



Wilpinjong Coal Mine Community Consultative Committee



Meeting Minutes

1. PRESENT

Chairperson:	Lisa Andrews (LA)	Time:	2:10 pm, Monday 12 March 2018
Venue:	Wollar Store	Minute Taker:	Kellie Smith (KS)
Committee Members:	Blair Jackson (BJ), Kieren Bennetts (KB), Brian McDermott (BM), Kim Peach (KP), Scott Lillis (SL), Ian Flood (IF) Bev Smiles (BV), Gail Ratcliffe (GR), Bruce Hughes (BH), Colin Faulkner (CF).		
Invited Guests:	Clark Potter (CP), James Heesterman (JH).		

2. APOLOGIES

Apologies:	Cr Des Kennedy (DK), Lisa Menke (LM)
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3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Lisa Andrews - Chair approved by Director General of Department of Planning and Environment (DP&E), paid by Peabody Energy
 Blair Jackson – General Manager, Wilpinjong Coal
 Kieren Bennetts – Environment & Community Manager, Wilpinjong Coal
 Ian Flood – Manager Project Development and Approvals, Wilpinjong Coal
 Col Faulkner – Community Member (Resident)
 Scott Lillis – Community Member (Former Resident)
 Brian McDermott – Community Member (Lessee of Peabody pastoral land and Former Resident)
 Kim Peach – Community Member and Lessee of Wollar General Store
 Lisa Menke – National Parks & Wildlife
 Bev Smiles – Community Member (Resident)
 Cr Des Kennedy – Mayor Mid-Western Regional Council
 Clark Potter – Senior Environmental Advisor, Wilpinjong Coal
 James Heesterman – Environment and Community Vacation Student
 Gail Ratcliffe – Native Title Liaison Officer

4. CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

Minutes of meeting dated 4 December 2017 confirmed and distributed on 19 December 2017.

5. BUSINESS ARISING

ACTION ITEMS

- Waste management from demolition program (including asbestos removal) to be addressed at every CCC meeting, and an ad placed in the Wollar Public School newsletter when conducting asbestos removal in the Wollar township.
Ongoing – nil to report at this meeting.
- IF to provide an update regarding the relocation of the 330kv powerline at Slate Gully.
Ongoing – update provided in presentation prepared by IF.
- IF to communicate project modifications to the CCC.
Ongoing – updated regarding the Tralee EL application provided in presentation prepared by IF.
- KB ensure that attended noise monitoring reports to be available in hard copy at each CCC meeting.
Ongoing. Hard copies were made available and will continue to be made available until otherwise agreed.
- IF investigate and provide feedback how to best manage the public maintenance of headstones in the church yards.
Ongoing – IF advised waiting legal advice.
- KB present the Wilpinjong water balance to the CCC.
Incomplete – currently being finalised as part of the Annual Review and Environmental Management Report. Hold over until next meeting.
- KB review the reporting criteria regarding the inclusion of train noise for real time noise monitoring and advise the CCC.
Incomplete – Hold over until next meeting.
- IF ensure the drilling company cleans up plastic being left behind from the drilling program in Pit 8.
Complete.
- KB display updated Have-A-Chat schedule 2018 at the Wollar Store.
Complete. Advised need to change next month's date due to an internal clash.
- Provide further information in regard to any increase in traffic on in the Hunter Valley / Bylong Road due to the 330kV Powerline relocation.
Complete. Increase should be in relation to delivering infrastructure only. See presentation prepared by IF.
- IF submit Rural Fire Brigade boundary as the parameter for the Wollar resident qualification for the Social Impact Assessment to Elliot Whiteing and provide feedback.
Complete.
- LA include Gail Ratcliffe (NTLO) in all future CCC meeting invitations.
Complete.

6. CORRESPONDENCE IN AND OUT

- 10/12/17 - Draft minutes sent to CCC members for review
- 19/12/17 – Finalised minutes sent to CCC members
- 17/1/18 – Email from KB regarding upcoming ARTC track works; this information was forwarded to members on 18/1/18
- 25/2/18 – Email to members with the meeting notice & agenda for this meeting
- 8/3/18 – Email to members regarding MWRC's road maintenance of the Ulan-Wollar Road commencing Friday 9/3/18.

LA moved that the correspondence be received. Seconded by BM.

7. REPORT BY KIEREN BENNETTS

An update on operations and an overview of activities was provided to the CCC via presentation. The presentation will be provided to the CCC members electronically. Discussions and actions arising from the report:

Aerial photograph

- Updated photograph from February 2018 provided.

Attended noise monitoring

- BS queried whether the monitoring included low frequency. IF reviewed the report and confirmed it does.
- BS referred to the previous meeting minutes wherein an action should have been raised as per: *"BS requested that the attended noise monitoring report now include the 1/3 octave measurements for low frequency noise (LFN) at each attended noise monitoring site as the new Noise Policy for Industry (and WEP approval conditions) require LFN to be measured against 13 frequencies."* Action included in this quarter's meeting.

Water Discharge

- RO plant turned off 11 January 2018.

Operational Downtime

- BS requested that the report information be updated to show which monitors are triggering operation modifications.
- KB confirmed that at present it is unable to be reported that way, but he will investigate with the mine site dispatch team.

Donations

- KB gave a brief outline of donation request criteria.

8. REPORT BY IAN FLOOD

An update on the Wilpinjong Extension Project (WEP) and property matters was provided to the CCC via presentation. The presentation will be provided to the CCC members electronically. Discussions and actions arising from the report:

Transgrid 330kV ETL relocation

- BH requested signage be displayed on the main road advising of trucks/vehicles crossing. IF advised there should not be any issue with vehicles crossing however will arrange the signage.
- BS and BH requested that the new towers be painted green like the ones in Slate Gully were. IF advised he would pass the request onto Transgrid on their behalf.

Social Impact Management Plan (SIMP) – Process

- IF provided an explanation of the process.
- BH, BM and CF all requested hard copies of the draft document. Action raised for IF to provide electronic and hard copies to CCC members for review.
- BH invited IF to attend the next Wollar Progress Association meeting to talk through the SIMP. There was other discussion, which included the suggestion of an Extraordinary CCC meeting to be called for Monday 23 April at 10:00 am to go review the SIMP. The Wollar Progress Association meeting will follow.

Property Management

- BS noted there was no mention of pig trapping this meeting. IF advised that the trapping is on going, many pigs are being trapped and the lease holders are also assisting.

9. GENERAL BUSINESS

Update to CCC guidelines

- LA advised that the Department of Planning & Environment had recently advertised for Independent Chairpersons for State Significant Developments. Following the application process, LA was approved as one of the 27 chairs in the “talent pool”.

Volatile gasses

- CF advised that he has not received a report on the air quality and specifically volatile gasses since 2014 and queried whether Wilpinjong Coal were still required to provide them because of community interest in what benzenes are in the air. KB and IF confirmed there is no requirement to provide such reports under the current conditions.

Mogo Road rail crossing repairs

- BH requested that a query be passed onto DK seeking clarification of who is responsible for the Mogo Road rail crossing as it requires repairs. LA confirmed that she would seek information from DK on his behalf.

Roadside vegetation maintenance

- BS queried who was responsible for maintaining road side vegetation on the northern side of Wollar as it appears to be not as well maintained as in the past.
- IF explained that under the VPA with MWRC, WCPL are required to maintain the entrance of Wollar village by mowing and that this is undertaken by WCPL on an as required basis. He suggested that the community contact him directly if they think an area needs to be completed sooner.
- BH commended BJ on the maintenance conducted on the road side in front of his house.

Environmental Defenders Office court case

- BS queried what WCPL will do if the ruling is not in its favour.
- BJ and IF advised that the company would react to the ruling once given.

Status of the Protestors criminal case

- IF queried where the case was up to. BS advised Judgment was due to be given on 5 June.

Fires on WCPL land

- CF raised at the last Have a Chat that if a fire starts on WCPL the RFS will not respond. IF and BJ queried the reason for this as they were of the understanding the RFS is a voluntary organisation and accepted that the landholder is to respond also if not away. BS noted that the community had raised concern about the major landholder in Wollar not responding to fires on its land and the same volunteers fighting the fires every time. BJ requested BS provide examples to him of when WCPL have not responded. It was established that 1 fire out of the last 4 were not physically responded to by WCPL however the RFS had advised that night that as it was under control. IF noted that he would discuss the issue of Wollard RFS not responding to Peabody fires with Mudgee Fire Control.
- BH queried whether the WCPL fire truck was mechanically sound. IF confirmed that it is in good mechanical condition having a considerable amount of work completed on it.
- BS queried how many workers are available to provide fire fighting response if required on a general work day. IF confirmed that there would be about 10 employees on any weekday able to respond. 34 employees responded to the Kains Flat fire event in February 2017.

Meeting Closed: 3:56 pm

Next Meetings:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Monday, 23 April 2018 -10:00 am at Wollar Store – extraordinary meeting • Monday, 4 June 2018 – 2:00 pm at Wollar Store • Monday, 10 September 2018 – 2:00 pm at Wilpinjong and include site visit • Monday, 10 December 2018 – 3:00 pm (Mudgee / Christmas dinner) with venue to be advised
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ACTION LIST			
Number	Action	Whom	By When
1.	Waste management from demolition program (including asbestos removal) to be addressed at every CCC meeting, and an ad placed in the Wollar Public School newsletter when conducting asbestos removal in the Wollar township.	IF	Ongoing / as required
2.	IF to provide an update regarding the relocation of the 330kv powerline at Slate Gully.	IF	Ongoing
3.	Communicate project modifications to the CCC.	IF	Ongoing
4.	Attended noise monitoring reports to be available in hard copy at each CCC meeting.	KB	Ongoing
5.	Investigate and provide feedback how to best manage the public maintenance of headstones in the church yards.	IF	Next meeting
6.	Present the Wilpinjong water balance to the CCC.	KB	Next meeting
7.	Review the reporting criteria regarding the inclusion of train noise for real time noise monitoring and advise the CCC.	KB	Next meeting
8.	Ensure that the attended noise monitoring report now includes the 1/3 octave measurements for LFN at each attended noise monitoring site as per the NPI and WEP approval conditions.	KB	Next meeting
9.	Investigate whether the operation downtime reports can be changed to show which monitors are triggering the modification of operations.	KB	Next meeting
10.	Arrange signage warning of vehicles crossing main road near the 330kv deviation works.	IF	ASAP
11.	On behalf of the community, ask Transgrid if the new 330kv power line towers could be painted green.	IF	Next meeting
12.	Provide the CCC members with a copy (either electronic or hard) of the draft SIMP for review.	IF	ASAP
13.	Briefing workshop with Wollar Progress Association on Monday 23 April to review the SIMP with IF.	IF	ASAP
14.	Contact DK regarding the responsible entity to repair the Mogo Road rail crossing on behalf of BH.	LA	Next meeting