



Wilpinjong Coal Mine Community Consultative Committee



Meeting Minutes

1. PRESENT

Independent Chairperson:	Lisa Andrews (LA)	Date & Time:	05 June 2023
Venue:	Wollar Store, Wollar	Minute Taker:	Sally Mayberry (SM)
Committee Members:	Ian Flood (IF), Bev Smiles (BS), Cr Katie Dicker (KD), Kieren Bennetts (KB), Clark Potter (CP), Brian McDermott (BM), Kim Peach (KP), Tian Oosthuizen (TO), Alie Repetto (AR), Maata Te Kira (MTK)		
Invited Guests/Observers:	Theresa Aldridge (TA), Christopher Ware (CW)		

2. APOLOGIES/ABSENT

Apologies:	Cr Des Kennedy, Rod Pryor, Lisa Menke
Absent:	Scott Lillis

3. WELCOME

Lisa Andrews – opened the meeting at **1:01pm**, welcoming all attendees and introducing Alie Repetto from NPWS representing Lisa Menke (LM). LA advised that LM has sent through a report on the NPWS activities over the past 3 months. LA moved this matter to General Business.
LA acknowledged the two observers who were in attendance to hear information on the expansion into the new EL area.

4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Lisa Andrews – Independent Chair approved by Director General of Department of Planning and Environment (DP&E), engaged by Peabody
 Ian Flood – Manager Project Development & Approvals, Wilpinjong Coal
 Clark Potter – Senior Environmental Officer, Wilpinjong Coal
 Tian Oosthuizen – Compliance Manager, Wilpinjong Coal
 Kieren Bennetts – Manager Environment & Community, Wilpinjong Coal
 Bev Smiles – Community Member (Resident)
 Katie Dicker – MWRC Councillor (alternate for Des Kennedy)
 Brian McDermott – Community Members (Lessee of Peabody pastoral land and former resident)
 Kim Peach – Community Member & former Wollar Store operator
 Maata Te Kira – Community Members (Resident)
 Alie Repetto – Stakeholder representative (Alternate) – NP&WS.

5. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE FINALISED MINUTES

LA noted that the governance forms for MTK joining the WCPL CCC had been submitted to DPE, LA is yet to receive a response from DPE formally appointing MTK.

Review of action items from last meeting:

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 Included in presentation	IF	Complete
2.	A presentation slide detailing biodiversity offset area subdivision & NPWS transfer information to be emailed to CCC * Included in presentation	IF	Complete
3.	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
4.	Green waste is no longer accepted at Wollar tip – Lisa Andrews to write to MWRC on behalf of the CCC, KD to follow up * Exhibition hasn't begun yet – KD to inform LA about exhibition	KD	Ongoing
5.	A full-size image/map of all EL9399 exploration drill holes (as a single colour) to be emailed to CCC * Included in presentation	IF	Complete
6.	Consult Global Acoustics in investigating clearer methods of presenting recorded levels and application of modifying factors * Included in presentation	KB	Complete
7.	Share relevant data from the camera mounted at O'Brien's Crossing with BS / interested community members as requested * KB will share if any specific requests. The camera was removed on Friday 2 June 2023 for maintenance and is not currently functioning	KB	Complete
8.	Update attended noise monitoring slide date from 11 th October to 17 th January 2023	KB	Complete
9.	A comparison between actual coal extraction data and EIS predictions to be included in presentation * Included in presentation	KB	Complete
10.	A map of 2023 new rehabilitation and rework areas to be included in presentation * Included in presentation	JH	Complete

6. CORRESPONDENCE IN AND OUT (AS SENT WITH MEETING NOTICE 23/5/23)

21/3/23 - Email to members with the draft minutes from the meeting for review

22/3/23 – Email to DPE with report of replacement community representative

30/3/23 – Email to members with finalised minutes

26/4/23 – Email to members with forwarding correspondence from MWRC regarding its proposed Walking & Cycling Strategic Plan

23/5/23 - Email to members with the Meeting Notice, Agenda & Correspondence Report for the meeting

23/5/23 – Email from LM with update on NPWS activities since the last CCC meeting

03/6/23 – Email to members with the reminder for this meeting

7. REPORT BY IAN FLOOD

See attached presentation, which was brought forward to assist Observers

ML1846

- *Colliery Holding amendment application lodged to incorporate ML1846*

WEP – offset areas

- *BS: There was a portion excised due to lot numbers – how did that affect the credits? IF: The image is what we needed to transfer to NPWS to meet the credits. The lot boundaries weren't taken into consideration; boundary adjustments on the lots had to be made for a clean transfer to NPWS. To meet the requirements of the LEP (Local Environmental Plan), the changes were made as boundary adjustments to the adjoining lots.*
- *LA: Eventually that land will be rezoned? IF: NPWS will be the owner on transfer of sale.*

Regent Honeyeater:

- *BM: Has the Regent Honeyeater been observed in this area? IF: There has not been one observed on the mine area, but there has been some around the Munghorn. BS: There was a record of them prior to the mine taking over.*

EL9399:

- Approval for 259 holes, which also includes a certain amount of redrills within the vicinity of the initial mapped locations
- *BM: How far behind is the project? IF: Around 4 months behind at this point*
- Discussion regarding the EL9399 drill program map including the two greenhouse gas holes that will be drilled 26m past the base of the Ulan Seam
- *BS: Could we get a map of the existing mine with the area of EL9399 clipped onto it, without the drill program? (ML1846 with the drill program map) (see Action List)*
- *KD: Clarification regarding drill schedule – does the schedule include weather buffers? IF: the drill schedule does not include any consideration other than rig movements; there is no buffer for weather included in the schedule*
- *BM: How long will drilling occur until the cut fences with rudimentary gates are upgraded to proper gates? IF: Will follow up internally*
- By the end of June 2023, Wilpinjong expects to be able to advise the CCC about where the mine is moving to regarding EL9399. The additional studies will begin once the scope is secure; the studies done thus far have been based on conservatively estimated boundaries
- *BS: What triggers the scoping report as opposed to a modification? IF: the SSD triggers the scoping report. There are several factors that feed into the decision including the viability of the project, the outcome of the drilling, infrastructure costs etc.*
- *BS: When Wilpinjong confirm the boundary of the proposed expansion, will the CCC be advised (assuming it will be prior to the next meeting)? IF: Yes*

Property Management:

- Pest management progressed
- 5 properties are scheduled for demolition

Regional Projects:

- Wollar Solar and Energy Co
- Increased vehicle movements are expected within the community as 50-100 vehicle movements per week between now and October planned to deliver consumables to the solar farm
- Discussion regarding the size of the power lines and the biodiversity impacts of the easements, noting that whilst the easements are on Peabody land, the power lines are under the jurisdiction of EnergyCO NSW. BS advised that the project has increased from 1 x 500 kV to 2 x 500kV transmission lines. WCPL noted that they understood that the project has changed from one powerline to two.

ARTC – Mogo Road rail crossing:

- ARTC to install some offset signal signage to minimize the train blocking Mogo Road. IF asks CCC members to report back and let him know if it's not fixed the problem and he will re-engage with ARTC.

8. REPORT BY KIEREN BENNETTS

Attended Noise Monitoring:

- Attended noise monitoring explanation and compliance update
- *BS: Why was the monitoring removed on the western side of the mine? KB: There are no private receivers*
- Modifying factors
- *BS: Questions why the actual condition of consent is not referenced in the feedback on the process and why unnecessary complexity has been provided? KB: presents the graph and information that was independently (via contractor) sought to try to explain the modifying factors. The context of the science has been presented in order to clarify the simplicity presented graphically.*
- *BM: Explanation of vehicle noise, especially truck noise at night? IF: explains the noise monitoring data collection process, which is a 15min increment of data capture*
- *BS: How far off is Pit 6 to finish? KB: Years*

Blast and Vibration monitoring:

- Overview of blasting during Feb, March, April 2023

Air quality

- Depositional dust monitoring results indicate declining deposited dust
- TEOM picked up two large peaks recently that align with NPWS backburning activities

Surface water and discharge monitoring:

- *BS: The discharge limit has increased from 5ML/day to 6.5ML/day – when did that happen? KB: Two CCC's ago; December 2022*

Reportable Incident

- Split in poly pipe that seeped
 - Immediately shut down the water source
- Reported to EPA, DPE and RR on 31 April 2023
- *BS: Is Wilpinjong still negotiating to increase the water release out of licenced discharge location: KB: data gathering is being undertaken at the moment; no further discussions have occurred with the EPA at this stage, so nothing is being reported on this meeting as there is nothing further to report*

Lost Time (operational downtime)

- 571 hours lost time (due to environmental reasons) since 1 March to 30 May 2023 (i.e. lightning, noise, fog, dust, rain)
- *BS: How much rain in the last couple of months: KB: can give an exact number directly after the meeting; we only need a small amount of rain in order to shut down the pit as the roads get very slippery very easily*

Environmental Management Plans:

- Status update of all aspects of the various plans
- Groundwater model has been requested to be re-run (which will be part of the EL project). The groundwater model was compliant at the time of approval, however since then there have been updates to the regulations and therefore Peabody will combine the new groundwater model in with the EL scope
- Higher resolution imagery has also been requested

Rehabilitation 2023:

- 78ha of rework nominated; 30 ha of rehabilitation has been achieved (year to date)
- *BS: What species are being taken out? IF: For example, ironbark is being taken out of the yellow box woodland*

Coal mined versus EIS predictions:

- Discussion regarding the graph presented

Community Complaints:

- 22 total complaints
- All complaints were investigated and were noted as compliant

Community Donations:

- Total \$51,600 donated to the community since the last meeting

'HAVE A CHAT' 2022 Details

- 1st Thursday of every month between 1:30pm and 4:30pm at the Wollar Store
- Community Complaints Hotline 1300 606 625

Questions:

- *MTK: Community complaints register on the website needs updating; February, March and April reports are not available on the website. KB: Noted and will be rectified*

9. GENERAL BUSINESS

LA delivers update on behalf of LM for the NPWS:

- NPWS fire fighters assisted with the Alpha Road, Tambaroora wildfire response from 6-16 March. No damage to the Hill End Historic Site heritage features occurred though fire did burn through the old Cornish Roasting Pits visitor area. Fortunately, NPWS crews had cleared accumulated debris from the structures which prevented fire damage
- NPWS undertook several hazard reductions in Goulburn River NP including Poggy, Eckfords Creek, Munmurra South and Mt Dangar ecological burn. Smoke impacts from these burns were reported by Mogo Road residents and other neighbours. While NPWS notifies neighbours adjacent to burn treatment areas, not all neighbours to the park are notified directly. Public advice is provided via the NPWS web site. Over 7,000 ha was treated in 3 reserves including Goulburn River NP, Durridgere SCA and Capertee NP
- A wildfire burning in eastern Goulburn River NP near Culingral Road started on 21 May after it escaped from a neighbouring property and burnt over 140ha of which 79ha were in GRNP. 10 NPWS remote area fire fighters attended the fire for 3 days
- 1080 aerial baiting for wild dog and fox control was completed between 22-26 May in most Mudgee Area reserves including Goulburn River NP and Munghorn Gap NR. Partially dried meat baits injected with 1080 poison were delivered by fixed wing aircraft at 10 baits per kilometre in GRNP and by helicopter at 40 baits/km in MGNR. Since the start of aerial baiting after the 2019-2020 bushfires, reactive ground baiting programs have significantly reduced with native fauna populations recovering after the significant habitat loss/population decline caused by the fires

BM: What's all the rubbish (brown glass bottles)? IF: It's the last of the material to come out of the area being transferred to NPWS – fences and other structures must be removed. The rubbish will be transferred to the pit to be disposed of from 10 June.

*BS: Spontaneous Combustion Management Plan (SCMP) – disappointed with Wilpinjong's response to complaints. Has any update to the SCMP been made since the plan was adopted? Note that the SCMP requires an annual report. There is no apparent report in the 2021 Annual Review. KB & IF: All the available information is internal at this point but will be considered for sharing with CCC. Investigations are undertaken for each complaint that are based on the amount of information reported when the complaint is raised. **POSTSCRIPT:** KB advises that spontaneous combustion is reported on in the 2021 AR through Section 6.2 and Table 11.*

Discussion regarding how complaints are made, and the internal process of how complaints are managed. MT commented that she and her partner are one of the complainants and that the information recorded in the previous minutes were incorrect, stating that the complaints were not coming from their easterly winds, but from their south west direction of the mine. **POSTSCRIPT:** KB commented that discussion at the previous meeting was that "most" of the spon com complaints during the reported period were when easterly winds were

present. This is measured at WCPL's calibrated weather stations located in the Wilpinjong Rail loop and at the Mogo Road real time noise monitor. The Mogo Road noise monitor is located 1.2m east of MT's residence.

CP: How can the complaints process and reporting be bettered? BS: Suggests Wilpinjong offer to visit properties where the complaints are coming from

IF: The more specific the location when a spontaneous combustion complaint is raised, the better the investigation and report

Action: review the Spontaneous Combustion Management Plan

Action: Advise the CCC of when the 2022 Annual Report will be uploaded to the website

BS: Mowing of recreation ground – the Progress Association would appreciate Peabody mowing of the recreation ground now. IF: No problem it'll be incorporated in the next mowing round

MT: Are there any mine tours planned? LA: At the next meeting planned for 4 September 2023. KB: The presentation will be prepared as usual, but will only deliver the relevant or non-compliances to report

LA: Presents the survey that Monique Davies has requested be distributed. BM distributes hard copies for completion at this meeting for those interested.

BS: Can observers attend the mine tour? KB: It'll depend on total numbers.

Meeting Closed:	3:19pm by LA, thanking members for their attendance.
Next Meeting:	<p>4 September 2023</p> <p>To be preceded by a mine site tour.</p> <p>Note: Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) required for the site tour will be provided by Wilpinjong – attendees should provide IF or KB with clothing and shoe size prior to the meeting.</p> <p>Note: Requirements for site attendance include zero BAC and physical fitness to attend safely.</p>

ACTION LIST

Number	Action	Whom	By When
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3.	A map of the existing mine with the area of EL 9399 clipped onto it, without the drill program (ML1846 with the drill program map)	IF	Next meeting
4.	Review the Spontaneous Combustion Management Plan	KB	Ongoing
5.	Incorporate mowing of the Recreation Ground in the next mowing round	IF	Ongoing
6.	CCC members to provide LA with PPE & boot sizes	CCC	Prior to next meeting
7.	Advise CCC when 2022 Annual Report uploaded to the website	KB/LA	As soon as uploaded.