



Wilpinjong Coal Mine Community Consultative Committee



Meeting Minutes

1. PRESENT

Independent Chairperson:	Lisa Andrews (LA)	Date & Time:	14 September 2020, 1:15pm
Venue:	Wilpinjong Coal	Minute Taker:	Julie Burns (JB)
Committee Members:	Colin Faulkner (CF), Kim Peach (KP), Bruce Hughes (BH), Ian Flood (IF), Kieren Bennetts (KB), Blair Jackson (BJ), Brian McDermott (BM), Bev Smiles (BS)		
Invited Guests/Observers:	Josh Frappell (JF), James Hesterman (JH), Clark Potter (CP)		

2. APOLOGIES/ABSENT

Apologies:	Lisa Menke (LM), Cr Des Kennedy (DK), Scott Lillis (SL)
Absent:	Nil.

3. WELCOME

Committee members gathered at Wilpinjong Coal Mine for the third Community Consultative Committee (CCC) meeting of 2020 and to participate in the annual site inspection. All members completed the necessary safety log-in and COVID-19 requirements. LA opened the meeting at 1:15pm and welcomed all attendees.

4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Lisa Andrews – Independent Chair approved by Director General of Department of Planning, Industry and Environment (DPIE), 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 – NSW National Parks & Wildlife Service
 Bev Smiles – Community Member (Resident)
 Cr Des Kennedy – Mayor Mid-Western Regional Council
 Bruce Hughes – Community Member (Resident)
 Lisa Menke - NSW National Parks & Wildlife Service
 Colin Faulkner (CF) 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 notification placed at Wollar Store when conducting asbestos removal in the Wollar township. IF sent out current demolition program via email 11/09 and presented the slides in the meeting. Program commences 14/9/2020.	IF	Ongoing
2.	Communicate project modifications to the CCC. Update provided in the Property and Approvals presentation.	IF	Ongoing
3.	Attended noise monitoring reports to be available in hard copy at each CCC meeting. Hard copy reports made available at the meeting.	KB	Ongoing
4.	Cemetery access signage to be erected at the church and communicated to the public via the WCPL website. IF to arrange signage no wording finalised.	IF	Carried over
5.	Organise Australia Post Representative to attend the next CCC meeting. IF was provided an additional contact and is continuing to work towards CCC attendance in December. Also included in Property and Approvals presentation.	IF	Ongoing
6.	Provide detail of the location and status of the WEP offset area package to be transitioned to national parks. IF to update on it at the next meeting. Update provided in the Property and Approvals presentation. Closed.	IF	Closed
7.	Provide more information around the environmental study of current works in the Munghorn.	DK	Carried over
8.	O'Brien's Crossing aerial image displaying offset areas, where are the boundaries and update on the biodiversity boundaries for the WEP. Update provided in the Property and Approvals presentation. Closed.	IF	Closed

6. CORRESPONDENCE IN AND OUT

As per Meeting Notice, emailed on 28/08/20 with additional item regarding Wollar house demolition notification.

Correspondence Report:

- 02/6/20 – Email from MWRC with the COVID-19 Respiratory Clinic flyer. This was emailed through to CCC members.
- 09/6/20 – Email to members with the information received from MWRC regarding the Munghorn Gap Project.
- 13/6/20 – Email to members with the draft minutes for review.
- 20/6/20 – Email to members, forwarding on Karin Fogarty's request to participate in a Mine Rehabilitation online Survey as part of her PhD research project.
- 24/6/20 – Email to members with the finalised minutes and presentation.
- 24/6/20 – Minutes posted to Col Faulkner with Respiratory Clinic Flyer & email about Munghorn Gap.
- 04/8/20 – Email from IF advising of the Winter Wild Dog Baiting Program - 2020 on Peabody owned land. This information forwarded on to CCC members the same day.
- 07/8/20 – Email to members reminding them about the Wild Dog Baiting Program.
- 26/8/20 – Email with Blair Jackson's apology for the September CCC.
- 27/8/20 – Email to members with the NPWS notice for its proposed wild dog baiting program.
- 18/8/20 – Email to members with the Meeting Notice, Agenda & Correspondence Report for the meeting, with information regarding the proposed site inspection.
- 18/8/20 – Same information to Col Faulkner via post.
- 28/8/20 – Email to members - Meeting Notice & Site Inspection Details 14/9/20
- 11/9/20 – Email to members with the Wollar house demolition notification.

7. 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 August 2020.
- Nil queries.

Environmental monitoring overview

- Attended Noise Monitoring locations and results presented for the period of May 2020 – August 2020.
- On the 11-12 May 2020 there was 1 WCPL audible site - N13, generating site only LAeq of 27dB for 15 minutes and LA1, 1 minute of 36dB.
- On the 16-17 June 2020 there was 5 WCPL audible sites - N6, N15, N17, N19, N21 – WCPL was predominately audible to the east of the mine.
- On the 15-16 July 2020 there was 3 WCPL audible sites - N6, N15, N17.
- On the 18-19 August 2020 there was 6 WCPL audible sites - N6 as a result of monitored noise levels N6 was remeasured, WCPL was again audible, N15, N17, N19, N20.
- Attended Noise Monitoring Summary of Compliance for May 2020 – August 2020. Noise levels from WCPL complied with relevant noise limits at *all* monitoring locations. Attended noise monitoring reports in hard copy made available at the meeting.

Real time noise monitoring

- KB presented a map of the Current Real Time Noise Monitoring Locations. - Mogo Rd, Ringwood Rd, Wollar and Tichular.
- KB noted that the Wandoona noise monitor has now been moved to Tichular to help manage noise at the closest private receiver to the mine in the Barigan Valley.
- BH asked the question whether the Tichular monitor location will pick up noise generated by the Solar Farm. KB responded yes, and that Peabody will reevaluate once the Solar Farm comes online.

Blast / Vibration Monitoring

- Blast and Vibration monitoring results from May 2020 – July 2020 were presented; no exceedance of vibration or overpressure criteria throughout.
- 56 blasts for May 2020 – July 2020.
 - Nil queries.
- Presented a graphical representation of overpressure and vibration monitoring May 2020 – July 2020 against compliance limits.
 - BS queried the location of the monitor. KB responded it is located 50m to the West of the Wollar School as per WCPL's Environment Protection Licence.

Air Quality / Dust Monitoring

- Presented 12-month monitoring trend of air quality till the end of July.
- Recorded dust level exceedances January and February 2020 caused by regional dust and bushfire related events.
- BH commented that since the Ulan-Wollar Road upgrade has been completed, this would assist with the dust levels.

Surface Water & Discharge Monitoring

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

Operational Downtime

- Presented graphs of lost time including breakdown of data by pit and causal factor. Total lost time from 28 May 2020 – 10 September 2020 was 4876 hours, with Pit 6 (29%) & Pit 3 (17%) have been the worst effected for lost time.
- Main events causing lost time were lightning and rain.
- BH asked if WCPL makes up for lost time and try and get back hours within a month. KB responded that was correct.

Management Plan Update

- Presented the recently DPIE approved Management Plans; 7 in total. KB advised the CCC that the Plans were currently being uploaded to the Peabody website and can be viewed online.
- Presented that 7 plans are in consultation with the relevant government agencies, such as NRAR, Heritage NSW and DPIE. Once approved the Plans will also be uploaded to the Peabody website.

Rehabilitation Update

- Presented aerial overview of WCPL's rehabilitation footprint.
- WCPL planning for 138 hectares of rehabilitation in 2020, which is depicted by green polygons on the aerial photo presented.
- 50ha rework of existing rehabilitation to final Biometric Vegetation Types (BVT) planned for 2020.
- Phase 2 of carting timber from Munghorn Road has been completed.
- Working on Wilpinjong Creek and Cumbo Creek Riparian revegetation works;
 - 8000 tube stock
 - Over 3kms of area
 - Working to re-establish the Yellow Box and Angophora Vegetation Communities
 - BS queried if WCPL are still looking into shifting Cumbo Creek. KB responded, not at this point in time, however Peabody maintain the approval to relocate the creek and mine its original position once relocated
- Tree transplanting trials are going well. Target species transplanted from one location (where they are non-target species) to another location (are target species).
- BJ, IF and KB visited the Taronga Dubbo Zoo to view the RHE recovery breeding program.
 - Wilpinjong contributes financially to the Release and Monitor program for the Regent Honey Eater (RHE).
 - BS asked what happens when the birds are released into their natural habitat, commenting that they get bullied by other honeyeater species. Stating that this is one of the many reasons they are critically endangered.
 - KB responded that the breeding program currently has 10 chicks, which will graduate into the flight aviary with other birds of different species. Providing the chicks the opportunity to learn some life skills prior to being released, hopefully reducing the post release mortality rate.

Exploration

- 2020 exploration program has been delayed and will be incorporated in the 2021 Exploration Program.
- Details to be provided in December CCC meeting.

Community

- Complaints data presented. Total of 11 complaints for period 26 May 2020 to 13 September 2020. 8 for noise, 2 for noise and odour and 1 for blast related road closure.
- Community Donations and Sponsorships from the past quarter were presented. Breakdown over the period; totalling \$6,500.00. Drastic dip in the quarter's requests due to COVID-19 and the cancellation on events.
- KB noted that WCPL had received BS's initial request on behalf of the Wollar Progress Association and responded with additional information requirements and are yet to receive a reply. BS advised that the Wollar Progress Association had not yet had a meeting to discuss additional requirements and would reply once the meeting had taken place.

8. 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 – Offset package Overview

- Modification 5 offsets – Finalised transition to the NPWS in December 2018
- WEP Off set package includes;
 - 2906 ha of rehab to 5 BVT's

- Annual financial contribution to Regent Honeyeater
- Biodiversity offset area 1-5
 - Total area of 1,007.2 ha of to be transferred back to NPWS
 - Requires 10 subdivisions – currently working with MWRC
 - Working towards transition by 19th September 2021
- IF presented aerial of the WEP – offset package showing the parcels of land that will be transitioned to NPWS (highlighted in yellow)

Wilpinjong Extension Project – Proposed Water Supply Modification

Aboriginal cultural heritage

- Two survey efforts have been completed for the *Tralee Pipeline* – 10th February and 4th March
 - 24 new sites recorded
 - 5 sites with the 30m corridor
 - 19 sites outside the corridor
 - All sites can be avoided
- BS asked what pumping arrangements are being used in the 30m corridor. IF advised that the corridor will include some tanks to manage pressures.
- BH asked if the pipeline would be on the surface. IF confirmed that it would be.
- Two survey efforts have been completed for the *Hillview Pipeline* – 3rd February and 16th February
 - 3 new sites recorded outside the PA area
 - All sites can be avoided with the pipeline. No impact on the heritage sites.
 - Modification application lodged within the WEP
- BS queried if there is draw down monitoring. IF responded that this assessment will be completed by NRAR as part of the approval process.
- BS queried if this modification is to replace the Ulan pipeline. IF responded that this is additional water supply working as back up supply and the Ulan application (Mod 2) was withdrawn.
- BH inquired if other people's bores will be checked and what impact would this have on the other bores. IF explained that this is part of the assessment process for NRAR and noted that Peabody owns the land surrounding the proposed bores for a fair distance.

Biodiversity Assessment

- Total pipe line length of 11.5km – 10 km laid on agricultural pasture land.
- No threatened flora or fauna species were recorded along the pipeline route.
- One TEC was recorded 'Box-Gum grassy woodland and derived native grassland.
- Pipeline would lie on the surface and impact approx. 0.006 ha of woodland and 0.213 ha of DNG – disturbance is considered insignificant.
- Proposal would not increase impacts on biodiversity values as define by the BC Act and therefore suggest a BDAR is not necessary.
- BH asked if the heat influences the piping. IF explained that WCPL would likely use white poly to increase the thermal resistance and the rating of the poly line will be considered through the design stage.

Tralee EL Application

- DRE notice of rejection of ELA 5804 as it forms part of standalone resource.
- IF summarised the NSW Future Statement on Coal that the Government put out back in June 2020 and presented map of the potential coal release areas and exclusion areas in NSW:
 - Forecast coal demand out beyond 2050
 - Nominated areas for coal release and exclusion
 - Streamline EL application process

- Strategic Release
- Operational Allocation
- Competitive Allocation process (hybrid process)
- Indication is that the Wollar resource area is likely to be put out to public tender. With an estimated timeframe 6-12months.
- IF presented a map of the area of the entire Wollar resource area.

Property Management – Wollar Postal Service

- Contacted Delivery Manager unable to attend this meeting – reiterated;
 - The contractor who takes the mail to Wollar has indicated that they are prepared to provide a roadside delivery;
 1. Residents will need to install letterboxes.
 2. Signature articles and articles too big to fit in letterboxes, would be carded for collection from Mudgee Post Shop.
- IF was provided with an additional contact and is continuing to work towards CCC attendance in December.
- BH questioned if Australia Post was willing to travel up Mogo Road, as in the past they were not and relies on the shop.
- IF advised that this is an opportunity for the community to table their concerns to Australia Post and work towards a future state. Action taken for all attendees to document their concerns and bring them to the next CCC meeting in December.

Wollar Village House Demotion

- IF presented the demolition plan and noted that a copy of the slides has been put up at the Wollar Store notice board.
- Targeting demolition of 6 properties in Wollar Village.
- Includes asbestos removal by certified contractor.
- Includes air quality monitoring by and clearance from a licensed asbestos assessor.
- DA for demolition complete for each house.
- Complied with Historic Heritage Management Plan – archival recording for the required properties has been complete.
- Commence 14 September and is expected to last until 30 November 2020.
- IF also advised that the SIMP noted that the Target of 5 properties are due by the end of the year not September. SIMP will be updated to reflect this amendment.
- IF presented the selection of houses;
 - Old Telephone exchange – Barnett Street
 - Old Store – Barnett Street
 - Timber Cottage – Barigan Street
 - Cottage – Barigan Street / Price Street
 - Cottage – Price Street
 - Cottage – Barigan Street
- BH inquired if any requests from the heritage society etc to salvage the slab hut. IF responded that Peabody has donated the Harkins cottage to the Mudgee Museum and Antique machinery but have had no requests relating to the slab hut.

9. GENERAL BUSINESS

- Bruce brought up the new section of the Munghorn Road is very unsafe now. Sign posted speed limit of 100km even with the road upgrades was too quick in BH's opinion. LA took an action to write a letter to the MWRC with the query on behalf of the CCC. Road upgrades need to be raised with MWRC/DK.
- BS inquired on train movements. BJ responded an average of 4 with in a 24-hour period with a maximum of 10. BS commented that the tracks are always undergoing works. Further that she used to receive ARTC rail works notifications. IF to forward recent notification on. LA to follow up with the ARTC seeking to include the CCC on the distribution list.
- BS queries the status of Rhodes grass establishment in rehabilitated areas, noting that it is very invasive. IF responded that it was used as part of the seed mix under the previous final land form commitments. Currently working through plans to transition this rehabilitation to the WEP criteria noting that the ground cover criteria does have allowance for non-natives.

- KB presented map of what the CCC site tour will be and ran through PPE and site requirements prior to the tour.

Meeting Closed:	2:24pm closed the meeting. Members then proceeded on the site tour.
Next Meetings:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Monday 23rd November 2020 in Mudgee to include the annual Christmas dinner. IF suggested to hold the meeting earlier in the day followed by lunch. Agreed by all members. LA to confirm details.

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7.	Document concerns and questions for Australia Post ready to present to Australia Post representative.	CCC	Next meeting
8.	LA took an action to write a letter to the MWRC on the Munghorn Road upgrades speed limit on behalf of the CCC.	LA	Next meeting
9.	IF to forward recent notification on ARTC rail works.	IF	Next meeting
10.	LA to follow up with the ARTC on getting the CCC on the distribution list.	LA	Next meeting