

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

Date: 08/08/2018

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
- Kerrie Belter (KB) - CCC Member
- Robert Scullion (RS) - CCC Member
- Allan House (AH) - CCC Member
- Peter Turner (PT) - CCC Member
- Patricia Gauci (PG) - CCC Member
- Nina Kent (NK) - Wollongong City Council delegate

Apologies:

- Suzanne Cryle - Peabody Australia
- Lorraine Rodden – CCC Member
- Alexandra Stengl – Wollondilly Shire Council

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 Australia.

Action items from previous meeting:

- N/A

Correspondence report:

- 20/4/18 – Email from Bob Scullion asking some follow up questions from the last meeting held on 18/4/18 regarding the disposal of waste and trucking movements. These questions were sent to Steve Love who provided a response, which was emailed out to members with the draft minutes for review on 2/5/18.
- 10/5/18 – Email to members with the finalised minutes, together with the presentation.

- 11/5/18 – Email to all members with an invitation from Peabody to attend the Family Day on 19th May 2018.
- 18/6/18 – Email to members with the proposed revisions to the Traffic Management Plan (Version H) for comment.
- 21/6/18 – Hard copy of revised MC TMP to IC
- 28/7/18 – Email to members with the Meeting Notice & Agenda for this meeting.
- 6/8/18 – Email reminder sent to members.

LA advised that in future, the correspondence report will be sent out the meeting notice. No objections raised.

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

A presentation was provided to the CCC with an update regarding the findings of the Independent Environmental Audit, Annual Review, proposed modifications to longwalls 304-306, the Independent Expert Panel on Mining in the Catchment and the Traffic Management Plan and Coal Wash Reject beneficial reuse options. (See presentation attached.)

General business:

- PT enquired about commencement of longwall 303. JD confirmed subject to DP&E approval Longwall 303 is planned to commence November 2018, which includes a standoff at the southern end from Eastern Tributary. PT requested a copy of the LW301-303 Record of Decision, SL confirmed this was available on the Metropolitan website and includes the requirements of the Woronora Reservoir Impact Strategy
- KB enquired about relocation of security guard hut at mine entrance. AHy confirmed removal with no plans to install anything in its place.
- AH provided an update on the planned memorial garden – due to delays at Wollongong City Council (WCC) the construction date has been postponed indefinitely. AH suggested that the historical society, with assistance from Metropolitan, could update the book compiled to commemorate the 125th anniversary of the mine and re-release for the 130th anniversary. SL confirmed this would be possible. NK advised she may be able to assist AH with WCC delays and would make enquiries about nature of delay.
- AH also provided an update on the ongoing efforts to protect the remaining glow worm population in the Metropolitan tunnel. Ongoing difficulties with vandalism mean the local Landcare group are considering taking over the site, with a board to make management decisions about the site.
- AH asked if the mine had a lease over any part of the glow worm tunnel. The answer was a tentative 'yes'; with an offer made by JD to forward details onto AH if one was current.
- AH enquired if it would be possible for the mine to flood the tunnel back to the station platform and keep it flooded during the November/December breeding period to give the glow worm population a better chance of recovery. SL advised that he would speak with the mine's plumber and provide a response.
- BS suggested a motion of support could be provided from the CCC. AH confirmed a letter of support from the adjoining landholder (Metropolitan) would assist. AHy agreed Metropolitan would consider any plans for a change in land ownership of the northern end of the tunnel through the legal department.

Meeting closed:

6:25pm

Next meeting:

- 12 December 2018 - 5:30pm, (Metropolitan Coal Meeting Room, Upper Admin Building, Helensburgh)

ACTION ITEMS

Item	Issue	Responsibility
1	Conditions regarding rehabilitation – link to be provided	JD
2	Copy of lease for Tunnel to be provided to Helensburgh Landcare	JD
3	Peabody to provide letter of support to Helensburgh Landcare	AH
4	Provide NK's contact details to AH	LA
5	Peabody to investigate whether the tunnel could be flooded during Nov/Dec to assist the glow worm population	SL
6	Peabody to check if it has a lease over any part of the tunnel	JD

Item 4: [Emailed 9/8/18.](#)