



Wilpinjong Coal Mine Community Consultative Committee



Meeting Minutes

1. PRESENT

Independent Chairperson:	Lisa Andrews (LA)	Date & Time:	3 rd June 2019
Venue:	Wollar Store	Minute Taker:	Julie Burns (JB)
Committee Members:	Blair Jackson (BJ), Kieren Bennetts (KB), Brian McDermott (BM), Ian Flood (IF), Bruce Hughes (BH), Scott Lillis (SL), Bev Smiles (BS), Kim Peach (KP), Greg Lowe (GL) alternate for NPWS <i>[arrived at 2.05pm]</i> & Cr Des Kennedy (DK)		
Invited Guests/Observers:	Karin Fogarty (KF)		

2. APOLOGIES/ABSENT

Apologies:	Lisa Menke (LM) & Colin Faulkner (CF)		
Absent:	Nil.		

3. WELCOME

LA opened the meeting at 2.03pm welcomed all attendees to the Wilpinjong Coal Mine CCC.

4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Lisa Andrews – Independent Chair approved by Director General of Department of Planning and Environment (DP&E), engaged by Peabody Energy
 Blair Jackson – General Manager, Wilpinjong Coal
 Julie Burns – Executive Assistant to General Manager – 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
 Greg Lowe – National Parks & Wildlife
 Bev Smiles – Community Member (Resident)
 Cr Des Kennedy – Mayor Mid-Western Regional Council
 Bruce Hughes –Community Member (Resident)

5. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE FINALISED MINUTES

ACTION ITEMS

ACTION LIST			
Number	Action	Whom	By When
1.	Waste management from demolition program (including asbestos removal) to be addressed at every CCC meeting, and a notice placed on the Wollar Store noticeboard when conducting asbestos removal in the Wollar township. <i>(Ongoing)</i>	IF	Ongoing / as required
2.	Communicate project modifications to the CCC. <i>(Ongoing)</i>	IF	Ongoing
3.	Attended noise monitoring reports to be available in hard copy at each CCC meeting. <i>(Ongoing)</i>	KB	Ongoing
4.	Follow up correspondence with TransGrid and request further information in regard to why the new power line towers are not being painted green. <i>(Emailed again in April & May, still no response. LA asked IF if he had any other contact - no)</i>	LA	Next meeting
5.	Follow up and provide confirmation to BM regarding road access at Slate Gully once the infrastructure locations have been confirmed. <i>(Included in presentation)</i>	IF	Ongoing
6.	Cemetery access signage to be erected at the church and communicated to the public via the WCPL website. <i>(Wording has been drafted)</i>	IF	Next meeting
7.	Amendments to the December 2018 CCC Presentation and January 2019 CCC as discussed and redistributed to CCC. <i>(Complete)</i>	KB	ASAP
8.	Community Donations and Sponsorship - add the category for each donation or sponsorship granted in future presentations. <i>(Included in presentation)</i>	KB	Next meeting
9.	Circulate the approved SIMP once it has been signed off from the DP&E. <i>(Still awaiting approval. Wollar Progress Association to receive a hard copy once approved.)</i>	IF	Upon DP&E approval

6. CORRESPONDENCE IN AND OUT

As per Meeting Notice, emailed on 20/5/19:

- 12/3/19 – Email from KB with the revised Presentation from 11/3/19 CCC.
- 22/3/19 – Email to members with the draft minutes for review with revised presentation (December 2018).
- 30/3/19 – Email to members with the finalised minutes.
- 30/3/19 – Same information to Col Faulkner via post.
- 1/4/19 – Email to members with information regarding a free 1080 & Pindone Course being run by Local Land Services.
- 6/4/19 – Email to TransGrid – chasing up a reply regarding the painting of the towers.
- 16/4/19 – Email to CCC members advising of a hazard reduction burn (Wilpinjong Stage 2) by NPWS on 17/4/19.
- 16/5/19 – Email to members seeking EOI for Karin Fogarty to present on her PhD studies. (Responses received)
- 20/5/19 – Email to members with the Meeting Notice, Agenda and Correspondence Report for the meeting
- 20/5/19 – Same information to Col Faulkner via post.

7. PRESENTATION BY KARIN FOGARTY *(commenced at 2.10pm and finished at 2.45pm.)*

Guest speaker, Karin Fogarty was invited to present on her PhD research: "Economic valuation of different post-mine land uses: the case of an open cut coal mine in the Central Tablelands, NSW". KF explained that she was a student with Western Australian school of Agriculture and Environment and provided a detailed presentation on her research topic. KF advised that a workshop would be held in Mudgee on either Friday 19th July or Monday 22nd July and welcomed the attendance by CCC members. Copy of presentation attached.

8. REPORT BY KIEREN BENNETTS

An update on operations and an overview of activities was provided to the CCC via presentation. The presentation will be provided to the CCC members electronically. Discussions and actions arising from the report:

Aerial photograph

- Updated photograph provided from May 2019. KB described that Pit 6 continues, Pit 5 North slowed up and Pit 5 South continues, Pit 1 has some activity to the south.
- Pit 2 stalled awaiting for new MOP, awaiting DP&E approval
- Pit 4 just about complete
- Pit 7, 3 a lot of activity
- Pit 8 (Slate Gully) awaiting approval of Mining Lease Application 515 and MOP amendment – IF gave an estimate of when mining would commence. 1st January, 2020. Haul road construction has commenced and due to be completed by approx. Nov 2019, pre mining activities commencing in December 2019.
- MOP – Rehabilitation performance and completion criteria was approved by DP&E on 23rd April and will be included in the new MOP.
- BS requested when the MOP is approved that a copy be circulated to the CCC. **Action item.**

Environmental monitoring overview

- Attended Noise Monitoring locations presented
- Currently WCPL is revising the locations as part of the Noise Management Plan review and is proposing to remove N13 and N21. It's proposed to relocate the real time noise monitor from N21 to 14. N19 Mogo Road and N20 Ringwood Road will continue to have Real time monitoring but proposing to reduce attended noise monitoring to bi-monthly – alternating.
- WCPL's proposed changes to the Noise Management Plan will be submitted to the regulators by the end of June.
- BS raised concerns that this proposed change to the Noise Management Plan is a reduction in compliance monitoring just prior to mining commencing in Pit 8. KB responded that these proposed alterations were based on actual data from the previous 18 months and that noise levels at the two locations (N19 & N20) during attended monitoring were low, however the real time noise monitors will be staying in place. BS stated that she did not support the decrease in attended noise monitors and only having real time monitors (supported by BH). The community expects that noise levels will increase with operations in Pit 8.
- Attended noise monitoring – presented and supplied hard copies of the Attended Noise Monitoring and Summary of Compliance for February - April 2019. Noise levels from WCL complied with relevant noise limits at all monitoring locations.

Real time noise monitoring

- Ongoing good correlation between Attended and Real Time data

Blast / Vibration Monitoring

- Blast and Vibration monitoring results from February – April were presented; no exceedance of vibration or overpressure criteria throughout.
- Number of blasts for; February – 17, March – 22, April 20
 - Nil queries.

Air Quality / Dust Monitoring

- Site remained compliant throughout the reporting period.
- DG 5 (Wollar) is sitting below the project approval compliance line and is within the Air Quality Management Plan limits.
 - Nil queries.

RO Discharge Data

- No water discharged off site since November 2018.
 - Nil queries.

Operational downtime

- Presented graphs of lost time including breakdown of data by pit and casuals factor. Rain was the biggest interruption to operations for 3rd March to 30th May 2019, 171.66hrs, 49% followed by Lightening 149.2hrs, 43%
 - Nil queries.

Rehabilitation Update

- On track to achieve 2019 target of 121ha in 2019 and achieved previous target of 96ha in 2018.
- KB presented Drone pictures of Pit 5 S Rehab Ploughing and reseeding and Cover crop. It was noted that the vegetation pictured is brown due to the current drought.
 - Nil queries.

Exploration

- Update given on exploration program on 2019 plan.
 - Nil queries.

Community

- Complaints data presented. Total of 2 complaints for period 4 March – 2 June 2019. One each for noise and blast.
- Community Donations and sponsorships from the past quarter was presented. Breakdown over the period was; March totalling \$9029.00, April totalling \$6000.00, May totalling \$ 8510.00
- It was noted that the category of all donations and or sponsorship is included in the slides going forward.
 - Nil queries

9. REPORT BY IAN FLOOD

An update on the Wilpinjong Extension Project (WEP) and property matters was provided to the CCC via presentation. The presentation will be provided to the CCC members electronically. Discussions and actions arising from the report:

Wilpinjong Extension Project

- Mining Lease applications
- Status of MLA515 presented; native title agreement finalised and Section 31 deed signing by Minister expected by end of this month (June 2019)

Infrastructure projects

- Ulan-Wollar Road re-alignment
 - BH asked if the eastern end of the road was going to be temporary. IF advised that the sealing of the existing eastern alignment was temporary and the re-alignment of this section would occur in about 2025.
- 22/66kv transmission line realignment (east and west sections)
 - Nil queries.
- Pit 8
 - Nil queries.

Tralee EL Application

- IF presented maps of new application ELA 5804 submitted in May 2019
- BS queried that the application area is not the same as previously shown to CCC. IF explained that ELA5573 and ELA5574 had been withdrawn and simultaneously replaced with ELA5804 due to the granting of ML1779. BS raised a question on what the area of the new application in total hectares is. **Action** taken for IF to come back to the committee.

Social Impact Management Plan

- No feedback received as yet on the draft Final SIMP submitted to DP&E
 - Nil queries

Rehabilitation

- Rehabilitation Strategy; DP&E come back with a lot of comments and currently working through.
- Presented the Performance and Completion Criteria
 - BS queried if the Rehabilitation & Biodiversity Management Plans (BMP) are being reviewed to reflect the MOP that is being submitted. IF responded that the MOP and Rehabilitation Management Plan are 'one and the same' and that it would align with the revised BMP.
 - BH queried if the Vegetation Management Plan included local grasses. IF ran through the legend explaining each of the required BVT's to be established and noted that this included all components of the specific vegetation community including native grasses.
 - SL queried how much rework has gone in due to the large amount of different types of grasses. IF advised that as an estimate, with areas not to be taken as actuals but rather representative of proportion, of the total 500 ha of rehab to date about 200 ha was currently cover crop and just needs to be sown to the required native veg communities. The remaining 300ha is probably about a 50:50 split of trees and pasture. Advice to date is that the treed areas can probably be transitioned to the required BVT's through thinning etc. It is assumed that the pasture areas will need to be redeveloped from scratch.
 - BS queried the process of the use of rehab as offset. IF explained that all the vegetation communities were determined by OEH to be the most suitable honeyeater habitat due to nectar production and that only 50% of the total potential credits generated by the total rehab area could be claimed by Wilpinjong as a component of the biodiversity offset package. If Wilpinjong successfully meets the rehabilitation completion criteria post closure there is potentially the remaining 50% of credits available at that point.

Wollar Store

- Commencing 1 July 2019 store operation hours will be Tuesday, Thursday & Friday 9am-5pm, this aligns with the postal delivery days, and Sunday 9am -2pm.
- Current access and cleaning of facilities remain unchanged
 - BH asked if there would be a notification to locals. IF responded that a notification of the change in days/hours will be displayed on the store notice board.

Property Management

- Pit 8 Production Schedule
 - BM asked about the likely timing of access restriction to the northern end of slate gully due to the commencement of the box cut. IF confirmed that by late 2019 – early 2020 access will be lost from the northern end.
- Wild Dog Control commenced Friday 17May and will be completed by Monday 24 June. IF advised that all lessees will be participating in the baits will be delivered at the end on this week.

10. GENERAL BUSINESS

Blasting Signage

- BH expressed concerns that the blast notification sign located near Wilpinjong Rd was too close to the right hand corner and has the potential to cause an accident. IF to review potential blast exclusion zone requirements and MWRC signage guidelines and report back. **Action** taken

Extinguisher found

- BH raised a concern that a fully charged fire extinguisher was found on Mogo road discarded. Discussion around the potential source of the extinguisher and that it should be tagged and could be identified easily from this. KB requested if BH could send through a photograph of the extinguisher to see if it can be identified.

National Parks & Wildlife Service

- GL gave an update on hazard reduction burn that has been conducted to the north of WCPL and notification on potential hazard reduction burn east of Mogo Road and between Moolarben and Wilpinjong.

- Increased theft on Mogo Road police have been involved. GL asked all to keep an eye out on properties and equipment and to call the police if they see or notice anything suspicious.

Blasting Notification

- KB noted that blasting notifications are available on the web site, as a reminder to Wollar locals

2019 Site Visit

- It was noted that the next CCC meeting will be held on site at Wilpinjong Coal Mine for a site visit and tour. Discussion around visiting the wash plant and Pit 5. Members were invited to nominate any other areas that they would like included in the tour.

Meeting Closed:	4:05pm
Next Meetings:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Monday, 9 September 2019 – Wilpinjong Coal Mine site visit and tour (commencing at 1pm) Monday, 9 December 2019 – (Mudgee / Christmas dinner) with venue to be advised.

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10.	Once the updated MOP has been approved a copy to the CCC be circulated.	KB	Upon MOP approval
11.	Tralee EL application – IF to come back to Committee via email on what the area of the new application in total hectares is.	IF	Next meeting
12.	IF to review location of current blast notification sign on Wollar Rd near Wilpinjong Rd	IF/KB	Next meeting
13.	BH to send through a photograph of the tags / identifiers of the extinguisher to KB. KB to investigate to see if it can be identified	BH / KB	Next meeting