



Wilpinjong Coal Mine Community Consultative Committee



Meeting Minutes

1. PRESENT

Independent Chairperson:	Lisa Andrews (LA)	Date & Time:	04 September 2023
Venue:	Wilpinjong Site Office	Minute Taker:	Sally Mayberry (SM)
Committee Members:	Ian Flood (IF), Bev Smiles (BS), Cr Katie Dicker (KD), Kieren Bennetts (KB), Clark Potter (CP), Tian Oosthuizen (TO), Maata Te Kira (MTK), Rod Pryor (RP), Sam Magennis (SMag), James Heesterman (JH)		
Invited Guests/Observers:	Theresa Aldridge (TA),		

2. APOLOGIES/ABSENT

Apologies:	Cr Des Kennedy, Lisa Menke, Kim Peach, Brian McDermott
Absent:	Scott Lillis

3. WELCOME

Lisa Andrews – opens meeting at 4:03pm thanking staff for arranging and hosting the site visit (see Section 8 for attendees/details).

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
 Kieren Bennetts – Manager Environment & Community, Wilpinjong Coal
 Sam Magennis – Environmental Coordinator, Wilpinjong Coal
 Tian Oosthuizen – Compliance Manager, Wilpinjong Coal
 James Heesterman – Environmental Advisor, Wilpinjong Coal
 Bev Smiles – Community Member (Resident)
 Cr Katie Dicker – MWRC Councillor (alternate for Cr Des Kennedy)
 Maata Te Kira – Community Member (Resident)
 Rod Pryor – Community Member (Wollar Progress Association/Resident)
 Kim Peach – Community Member
 Lisa Menke – National Parks and Wildlife Service representative
 Brian McDermott – Community Member (Lessee of Peabody pastoral land and former resident)

5. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE FINALISED MINUTES

LA noted that the recommendation report for MTK to join the WCPL CCC has been approved by DPE.

Review of action items from last meeting:

1.	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	Ongoing
2.	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 * The tip will be locked from 22 September 2023 and access will be provided directly to rate payers. Q: How will Wilpinjong provide tip access to leasees? * KD offered to take the question back to Council	IF	Ongoing
3.	A map of the existing mine with the area clipped onto it, without the drill program (ML1846 with the drill program map)	IF	Completed
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 PPE details	All	Complete
7.	Advise CCC when the 2022 Annual Report has been uploaded to the website	KB	Complete

6. CORRESPONDENCE IN AND OUT (AS EMAILED ON 15/8/23 WITH ONE ADDITIONAL ITEM)

- 13/6/23 - Email to members with the draft minutes from the meeting for review.
- 30/6/23 – Email to members with finalised minutes, presentations, EMM reports & site requirements for inspection in September.
- 15/8/23 - Email to members with the Meeting Notice, Agenda & Correspondence Report for the meeting.
- 22/8/23 – Email to DPE chasing up recommendation for community representative on this CCC.
- 24/8/23 – Email from DPE approving community representative on this CCC. Member advised.
- [2/9/23 – Email to members with the reminder for this meeting.](#)

7. REPORT BY IAN FLOOD

See attached presentation

WEP – 1A Mod

- DA Boundary Amendment
 - Potential impacts to future modification processes due to pending Crown Land determination.
- Planned accommodation facility on site – noted the significant strain on housing availability in Mudgee and Gulgong especially with the proposed Central West & Orana Renewable Energy Zone project. Discussion regarding the demountable accommodation structure for approximately 100 people. The concept will align with what was originally approved in the EIS but was never built. Council consultation has begun and are supportive of the concept due to the local housing shortage.

WEP – offset areas

- The land transfer and management fee payment to NPWS was completed on 2 August 2023

EL 9399

- Exploration Licence 9399 update – 121 holes have been completed to the 29 August 2023. Results are as expected

- 35 sites have been rehabilitated to date
- 60 sites have been grouted
- Third drill rig will commence on 7 September 2023 that will initially target the remaining holes in the Tralee valley area
- Baseline study update
 - SVC application advertisement will be in the newspaper in the coming weeks. CCC will be notified when advertisement is published
 - The first step to the SVC application will be made by advertising in the newspaper. Then the SVC application will be submitted to DPE.
 - Discussion regarding BSAL soil sampling location, concept and reporting. IF to send email to members to advise when the scoping letter and report is available.
 - A scoping letter will be developed for the amendment application, the CCC will be kept updated; the scoping letter should be available before the end of 2023.

WCPL – RFS Participation

- Two separate Wollar Solar truck accidents were attended by WCPL
- WCPL RFS vehicle being maintained in preparation for the fire season
- Water supply dam on Ulan-Wollar Road (accessible by RFS) – level increased

8. REPORT BY KIEREN BENNETTS

Wilpinjong Coal Mine CCC tour

- Members invited to join a mine site tour (mine tour attendees: LA, SM, MTK, TA, RP, KD, CP, KB, JH, CP, SMag, TO)
- **Question:** *70ha of rehab has been carried out in the last 12 months. Could you provide a comparison of rehabilitation vs disturbance per previous meetings?*
- Attendees spent approximately two hours being escorted around the mine site viewing operational and rehabilitated areas

Attended noise monitoring

- Attended noise monitoring results presented all demonstrated compliance with applicable noise criteria
- Hard copies of the noise reports are offered and shared with members
- **Question:** *Could the dBC be reported separately at the time of the monitoring when a ‘mining continuum’ is recorded. This is an important factor for calculating the low frequency noise compliance.*
 - **Answer:** *WCPL will discuss this with EMM who undertake attended noise monitoring for WCPL*

Real Time Noise Monitoring Locations

- **Question:** *(BS) The Ringwood Road noise monitoring location - BS believes it doesn't pick up the noise that is being heard near the location. WCPL have offered to shift it to a more suitable location How long will the monitor be out of action?*
 - **Answer:** *Downtime would be approximately 3-4 hours to pack up and move it, however a calibration would be performed at the same time so it would take a bit longer. If a location within the relevant Lot/DP could be pinpointed and shared by BS with Wilpinjong, it can be checked for viability*

Blast Monitoring

- Compliant with overpressure and vibration criteria

Air Quality

- Remains compliant with dust gauges, HVAS and TEOM criteria

Surface Water Discharge

- Compliant with EPL criteria, no exceedances

Operational Downtime

- Approximately 704.6 hours of lost time in digger, loader and dozer hours
- Lost time was due to rain, noise, lightning, fog and dust in order of highest lost hours to lowest

Environmental Management Plan Status

- Overview of what regulatory body is responsible for each Management Plan and status of reviews

Rehabilitation 2023

- Discussion to the Rehabilitation 2023 slide
- **Question:** (BS) With the expected impact of the two extra power lines that will be coming through, how will the rehabilitation be managed?
 - **Answer:** (IF) The powerline projects are responsible for their own offsets. Wilpinjong will still regenerate to the BVT and the electricity proponent will maintain as needed.

Pit 8 Bat Adit Culvert Upgrade

- Habitat for two native micro-bats has been upgraded to ensure stability and provide a better habitat access for bats.

Community Complaints:

- Overview of complaints made recently, complaints received regarding; noise, dust and traffic.

Community Donations

- Priority areas are per the Social Impact Management Plan
- Since the last meeting, the Watershed Landcare Greenday, Mudgee Region Tourism and Mudgee Veterans Golf Tournament have received support.

'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

9. GENERAL BUSINESS

Question: (BS) Houses in the village – there has been asbestos checks in some houses; why have those buildings only just been tested:

Answer: (IF) A register is kept for asbestos in houses and was developed some years ago; the register must be updated every 3 years. Anything that is existing will be retested every 3 years

Discussion: Regarding the presence of asbestos and WCPL's program for demolishing houses. IF stated that the community historically requested a commitment for minimum number of houses for annual demolition; the presence of asbestos is not the only factor in the decision making in the demolition of properties.

Discussion: Demolition of houses in Wollar seems contradictory to the fact that there is a housing crisis and WCPL are proposing to erect an accommodation facility. A request from the community was included in the SIMP because the community didn't want uninhabitable houses to remain in Wollar; a commitment to number of houses demolished per year was asked for during the stakeholder consultation for the SIMP by local residents

Question: RP Could the mine investigate the location of blast sentries on Mogo Road when blasting in Pit 8. Example: approximately two weeks ago a blast sentry was located on Mogo Road near the intersection with Ulan Wollar Road. This location restricted Mogo Road residents from accessing Wollar, which is in the opposite direction to the blast. **Action:** IF

Meeting Closed:	5:08pm with LA thanking all for their attendance.
Next Meeting:	Monday 27 November 2023 Mudgee Rugby Club, followed by lunch in Mudgee. Details to be confirmed.

ACTION LIST			
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3.	IF to send email to members to advise when the scoping letter and report is available	IF	Next meeting
4.	LA to deliver presentation on revised CCC guidelines that was postponed from 4 September 2023 meeting	LA	Next meeting
5.	Review the Spontaneous Combustion Management Plan	KB	Ongoing
6.	Include in routine presentation a comparison of rehabilitation v disturbance areas	KB	Next Meeting
7.	Discuss inclusion of dBC in Attended Noise monitoring reports with EMM	KB	Next Meeting
8.	Provide ideal location of Ringwood Road Real Time Noise Monitor to CP	BS	Next Meeting
9.	Incorporate mowing of the Recreation Ground in the next mowing round	IF	Ongoing
10.	Investigate location of blast related road sentries on Mogo Road	KB	Next Meeting