managed by Colinta Holdings. DT noted that the biodiversity area includes a convict quarry and cemetery.

AF explained work that was underway around noise mitigation strategies. Brett Hails, Civil Engineer has been contracted to do a detailed report and noise mitigation recommendations for individual properties within the Noise Management zone. [Due to issues with the contractor's schedule, some consultations had recently been scheduled at late notice and there had been some confusion regarding timing and process for affected landholders.] DT requested more notice for inspections in future.

DT said that the local community doesn't know what is going on and the process seems separate for works that United and Wambo are undertaking for their neighbours. AS assured DT that the companies are funding these measures and working together on strategies.

DT also mentioned that he did not receive a letter regarding the first flush systems so PJ will resend it.

Action: PJ to resend DT's first flush system letter via email.

DT left the meeting at 10:40am

AF left the meeting at 10:44am

PJ then presented a general update on:

1. Current Operations
 - i. Underground
 - ii. Open Cut
2. Environmental Performance Summary
3. Operational Noise
 - i. Noise Performance and Excavator /Fleet Shutdown
4. North Wambo Creek Diversion/Rehabilitation
5. Train Load Out
6. Approvals; and
7. Sponsorship

GENERAL BUSINESS

The relocated noise monitor near the RF boundary fence is not showing any significant changes. RF said they have been noticing some noise from a nearby drilling rig. PJ referred to SG's noise complaint from the previous CCC meeting. He said there was a 1dB exceedance during attended monitoring at one of the monitoring location during the night. PJ discussed 10.5hr shifts and production operations generally ceasing at 02:30hrs. PJ discussed limiting excavator walking times in the early hours of the morning. SG said that two week period was unusual as road noise is usually more noticeable from SG's house than mine noise. PJ discussed training with OC and dedicated noise monitoring staff. PJ illustrated noise complaint performance compared to last year and discussed the amount of excavator hour down time due to noise. PJ has spoken to the Workshop about considering track noise when equipment is moved at night.

Success of seed, tubestock and advanced tree options were outlined and discussed as part of the North Wambo Creek diversion rehabilitation. JF enquired about local seed. PJ said that it might be worth doing a trial comparing the success of store bought seed with locally collected seed. PJ discussed unsuccessful tubestock campaign compared to tree seed. Further short-term rehabilitation is impacted by the drought. The area is too extensive and logistically difficult to water. PJ discussed rehabilitation, closure criteria and how this was integrated into the Mining Operation Plan (MOP).

The potential for a cattle trial was raised. PJ said that currently no areas available in operational areas, however some will come available once the area is successfully established, specifically Montrose East. PJ offered that information can be provided at a future CCC regarding cattle trials and mine rehabilitation.

CCTV images were provided of the train loading to show the profile bar in action. PJ found it difficult to video with drone below the bin because of the location of the profile bar underneath the discharge chute whilst being loaded.

Action: PJ to organise for the CCC to visit the train loadout at a future meeting (when timing of trains allows) to see the profile bar in action.

Bushfire Management Plan – no comments from RFS. RF to provide feedback.

Action: PJ to send a copy of the draft Bushfire Management Plan to RF for mark-up.

RF asked about recruitment of the new Environment and Community Manager (E&C Mgr). AS advised that the recruitment process had to be started again after a new E&C Mgr was employed but left after a brief period. AS commented that PJ is doing a sterling job as acting E&C Mgr, LA and the CCC concurred.

No further general business.

There was some discussion about CCCs and community involvement especially for areas like Bulga and Ravensworth. It was mentioned that there are limitations with more renters in those areas than land owners, conflicts of interest and availability for people to attend meetings.

NEXT MEETING

Tuesday 11 December at 9am at Wambo

The meeting closed at 11:42am with LA thanking all for their attendance.

ACTION ITEMS

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