

**METROPOLITAN COAL
COMMUNITY CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE - MEETING MINUTES**

Date: 18/04/2018

Time: Commenced – 5:35pm

Location: Metropolitan Coal Mine Meeting Room, Upper Administration, Helensburgh

Attendees:

- Lisa Andrews (LA) - Independent Chairperson
- Andy Hyslop (AHy) - Peabody Metropolitan Coal
- Jon Degotardi (JD) - Peabody Metropolitan Coal
- Stephen Love (SL) - Peabody Metropolitan Coal
- Suzanne Cryle (SC) - Peabody Australia
- Kerrie Belter (KB) - CCC Member
- Robert Scullion (RS) - CCC Member
- Allan House (AH) - CCC Member

Apologies:

- Alexandra Stengl- Wollondilly Shire Council
- Nina Kent (NK) - Wollongong City Council
- Lorraine Rodden (LR) – CCC Member
- Peter Turner (PT) - CCC Member
- Patricia Gauci (PG) - CCC Member

Welcome and introductions:

- LA welcomed all members to the meeting.

Declarations of interest:

- LA declared her position as Independent Chair for the CCC approved by the Director General of Department of Planning & Environment (DP&E) and engaged by Peabody.

Action items from previous meeting:

- Request for interpretive signs for memorial garden – SL confirmed Metropolitan remains ready to assist project when needed.
- Ideas on celebrating Metropolitan's 130 year anniversary (ongoing).

Correspondence tabled:

- 15/12/17 – Email from Suzanne Cryle with photographs taken at the site inspection on 13/12/17 – these were forwarded through to members.

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- 12/1/18 - Draft minutes from the December 2017 meeting forwarded to members for review.
- 27/1/18 – Finalised minutes sent to members.
- 27/1/18 – Email from Wollondilly Shire Council advising that Brad Staggs is no longer with Council.
- 28/1/18 – Email to Council advising that the CCC would welcome the attendance of a delegate from Wollondilly Council. (Alexandra Stengl – Manager Environmental Outcomes was nominated as Council’s delegate and placed on the distribution list).
- 31/3/18 – Email from Peter Turner requesting a current breakdown of the volumes and locations of reject material disposal and if the company was on track to meet its expectation of stowing all by 2021?
- 3/4/18 – Email forwarded on to Metropolitan for response.
- 16/4/18 – Email from Peter Turner, may be an apology due to a conflicting meeting.

Metropolitan Coal operations update – Stephen Love, Environment & Community Superintendent

An update was provided to the CCC regarding the Independent Environmental Audit, Metropolitan’s contributions to the Independent Panel on Mining in Sydney’s Drinking Water Catchment, the current status of trucking and coal wash reject and 2017 air quality results.

General Business:

- RS enquired about the relative cost of trucking coal wash reject versus emplacing material underground. AHy confirmed that trucking is currently cheaper than emplacing the material with the backfill plant.
- RS stated that the newsagent had mentioned coal dust accumulation around their door mats. SL confirmed that Metropolitan has done extensive testing along Parkes Street and other neighbouring properties and results consistently show that a large portion of black dust in Helensburgh is not coal in origin, but primarily natural organic matter such as vegetation and insects. AHy confirmed that Metropolitan would contact the shop owner to discuss any concerns or feedback they may have prior to next CCC.
- RS enquired about recent drilling operations beside Old Prince Highway. JD confirmed that drilling was being undertaken so that Metropolitan could take a sample of coal from the seam to assist in modelling the coal resource ahead of future extraction.
- KB enquired about the recent noise newsletter she received from Metropolitan. SL explained that the newsletters were issued as a requirement of the project approval and Metropolitan is currently working with DP&E to resolve this requirement. LA asked how members of the community can gain assistance understanding the newsletter if they are unclear. SL confirmed that the Metropolitan Community Hotline number was provided and has been used by residents in the past.
- KB noted the absence of Metropolitan’s main sign at the entrance. AHy confirmed that it has been removed so that it can be reprinted with an updated logo.
- AH raised participation of the Helensburgh Historical Society at the Metropolitan Family Day and gave a brief outline of the historic links between the town and the mine, including provision of electricity from the mine power station to the town and mine doctors made available for use by the general community.
- AH provided an update on the planned memorial garden at the old doctor’s surgery on Parkes St. WCC has signed off on the plinth and it is hoped that the project can be completed by



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September, 2018. AH also confirmed plans to fence off the Helensburgh Tunnel entrance and requested that Metropolitan proceed with removal of the Helensburgh sign from the old station. SL confirmed Metropolitan was ready to help when suitable to AH.

Meeting closed:

6:25pm with LA thanking all members for their attendance.

Next meeting:

- Wednesday 8th August 2018 - 5:30pm, (Metropolitan Coal Meeting Room, Upper Admin Building, Helensburgh).