



Wilpinjong Coal Mine Community Consultative Committee



Meeting Minutes

1. PRESENT

Independent Chairperson:	Lisa Andrews (LA)	Date & Time:	8 June 2021, 1:00pm
Venue:	Wollar General Store	Minute Taker:	Julie Burns (JB)
Committee Members:	Colin Faulkner (CF), Bruce Hughes (BH), Ian Flood (IF), Kieren Bennetts (KB), Bev Smiles (BS), Lisa Menke (LM), Ian Livingstone-Blevins (ILB), Cr Des Kennedy (DK – Via phone conference)		

2. APOLOGIES/ABSENT

Apologies:	Kim Peach (KP) & Brian McDermott (BM),
Absent:	Scott Lillis (SL)

3. WELCOME

Committee members gathered for the second Community Consultative Committee (CCC) meeting for 2021. LA opened the meeting at 1:06 pm and welcomed all attendees.

4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Lisa Andrews – Independent Chair approved by Director General of Department of Planning and Environment (DP&E), engaged by Peabody
 Ian Livingstone-Blevins – General Manager, Wilpinjong Coal
 Julie Burns – Executive Assistant to General Manager, Wilpinjong Coal
 Kieren Bennetts – Environment & Community Manager, Wilpinjong Coal
 Ian Flood – Manager Project Development and Approvals, Wilpinjong Coal
 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
 Bev Smiles – Community Member (Resident)
 Cr Des Kennedy – Mayor Mid-Western Regional Council
 Bruce Hughes –Community Member (Resident)
 Lisa Menke - NSW National Parks & Wildlife Service
 Colin Faulkner (CF) Community Member (Resident)

5. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE FINALISED MINUTES

ACTION ITEMS

ACTION LIST			
Number	Action	Whom	By When
1.	Waste management from demolition program (including asbestos removal) to be addressed at every CCC meeting, and notification placed at Wollar Store when conducting asbestos removal in the Wollar township. IF covered off the demolition update in his presentation.	IF	Ongoing
2.	Communicate project modifications to the CCC. IF covered off project modifications in his presentation.	IF	Ongoing
3.	Attended noise monitoring reports to be available in hard copy at each CCC meeting. Hard copy reports were made available at the meeting.	KB	Ongoing
4.	Write to MWRC on the Munghorn Road upgrades speed limit on behalf of the CCC. Complete.	LA	Next Meeting
5.	LA to follow up with the ARTC on being placed on the distribution list. LA advised that ARTC responded advising that they are unaware of a distribution list. IF to share the contact in ARTC who sends the notifications out to Peabody. IF will send on any notifications received to the Wollar Progress Association, until a time that the ARTC acknowledges the request.	LA/IF	Next Meeting
6.	Provide update on Wollar Resource Area progress. IF covered the Wollar Resource Area in his presentation.	IF	Ongoing
7.	Write a letter to Hon Mark Coulton MP - Minister for Regional Health, Regional Communications and Local Government escalating the postal issues for Wollar and proposed solution of erecting locked mailboxes at the Store in the breezeway. Complete - LA received a response from the office of Hon Mark Coulton MP - Minister for Regional Health, Regional Communications and Local Government escalating the postal issue and proposed solution on the 23/4/21. IF presented an update in his presentation.	LA	Next Meeting
8.	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	Hold
9.	BVT criteria be presented at the next meeting. KB and IF provided an update on the Rehabilitation Criteria and Vegetation Communities in the presentation.	KB	Closed
10.	Take feedback to the Community Complaints Hotline feedback to the third-party company, that the operator should collect the information and report only. KB spoke to the account manager and confirmed that they need to stick to the specified questions, without passing judgement. KB advised that if any members of the community have any issues to advise KB.	KB	Closed
11.	Formal notification to Australia Post to include the letter from the progress association. IF confirmed that he has informed Australia Post (AP) of the pending closure of the Wollar Store – in line with the discussion at the last CCC meeting. Richard O’Keefe from AP responded, indicating that AP are working on attending a CCC meeting. IF will continue to coordinate his attendance, which may require an extra-ordinary CCC to accommodate Mr O’Keefe’s soonest availability.	IF	ASAP
12.	Arrange formal notification signage noting timeframe of the closure at the General Store. Action item carried over to next meeting.	IF	Carried over
13.	Check how Cooyal Brigade access fuel. Complete - IF confirmed that the Cooyal Brigade obtains fuel from in Mudgee township.	IF	Closed
14.	Send link for the annual Independent Chairperson’s report to members. Complete - LA sent link through with the draft minutes on the 22/03/2021	LA	Closed

6. CORRESPONDENCE IN AND OUT

As per Meeting Notice, emailed on 31/5/2021

Correspondence Report:

- 22/3/21 – Email to members with the draft minutes for review.
- 29/3/21 - Email to members with the finalised minutes.
- 30/3/21 – Minutes posted to Col Faulkner.
- 19/4/21 – Email from IF with information regarding the Mudgee Classic cycling event and proposed road closures. This information was forwarded on to the CCC the same day.
- 22/4/21 – Email from IF with information and attachments regarding Peabody’s autumn dog baiting, Araluen HR burn by NPWS and TransGrid powerline inspections. This information forwarded on to members 23/4/21.
- 23/4/21 – Letter from Australia Post regarding representations to the Hon Mark Coulton MP regarding postal services at Wollar. This information forwarded on to members 23/4/21.
- 4/5/21 – Email from IF advising of the planned aerial baiting by NPWS over the next 6 months. This information was forwarded on to members.
- 11/5/21 – Email reply from Mark Coulter MP regarding postal services for Wollar. This correspondence was sent through to members for their information.
- 12/5/21 – Email from IF providing an update of his contact with Australia Post.
- 19/5/21 – Email to DPIE with chair’s CCC annual report for 2020-21.
- 31/5/21 – Email to members with the Meeting Notice, Agenda & Correspondence Report for the meeting.
- 31/5/21 – Same information to Col Faulkner via post.
- 04/6/21 - Reminder to members for Wilpinjong CCC meeting on the 8/6/21.

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 provided from May 2021 and ran through current works in each Pit.
- BS queried how much time WCPL have in Pit 6. ILB responded till the end of the approval, current estimate is 2032.
- BS queried how much time WCPL have in Pit 3 and Pit 7. ILB advised that estimated 18 months in Pit 7, and Pit 3 WCPL will come back to mine the main haulage route, which is estimated in 2026.
- BH queried if WCPL are planning on moving Cumbo Creek. KB advised there is no plan to move Cumbo Creek at this stage.
- CF commented that spon-com in Pit 3 was emanating odour that morning. BH and BS have noticed that there is smoke coming out of places around Pit 3. BH queried if it is actually burning underground. ILB noted that it is not a fire, but steam rising from the warming material. ILB explained the process of locating the appropriate material to cap the area and restrict the passage of oxygen and therefore mitigating the heating process.

Environmental Monitoring Overview

- Attended Noise Monitoring locations and results presented for the period of March 2021 – May 2021
- On the 30-31 March 2021 – Noise was not audible in any of the attended noise monitored sites.
- On the 20-21 April 2021 WCPL was audible at all sites. A mining continuum from WCP was audible at low levels. WCPL was predominately operating machinery in the west of the mine, ie Pit 6; however, were compliant with limits.
- On the 4-5 May 2021- audible at all but one sites. A mining continuum and low-level mining noises (engine surge) from WCPL was audible but compliant with limits. WCPL was predominately operating machinery in Pit 6 and also Pit 8.
- BS queried if complaints were received from the community west of the mine. KB responded that the mine has not received any complaints west of the mine in recent memory regarding noise.

Real Time Noise Monitoring

- KB presented a map of the Current Real Time Noise Monitoring Locations. - Mogo Rd, Ringwood Rd, Wollar and Tichular.
- BS inquired if Tichular had been moved. KB responded that Tichular noise monitor was previously the Wondoona noise monitor and was moved approximately 1 year ago.

Blast / Vibration Monitoring

- Blast and Vibration monitoring results from January- April 2021 were presented, no exceedance of vibration or overpressure criteria over this period.
- 53 blasts from January- April 2021 period.
- Presented a graphical representation of overpressure and vibration monitoring January – April 2021 against compliance limits.
- No exceedances.
- Nil Comments.

Air Quality / Dust Monitoring

- High Volume Air Sampler and Depositional Dust Monitoring locations presented.
- Presented 12-month monitoring trend of Air Quality, depositional dust till the end of April 2021.
- Presented 12-month monitoring trend of Air Quality – Hi Volume Air Samplers till the end of April 2021.
- TEOM Monitoring locations presented. Monitors situated at Araluen Rd and Wollar.
- KB presented the TEOM PM10 results over 12-month trend.
- Significantly elevated dust level recorded on 29th April 2021 due to a nearby hazard reduction burn undertaken by the NPWS.

Surface Water & Discharge Monitoring

- Presented the water monitoring data from the water treatment facility depicting EPL limits and units of measurements.
- Presented graphical representation of the daily trend from January 2021 – April 2021. No exceedances.
- Average ML per day January 2021 - 1.0 ML, average February 2021 – 1.6 ML, March 2021 – 2.0 ML and April – 2.2 ML
- BS queried when WCPL commenced discharging. KB responded since 27 December 2020 around the 2ML a day average. No exceedances.

Operational Downtime

- Presented graphs of lost time including breakdown of data by Pit and causal factor. Total lost time from 2 March 2021 – 5 June 2021 was 1536.76 hours (primary dig units only), with Pit 6 (31%) & Pit 8 (22%) have been the worst effected for lost time.
- Main events causing lost time were fog (37%) and lightning (29%).
- BS queried what the lost time was in Pit 7. KB responded that it was 94.83 hours.
- BH asked whether WCPL try to get the lost hours back. IF explained TUM availability and delays.

Environmental Plans Update

- KB presented a table of the current Environmental Management plans that WCPL are working through to update.
- BS asked if WCPL is consulting with the CCC as a part of the consultation process. BS asked what the context of the updates were. KB explained that it is a requirement to review, gave the example that incidents and submission of Annual Review automatically trigger reviews and whether updates are required.
- BS queried if last year's AR was available. KB advised that WCPL is waiting on notification from the relevant government agencies that the review meets the requirements; once finalised, it will be shared out to the community.

Rehabilitation Update

- Presented aerial overview of WCPL's Rehabilitation footprint for 2021. Blue colour depicts the area that is requires to be transitioned to the new vegetation communities composition.
- 2021 Rehabilitation target consists of 86ha – Mine Operations Plan (MOP) and 270ha rework of existing rehabilitation to final Biometric Vegetation Types (BVT). Total target is 356ha for 2021.
- Presented aerial footprint of the final Biometric Vegetation Types (BVT).
- KB and IF presented details on the rehabilitation performance and completion criteria required to be successful met for each classification of designated BVT and satisfying the offset credit requirements.

- BS enquired whether all the rehabilitation needed to meet the BVT. IF responded that not all of the rehabilitation needed to meet the criteria, but it provided Peabody with a buffer to do so.
- BH queried if the criteria is on how many trees per hectare. IF reiterated what attributes made up the performance and completion criteria, noting that ‘% cover’ is a key component.
- BS asked if the criteria is met, does WCPL we end up with the required offset credits. IF confirmed this is correct.
- BH asked if it is a combination of seed or tube stock. IF confirmed that both are used, but mainly seeding with supplemental tube stock when required.
- BS queried what the long-term landform would be for the area, as all the grazing areas proposed under the original approval have been removed under the WEP. IF advised that the landform will essentially be a woodland, with a mix of some shrubby and grassy woodlands, but essentially woodlands – as directed by DPIE during the WEP approval process.
- BS inquired about the fire management planning. IF advised that cool burning is currently being investigated and could be introduced to assist vegetation management
- An update was given on Regen 1, with the planting showing 3079 tube stock; consisting of, Yellow Box, Rough Barked Apple, Blakely Gum, Casuarina, Saltbush, Lomandra & Acacia.
- Progression photos of the Wilpinjong Creek riparian stabilisations were presented. Rip lines installed for tube stock planting to commence in Spring 2021.
- BS queried if it was the location of the water discharge for the Water Treatment Facility. KB responded that it is in a similar location but is not the exact location, for the others in the meeting the location is adjacent to Pit 4 and west of the 330 KV powerline.
- Photographs presented of the habitat augmentation on the rehabilitation in Pit 5.
- BS asked where in Pit 5 it was located with KB advising that the habitat logs are located mid-Pit.

Exploration

- 2021 Exploration Program commenced on the 3rd of March 2021.
- Drill holes completed to date;
 - 7 Coal Quality holes
 - 2 Gas Testing holes
 - 20 Coal Structure Definition holes, includes 2 holes tested for reactive ground.
- Drilling in Pit 8 has been completed.
- Remaining drill holes
 - 6 north of Pit 6
 - 2 in Pit 5 south east
- Duration ~ 3 to 4 months depending on weather conditions.
 - Hagstrom Drilling to conduct drilling works.
 - Measured Group to conduct field geology works.
 - Weatherfords to conduct field geophysical works.
 - Coal quality analyses are being completed by ALS Laboratories.
- Expected to use 100% above ground sump methods.
- Presented aerial photo of planned 2021 exploration; drill holes of Coal Quality (red) and Coal Structure (green).
- BS queried what the results of gas testing where for. IF responded that they are built into the model for refining and reporting on coal seam fugitive emissions

Community

- Complaints data presented. Total of 16 complaints for period 4 March 2020 - 1 June 2021. Break down of 12 for Noise, 3 for Odour/Spontaneous Combustion and 1 for Dust.
- BS asked if one of the spon-com complaints came from the Ulan area. KB confirmed this had not occurred.
- Community Donations and Sponsorships from the past quarter were presented. Breakdown over the period totalling \$16,890.00.
- BS inquired on the location of Have a Chat after the shop shuts. IF advised that the Wollar General Store meeting room will continue to be the likely meeting location.

- BH asked for an update on the action taken last quarter on the complaints hotline. KB spoke to the 3rd party account manager and advises that the operators need to stick to the questions, collect the information and pass no judgement.
- BS asked for WCPL to send through the list of what the questions asked. KB took the action.
- KB asked that if any community members feel that the hotline operators deviate from the questions to escalate to KB so he can manage the situation.

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:

Wilpinjong Extension Project – Pit 6 Generally in Accordance request

- Presented minor modification to the disturbance boundary in Pit 6.
- Noted in the EIS assessment WCPL would amend the disturbance boundary and considered generally in accordance.
- BS asked if the area was for like for like. IF advised it there is more preserved area than disturbed.
- BS queried if WCPL need to secure the preserved area via a biodiversity offset mechanism – IF confirmed this was not required.

Wilpinjong Extension Project – Wollar Resource Area (WRA)

- Wollar Resource Area - Expression of Interest released on Friday 4 June 2021 and closes 3 August 2021.
 - Qualification phase – EOI lodged and assessed.
 - Tender phase – eligible applicants invited to tender
 - Excludes Wollar Village.
- BS asked if it meant that the village would be surrounded by an open cut coal mine as the previous application didn't surround the village. IF to check the market interest test area and present next meeting.
- BS noted that any impacts to public roads such as Mogo Road should receive consideration regarding ongoing public access. IF reiterated that the EOI was only for an Exploration Licence and such matters would be considered if a mining project approval was sought.
- LA asked if the EOI was public information in terms of how applicants would be. IF responded the tendering process and documentation will likely not be. EOI is confidential.
- BS stated that this resource allocation was only communicated in about December 2020 when the Deputy Premier announced the Future Statement on Coal and associated Policy, and questioned if Peabody was involved in the departments industry consultation. IF advised that the government consulted with industry via the NSW Minerals Council (NSWMC) on the guidelines. BS asked for feedback if Peabody participated in the industry consultation that occurred.

Property Management – Australia Post

- IF gave an update on ongoing mail service at Wollar.
- WCPL notified Australia Post of pending closure of the Wollar Store on 31 December 2021.
 - Included letter from WPA.
 - Requested attendance at a CCC meeting to discuss future delivery service with committee.
 - At least include option for post boxes to be located at the Wollar Store – post closure in proposed mail poll.
- It was agreed that an extra ordinary meeting be dedicated to the postal issue. Proposed dates discussed, it was agreed to provide Australia Post with the 4th of 5th of July 2021. DK indicated that his preference would be Monday 5 July 2021.
- IF took the action to set up the meeting.
- BS made the comment that the WPA would like to take the Australian Post representatives up Mogo Road as a field trip as to what the contractors would face – this should be included in the agenda.
- LA noted that it would be beneficial for pre-set issues to be included in any correspondence so that Australia Post come prepared and mitigate any further delays.

Property Management - Wollar Village House Demotion

- IF presented the house demolition proposal for 2021.

- 6 properties.
 - 6 Fitzgerald Street
 - 8 Fitzgerald Street
 - 26 Barnett Street
 - 24 Barnett Street
 - 47-49 Barnett Street
 - 51-57 Barnett Street
- Intent of the demolition process is to have all 6 houses complete prior to next meeting.

Property Management – LLS Aerial Shoot

- IF provided an update on the LLS Aerial shooting Program.
- PPH will participate in the upcoming LLS organised Aerial Baiting Program – targeting pigs, wild dogs, foxes, goats and deer.
- Majority of Peabody land accessed.
- Successful shoot for pig control
- BS advised that the Wollar community was not notified of the aerial shoot and queried if there was any notification to landholders. IF was unsure of notification requirements to neighbours. IF to check and come back with information at the next meeting.

Property Management

- Increases trespassers access PEA land for firewood and hunting. Trespassers have been opening gates and cutting fences.
- IF advises that WCPL’s stance will be referring vehicle registration number to the Police.
- BH made the comment that he noticed an iron bark tree had been removed.
- BS queried if WCPL grant permission to staff. IF confirmed that they had in past, however, WCPL will not be approving going forward.

RFS participation

- WCPL was called out to a small fire left over from the hazard reduction burn on Mogo Road.
- Attended the interagency Cudgegong Bushfire Management Committee Meeting on Thursday 6 May 2021.
- BH advised that the timber in Pit 8 needs to be slashed. IF advised he would action.

9. GENERAL BUSINESS

- CF noticed WCPL have been carting overburden from Pit 8 to Pit 3 and asked if this would leave a deficit. IF explained that the final landforms is lower than pre-mining landform overall.
- BH mentioned that the other day a steer was loose and asked who the contact would be to assist. Advised to inform IF or KB.
- KB reminded members that the next meeting will be on site and asked attendees to send through points of interest for the site visit.
- BH queried LM if the animal bypasses would be added to the next stage of the Munghorn early year. LM stated that she would follow up.

Meeting Closed:	2:53pm
Next Meetings:	2021 Meeting Schedule <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Monday 6th September 2021– onsite meeting with the final meeting for 2021 to be held on 29th November 2021.

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5.	Arrange formal notification signage noting timeframe of the closure.at the General Store.	IF	Next meeting
6.	IF to present WRA market interest test area.	IF	Next meeting
7.	Confirm if Peabody participated in the industry consultation for the WRA release.	IF	Next meeting
8.	Schedule an extra ordinary meeting with Australia Post including a field trip up Mogo road. IF to include pre-set questions in the correspondence so that Australia Post come prepared.	IF	ASAP
9.	IF to confirm who was notified of the LLS aerial shoot in May.	IF	Next meeting
10.	IF to arrange the grass to be slashed around the timber in Pit 8.	IF	Next meeting
11.	KB reminded that next meeting will be on site, please send through points of interest for the Site visit.	All	30 August
12.	LM to confirm if animal bypasses will be included in the next stage of the Munghorn upgrade.	LM	Next meeting