



Wilpinjong Coal Mine Community Consultative Committee



Meeting Minutes

1. PRESENT

Independent Chairperson:	Lisa Andrews (LA)	Date & Time:	27/10/2021, 11:04 AM
Venue:	Wollar General Store	Minute Taker:	Shonni Goonrey (SG)
Committee Members:	Colin Faulkner (CF), Bruce Hughes (BH), Ian Flood (IF), Kieren Bennetts (KB), Bev Smiles (BS), Jacques du Toit (dT), Kim Peach (KP), Brian McDermott (BM),		
Invited Guests/Observers:			

2. APOLOGIES/ABSENT

Apologies:	Cr Des Kennedy (DS), Scott Lillis (SL), Lisa Menke (LM).
Absent:	

3. WELCOME

Committee members have gathered for the Community Consultative Committee (CCC) meeting for October 2021 at the Wollar Store. LA opened the meeting at 11:04AM 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
 Jacques du Toit – General Manager, Wilpinjong Coal
 Shonni Goonrey – HST Administrator, 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	Actions from previous CCC meeting 06/08/2021	Whom	By When	Completed/ Not yet completed
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	Ongoing
2.	Communicate project modifications to the CCC. IF covered off project modifications in his presentation.	IF	Ongoing	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	Ongoing
4.	Provide update on Wollar Resource Area progress. IF covered off project modifications in his presentation.	IF	Ongoing	Ongoing
5.	Arrange formal notification signage noting timeframe of the closure of the Wollar General Store. IF indicated that signs were ordered and would be up at the store before the end of the week, being Friday 29 October 2021	IF	Next meeting	
6.	Provide update on Wollar Resource Area progress. IF covered the Wollar Resource Area in his presentation.	IF	Ongoing	Ongoing
7.	Confirm if Peabody participated in the industry consultation for the WRA release. IF confirmed that Peabody along with other NSWMC member companies, engaged in industry consultation through the NSWMC during the Governments drafting of the Competitive Allocation process there was no industry consultation Wilpinjong are aware of in relation to the Wollar Release Area.	IF		Complete
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. Extra ordinary CCC meeting held 6 July 2021 with Australia Post representatives.	IF		Complete
9.	IF to confirm who was notified of the LLS aerial shoot in May. IF confirmed that he had spoken to Bev and apologised for not providing the required notification shortly after the June CCC meeting.	IF		Complete
10.	IF to arrange the grass to be slashed around the timber in Pit 8. IF covered in presentation.	IF		Complete
11.	KB reminded that next meeting will be on site, please send through points of interest for the Site visit. Action held over due to COVID restrictions. Moved to 2022.	KB	30 August	
12.	LM to confirm if animal bypasses be included in the next stage of the Munghorn upgrade. Held over LM an apology for the meeting.	LM	Next meeting	

6. CORRESPONDENCE IN AND OUT

As per Meeting Notice, emailed on Monday 12/10/2021.

Correspondence Report:

- 10/6/21 – Email sent to Australia Post by IF advising of resolution of CCC on 7/6/21 inviting representatives to attend an extraordinary CCC.
- 12/6/21 – Email to ARTC (new contact) acting to be notified of further rail maintenance.
- 15/6/21 – Email from ARTC contact via IF, stating she will forward a request to be on the notification list to the appropriate person. 22/6/21 – Email to members with the proposed date for the extraordinary meeting to discuss Australia Post services at Wollar with the closure of the General Store.
- 22/6/21 – Email to members with the proposed date for the extraordinary meeting to discuss Australia Post services at Wollar with the closure of the General Store.
- 8/7/21 – Email to members with the draft minutes from the extraordinary meeting for review.
- 24/6/21 - Email to members with the finalised minutes
- 16/7/21 – Email to members with the finalised extraordinary CCC minutes.
- 16/7/21 – Minutes posted to Col Faulkner
- 30/7/21 – Email from IF sent to Australia Post with Wollar addresses.
- 18/8/21 – Email to members advising that due to current COVID restrictions the site inspection will not proceed at the September meeting, which will now be held in the Wollar Store meeting room, subject to restrictions.
- 19/8/21 – Email from LM from NPWS advising of the proposed aerial baiting near Wilpinjong land. This information was forwarded on to members.
- 19/8/21 – Email from IF to Australia Post following up on mailbox issue.
- 26/8/21 – Email to CCC members postponing CCC set down for 6/9/21 and advising of 'save the date' for 20/9/21.
- 27/8/21 – Email to CCC members advising that the "Have A Chat" for 2/9/21 is pushed back to 16/9/21 due to COVID lockdown.
- 6/9/21 - Email from RPS Australia East Pty Ltd advising of their intended Independent Environmental Audit and asking if there were any issue from the CCC for inclusion. This email was forwarded through to members for comment. Responses received.
- 13/9/21 – Email to RPS advising of the CCC's activities and comments received from members for inclusion in the Audit.
- 13/9/21 – Email from IF advising that the September Have a Chat is cancelled due to COVID. This information was emailed through to members for their information.
- 8/10/21 – Email from IF, providing the email thread of his follow- up of Australia Post regarding the Wollar mailbox issue.
- 12/10/21 – Email to members with the Meeting Notice, Agenda & Correspondence Report for the meeting.
- 12/10/21 – Same information to Col Faulkner via post.
- 14/10/21 – Email from IF, providing update on mailbox transition after meeting with Australia Post contractor
- 26/10/21 – Email from LA, meeting reminder.

7. REPORT BY KIEREN BENNETTS

Presentation Overview of Wilpinjong Coal.

KB – prior to meeting, reminder to all committee members of COVID requirements; masks, hand sanitizer, check in via QR code and don't forget to check out at the end of the meeting.

Aerial Photograph

- Updated aerial photograph provided from September 2021 and ran through current works in each pit.
- BS queried if PIT 3 had finished being mined yet. KB - Pit 3 not yet complete, extraction of coal to recommence in the future in the northern section based on timing of relocating the haul road to the southern end of Pit 8
- BH also queried if PIT 7 was finished. KB confirmed there is still coal to be extracted from the strips to the east of the current workings.

Environmental Monitoring Overview

- Noise Monitoring locations and results presented for the period of 22-23 June 2021.

- On the 22-23 June 2021 – WCPL audible.
- Machinery in operation for 22-23 June.
- BS queried which pit the noise is coming from. KB suggested PIT 8 as an educated indication.
- Summary of Compliance 22-23 June 2021- Environmental Noise Monitoring was undertaken for the night period of the 22-23 June 2021 at 8 monitoring locations. Noise levels from WCPL complied with relevant noise limits at all monitoring locations.
- Attended Noise Monitoring locations and results presented for the period of 6-7 July 2021.
- On the 6-7 July 2021 – WCPL audible and Machinery in Operation.
- Summary of Compliance 6-7 July 2021- Environmental Noise Monitoring was undertaken for the night period of the 6-7 July 2021 at 8 monitoring locations. Noise levels from WCPL complied with relevant noise limits at all monitoring locations.
- Attended Noise Monitoring locations and results presented for the period of 12-13 August 2021.
- BH queried if temperature checks were conducted. KB advised that yes, weather data is assessed but only influences noise monitoring results if beyond compliance criteria e.g. presence of a temperature inversion for example.
- On the 12-13 August 2021 – WCPL audible and Machinery in Operation.
- Summary of Compliance 12-13 August 2021- Environmental Noise Monitoring was undertaken for the night period of the 12-13 August 2021 at 8 monitoring locations. Noise levels from WCPL complied with relevant noise limits at all monitoring locations.
- Attended Noise Monitoring locations and results presented for the period of 2-3 September 2021.
- On the 2-3 September 2021 – WCPL audible and Machinery in Operation.
- Summary of Compliance 2-3 September 2021- Environmental Noise Monitoring was undertaken for the night period of the 2-3 September 2021 at 8 monitoring locations. Noise levels from WCPL complied with relevant noise limits at all monitoring locations.
- Attended Noise Monitoring locations and results presented for the period of 6-7 October 2021.
- On the 6-7 October 2021 – WCPL audible and Machinery in Operation.
- Summary of Compliance 6-7 October 2021- Environmental Noise Monitoring was undertaken for the night period of the 6-7 October 2021 at 8 monitoring locations. Noise levels from WCPL complied with relevant noise limits at all monitoring locations.
- BS – Oct LA1,1 minute is noted as 41 dB – how close is this to the criteria. KB advised that the limit is 45 dB

Real Time Noise Monitoring

- Current real time monitoring locations remain unchanged- Tichular, Wollar, Ringwood, Mogo Road.

Blast / Vibration Monitoring

- Blast/Vibration Monitoring May-September 2021- Results presented.
- BS queried the blast event of 19th of July, does it coincide with any complaints.

Air Quality / Dust Monitoring

- Deposition Dust Gauge Locations.
- Depositional Dust-Monitoring 12-month trends to end September 2021.
- CF – why are there split ML's on either side of Pit 8. IF – it is a result of splitting the ML application based on land tenure; ML 1795 covers crown land and ML 1779 covers freehold land.
- High Volume Air Sampler Location and monitoring 12-month trend to end September 2021.
- BS queried why the Robinson HiVOL dust monitor was over? KB believed it was related to a back-burning event.
- TEOM (PM10) Monitoring 12-month trends to end of Sept 2021.

Surface Water & Discharge Monitoring

- Surface Water and Discharge Monitoring- Summary from May to September 2021. All compliant.
- BS asked if a daily average can be shown in the presentation at the next meeting.

Operational Downtime

- Presented graphs of lost time including breakdown of data by pit and causal factor. Total lost time approx. 3974.07.hrs for Digger, Loader and dozer hours 5 June-21 October 2021.

Environmental Plans Update

- Presented a table of the current Environmental Management Plans and approval status.
- BS queried what are NRAR's key issues regarding WCPL's Water Management Plan. KB – believed NRAR has issues with resourcing and having the ability to review the management plans in a timely manner. KB indicated that this was a shared concern within the industry.

Rehabilitation Update

- Presented aerial overview of WCPL's Rehabilitation footprint for 2022.
- BS queried what area of the Mine Site is exposed. KB to present update at next meeting.
- 43ha of new rehabilitation for 2021 as per the approved Mine Operations Plan.
- 65ha rework of existing rehabilitation to achieve final Biometric Vegetation Types.
- Before and after photos of Wilpinjong Creek Riparian Stabilisation presented.
- BS queried if the exposed rock will be overlaid with soil.
- KB responded that it is not the intent and the expectation is that the vegetation will cover the rocks over time.
- Tubestock Planting - 380 Trees Planted 24th September 2021.
- Drone Trials - Trials ongoing include Acacia seeding, coating native seed for flowability and germination efficiency and review of sowing rates for sustainable and responsible use of the finite native seed resources.
- BS – questioned if the seed is endemic to the area. KB – all species specific to the recognised BVT communities for that location.
- BS – has the cooler weather affected germination? KB – so far seen good germination likely due to above average rainfall.
- Rehabilitation Management Plan - Amendment to the Mining Regulation 2016 under the Mining Act 1992- 12 Month transition period- Enforceable 2 July 2022.
- BS – clarification of the relevant regulator. IF – essentially the same regulator with an update name
- Slashing around Wood Stockpiles - southern portion of Pit 8.

Exploration

- 2021 Exploration Program completed
- Drill holes completed to date;
 - 9 Coal Quality holes
 - 2 Gas Testing holes
 - 23 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

- Summary
 - 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.
 - Cementing of boreholes and site rehabilitation to be completed by end of Q4- Been delayed due to COVID restrictions.
- Presented aerial photo of planned 2021 exploration; drill holes of Coal Quality (red) and Coal Structure (green).

Community

- Complaints data presented. Total of 28 complaints for period 2 June 2021- 25 Oct 2021.
- KB asked if the standard of service from the WCPL Community Complaints Hotline was being maintained. BS stated it had improved.
- Community Donations/ Sponsorship/ Support- Information to be provided by the applicant.
- Total sponsorship \$31,562.70 allocated since last CCC meeting recipients include:
 - Rotary Club of Mudgee Sunrise – Carols by Candlelight
 - Gulgong Amateur Fishing Club – Fish Stock for 2022 season
 - Dunedoo Lions Club- Art Unlimited Sponsorship
 - Riding for the Disabled Association – Shed –slab and safety items
 - Central Tablelands Branch ASH
- 'Have a Chat' 2021 details presented.
- BS – will 2022 meeting for 'Have a Chat' continue at the store? IF – yes same as the 2021 format with tea/coffee/cool drink and light food available.

8. REPORT BY IAN FLOOD

An update on the Wilpinjong Extension Project (WEP) and property matters was provided to the CCC via presentation. 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.
- DPIE confirmed generally in Accordance (GIA) 7th June 2021.
- BS – No Assessment process – IF responded area is covered by original assessment. Maximise resource recovery. BS asked how much overburden material in the ridge? IF- Unable to answer

Wilpinjong Extension Project – Social Impact Management Plan (SIMP) Community Event

- Due to ongoing COVID situation, differing restrictions based on vaccination status and the complexity of navigating these requirements WCPL have requested a delay to the community event until 2022.
- WCPL will maintaining existing meeting formats- CCC and 'Have a Chat' to allow for ongoing community engagements.
- BS – Community event - what does it look like? IF – to consult with the CCC as the time draws nearer. Potential BBQ at the tennis courts.

WEP- Honeyeater recovery program

- Breeding facility and program at Taronga Western Plains Zoo to supplement native populations with captive bred birds.
- Annual contribution from WCPL- \$120K initially then \$60K/annum.
- Annual release events, first release by the NSW program occurred in 2020.
- Next release of captive bred birds planned for Oct 2021 at the lower hunter site.
- LA- How many birds will be released at one time? IF- 20 to 50 and up to 100 in the future.

- LA- What % of female's vs males IF- for 2020 recalled it being 13 females and 7 males.

Wollar Resources Area

- Expression of interest released Friday 4 June and closed 3 August 2021.
- Qualification phase- EOI lodged and assessed.
- Tender phase- Eligible applications invited to tender- Area excludes Wollar Village.
- Indicated timing for determination- End of year although recent government changes could cause delays.
- LA- Any idea on how many are participating? IF- No they don't release that detail.
- BS- Question on timing. IF- Discussed the application process WCPL haven't submitted it's tender.
- LA advised CCC that this will be an ongoing item.

Property Management- Aus. Post.

Ongoing mail service

- Confirmed transition to Private mailboxes at Wollar Store with Australia Post.
- Confirm Mailbox location and size.
- IF discussed ideal mailbox location at store – footprint. Aiming to have installed before the end of November to allow transition before store closes.
- WCPL have engaged contractor to construct mailboxes - occurring ASAP.
- Emphasis on use of correct gazetted address- Not personal or property names.
- Parcel collection will be from Mudgee and that the mail will need to be collected if required between Wollar delivery days (Tues, Thurs, Fri).
- IF discussed list of gazetted addresses presented and confirmed people must have the correct addresses, mail contractor is not going to chase postal items with names only. The current mail contractor is not changing but may in the future.
- BS stated everyone will need to update official mail addresses.
- BH discussed issue with Christmas cards.
- BM queried hours of access to the post box facility. IF responded it will be available 24 hours a day.
- LA queried how are the mailboxes being labelled? IF responded gazetted addresses only.
- BS queried what happens to mail not addressed properly. IF responded it will be sent back to Mudgee post office and held for 14 days.
- BS asked what happens if greater than 14 days? I.e. on holidays? IF – follow up and provide email response.
- CF queried what about mail to the RFS, Wollar Hall, Trust? IF response those not captured in previous list need to provide gazetted address. There are additional boxes available to use if required.
- BS- asked does Australia Post need to be provided with additional addresses. IF – yes but will provide email confirmation and will chase RFS for their gazetted address of Wollar Fire Shed.
- IF discussed everyone is responsible for updating personal gazetted addresses with whoever is sending mail to Wollar residents.

Property Management - Wollar Village House Demotion

- House demolition for 2021.
- Onsite asbestos monitoring and works supervision was in place.
- Asbestos removal conducted by licensed contractor.
- Air quality monitoring analysis conducted - Results within the acceptable working limits.
- All sites seeded and fertilized post issuing of the final clearance certificate.
- 6 properties.

- 6 Fitzgerald Street

- 8 Fitzgerald Street
- 26 Barnett Street
- 24 Barnett Street
- 47-49 Barnett Street
- 51-57 Barnett Street
- IF discussed monitoring results from asbestos which were low- demonstrating that controls were in place and effective.
- BS queried what are next year’s plans? IF responded that he has budgeted numbers of houses but not which houses will be targeted next year. IF will inform the CCC but expect demolition not to be undertaken until winter 2022.

Property Management – LLS Aerial Shoot

- Peabody Pastoral Holdings will participate in the 3rd LLS organised aerial shoot, targeting pigs, wild dogs, foxes, goats and deer.

RFS participation

- CF queried if Wollar store shutting will be impacting on RFS fuelling. IF responded that he has already followed up other brigades and they go to town to refuel.
- BS stated there is no longer fuel in Bylong.
- CF stated RFS has a couple of jerry cans. BS queried can the shop diesel tank at the store be used after closure? IF – follow up regarding company liability, will follow up with Troy from RFS as first step. BS stated there will be no fuel locally.
- JD T discussed happy to support with fuel during an event, bring trucks to site. JD T requested IF to look at options for supporting noting that WCPL equipment can’t leave site.

9. GENERAL BUSINESS

- BH discussed another solar farm proposed “Goulburn River Solar” 1 million panels. IF- discussed upgrade to substations and powerlines as part of the central west renewable energy zone.
- CF discussed weeds in the Village near the Catholic Church - sprayed but still look healthy. IF responded spraying program coming soon.
- BH discussed fencing contractor damaging a phone line, asked if contractor could use Dial before you dig.
- BS asked for annual production tonnes for the last 12 months and what is the remaining LOM?
- IF- discussed Wollar Road upgrades, Munghorn Road closure for a period of 10 weeks commencing 5th January. BS- is council to inform community?
- BH- print out notice of what is required to facilitate mail delivery and put in all mailboxes. IF – to action, and confirmed it is acceptable to attach all current addresses. CCC confirmed this is ok.
- IF to place signs around store notifying of closure.
- Site tour to be rescheduled for next year- possibly March.
- Monday December 13th at 11am at the Oriental Hotel in Mudgee, followed by lunch.

Meeting Closed: 12:46PM

Next Meeting: Monday December 13th 11am- Oriental Hotel Mudgee.

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	Ongoing
2.	Communicate project modifications to the CCC.	IF	Ongoing
3.	Attended noise monitoring reports to be available in hard copy at each CCC meeting.	KB	Ongoing
4.	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	On hold
5.	Arrange formal notification signage noting timeframe of the closure at the General Store.	IF	Next Meeting
6.	Blast event of 19 th of July, does it coincide with any complaints	KB	Next meeting
7.	Include daily average on monthly discharge graphs	KB	Next Meeting
8.	Define the area of the mine currently disturbed in hectares	KB	Next Meeting
9.	Consultation with CCC regarding the SIMP community event	IF	Next Meeting
10.	Confirm what happens to mail held for greater than 14 days at Mudgee Post Office	IF	Next Meeting
11.	Does Australia Post need to be provided with additional addresses for RFS?	IF	Next Meeting
12.	Follow up with Troy from RFS regarding refuelling for RFS, consider Peabody's liability if supplying fuel after the store closes.	IF	Next Meeting
13.	Detail production tonnes for the last 12 months and what is the remaining LOM?	KB	Next meeting
14.	Print out notices of what is required regarding new mailboxes- include list of current residential addresses.	IF	Next meeting
15.	KB reminded that the first meeting for 2022 will be on site, please send through points of interest for the Site visit.	KB	Next meeting
16.	LM to confirm if animal bypasses be included in the next stage of the Munghorn upgrade.	LM	Next Meeting
17.	Confirm next meeting Monday 13th Dec 11am- Meeting at the Oriental Hotel Mudgee, followed by lunch.	SG	Prior to next meeting