



Wilpinjong Coal Mine Community Consultative Committee



Meeting Minutes

1. PRESENT

Independent Chairperson:	Lisa Andrews (LA)	Date & Time:	8 March 2020, 13:00pm
Venue:	Wollar General Store	Minute Taker:	Julie Burns (JB)
Committee Members:	Colin Faulkner (CF arrived late – missed EC presentation), Kim Peach (KP), Bruce Hughes (BH), Ian Flood (IF), Kieren Bennetts (KB), Brian McDermott (BM), Bev Smiles (BS), Lisa Menke (LM), Ian Livingstone-Blevins (ILB)		
Invited Guests/Observers:	Nil.		

2. APOLOGIES/ABSENT

Apologies:	Blair Jackson (BJ will not be attending for an extended period), Scott Lillis (SL), Cr Des Kennedy (DK),		
Absent:	Nil.		

3. WELCOME

Committee members have gathered for the first Community Consultative Committee (CCC) meeting for 2021. LA opened the meeting at 13:04pm and welcomed all attendees. KB gave an update on BJ's health status and introduced ILB who is standing in as Wilpinjong's General Manager until further notice. The committee welcomed ILB. BS requested that well wishes be passed onto BJ and family from the CCC – all agreed

4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Lisa Andrews – Independent Chair approved by Director General of Department of Planning and Environment (DP&E), engaged by Peabody Energy
 Ian Livingstone-Blevins – 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
 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 <i>IF covered off the demolition update in his presentation. Asbestos removed from 5 buildings.</i>	IF	Ongoing
2.	Communicate project modifications to the CCC. <i>IF presented project modification – noted that it may be withdrawn.</i>	IF	Ongoing
3.	Attended noise monitoring reports to be available in hard copy at each CCC meeting. <i>Hard copy reports were made available at the meeting.</i>	KB	Ongoing
4.	Write to MWRC on the Munghorn Road upgrades speed limit on behalf of the CCC. <i>LA sent correspondence to WMRC 21/12/2021, no response has been received as yet.</i>	LA	Next Meeting
5.	LA to follow up with the ARTC on being placed on the distribution list. <i>LA advised that ARTC responded advising that they are unaware of a distribution list. IF to share the contact in ARTC who sends the notifications out to Peabody.</i>	LA/IF	Next Meeting
6.	Provide update on Wollar Resource Area progress. <i>IF covered off in his presentation.</i>	IF	Ongoing
7.	Write a letter to Hon Mark Coulton MP - Minister for Regional Health, Regional Communications and Local Government escalating the postal issues for Wollar and proposed solution of erecting locked mail boxes at the Store in the breezeway. <i>LA sent correspondence to Hon Mark Coulton MP - Minister for Regional Health, Regional Communications and Local Government escalating the postal issue and proposed solution on the 22/02/2021. No response has been received as yet.</i>	LA	Next Meeting
8.	Organise Australia Post Representative to attend the next CCC meeting. <i>Item closed see item 7.</i>	LA	Closed 21/12/20
9.	Confirm if the old Bakery and old General Store has fuel tanks in the ground.	IF	Carried over
10.	Report on total operational hours for Pit 8 for the period 11 September to 19 November 2020. <i>KB covered off the Pit 8 Operational hours in the presentation. Operational hours for period 11 Sep to 19 Nov 2020 = 1749</i>	KB	Closed
11.	To confirm if the old playground equipment can be disposed of on site. <i>IF confirmed that the disposal has been organised and will be disposed of in the clean-up works.</i>	IF	Closed

6. CORRESPONDENCE IN AND OUT

As per Meeting Notice, emailed on 22/02/2021

Correspondence Report:

- 10/12/20 – Email to members with the draft minutes for review.
- 18/12/20 – Email to members with the finalised minutes
- 18/12/20 – Minutes posted to Col Faulkner
- 21/12/21 – Letter to MWRC regarding Munghorn Road.
- 21/12/21 – Email to ARTC seeking confirmation that the chair has been placed on its email distribution list.
- 22/02/21 – Email to members with the Meeting Notice, Agenda & Correspondence Report for the meeting.
- 22/2/21 – Same information to Col Faulkner via post.
- 22/02/21 – Email to ARTC seeking confirmation that the chair has been placed on its email distribution list.

- 22/02/21 – Letter to Hon Mark Coulton MP regarding postal service concerns.
- 05/03/21 – Email to members reminding of meeting notice, and confirmation of attendance.

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 February 2021 and ran through current works in each pit.
- BS queried how many fleets are run at any one time. IF responded when there is opportunity up to 6 digger fleets can be run.

Environmental Monitoring Overview

- Attended Noise Monitoring locations and results presented for the period of November 2020 – February 2021
- On the 11-12 November 2020 - audible in sites – N6, N14, N15, N17. Mining continuum from WCPL was audible at low levels throughout the measurement and, was compliant with limits.
- On the 9-10 December 2020 WCPL was audible at one site N17. WCPL was predominately operating machinery in the west of the mine, i.e.: Pit 6. However, were compliant with limits.
- On the 26-27 January 2021- audible in sites – N14, N17, and N19. Mining continuum from WCPL was audible at low levels throughout the measurement and, was compliant with limits. Again, WCPL was predominately operating machinery in Pit 6.
- On the 11-12 February - was audible at one site N14. Mining continuum from WCPL was audible at low levels throughout the measurement and, was compliant with limits.
- Attended Noise Monitoring Summary of Compliance for November 2020 – February 2021. 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.
- Nil comments

Real Time Noise Monitoring

- KB presented a map of the Current Real Time Noise Monitoring Locations. - Mogo Rd, Ringwood Rd, Wollar and Tichular.
- Nil comments

Blast / Vibration Monitoring

- Blast and Vibration monitoring results from October 2021 – December 2020 were presented, no exceedance of vibration or overpressure criteria in October 2020 and December 2020, however there was a Blast event on 30 November. See below for Blast incident update.
- 45 blasts from October 2020 – December 2020.
- Presented a graphical representation of overpressure and vibration monitoring October 2020 – December 2020 against compliance limits.

Blast Incident

- WCPL recorded a blast related overpressure level of 123.3dB from a Pit 6 blast on 30 November 2020.
- Level was recorded at the EPL approved monitored location. EPL limits are 115dB of 95% of blasts and 120dB for 100% of all blasts.
- The event was reported to the EPA on the 30 November 2020 by WCPL, and a formal R3 report was provided to the NSW EPA on 8 December 2020.
- EPA investigated the incident and has issued an advisory letter for breach of the EPL.
- DPIE were also formally notified of the event and has recorded the non-compliance with the consent with no further enforcement action.
- WCPL is currently undertaking a review of the Blast Management Plan.
- Nil comments

Air Quality / Dust Monitoring

- High Volume Air Sampler Monitoring locations presented.
- Presented 12-month monitoring trend of Air Quality till the end of December 2020.

- TEOM Monitoring locations presented. Monitors situated at Araluen Rd and Wollar.
- KB presented the TEOM PM₁₀ results over 12-month trend.
- BS made the comment that December was a wet month and expected the readings to be low.
- BH enquired how much water was used per shift for dust suppression by water carts. KB discussed a number of factors that impact on water use each day ie: rainfall, but estimated about 2ML per day.
- TEOM located at Araluen Road has been relocated further up Araluen Road, as it was being influenced by local traffic and dust generated from the dirt road in its former location.

Surface Water & Discharge Monitoring

- Water treatment facility resumed operation on the 24th of December 2020 discharging water from site. Presented the water monitoring data from the water treatment facility depicting limits and units of measurements.
- Presented graphical representation of the monthly trend from December 2020 – February 2021
- Average ML per day January 2021 - 2.6 and average February 2021 - 2.2
- BS asked if WCPL onsite water storages are full. KB confirmed the storages are not yet full, but filling with the ongoing rainfall, however this is being watched closely.

Operational Downtime

- Presented graphs of lost time including breakdown of data by pit and causal factor. Total lost time from 19 November 2020 – 1 March 2021 was 1463.89 hours (primary dig units only), with Pit 6 (30%) & Pit 8 (15%) have been the worst effected for lost time.
- Main events causing lost time were lightning (66%) and rain (25%)
- KB closed out action on operational hours in Pit 8 for period 11 Sep to 19 Nov 2020 = 1749hrs
- Nil questions

Mining Operations Plan Update

- Mining Operations Plan (MOP) submitted to the Resources Regulator on 24 December 2020 (Department Reference: MAAG0009503).
- Approved by the Resource Regulator for the period 1 January 2021 - 31 December 2022.

Rehabilitation Update

- Presented wrap up of 2020 Rehabilitation.
- WCPL completed 172.5ha Rehabilitated with Native Seed in 2020,
 - 760T of soil ameliorants applied. Consisting of; Lime, Gypsum and Screened Feedlot Manure
 - 5,915 tube stock planted in ECAs, Regen Areas.
 - 33ha of which seeding via Drone Trial.
- LM asked how the drone trial went. – KB responded that it is emerging technology and helps with accessibility. Also looking at drone technology for future weed management.
- BM enquired if the drone seeding was grass seeds or trees. KB noted that it was a mixture, and the seed was refined to allow for both grass and tree seeds to be applied at the same time via the drone, which was capable of carrying up to 7kg of seed at one time.
- BS queried what the ratio of species mix required, for the BVT – KB responded that the seed mix varied across the 5 vegetative communities. BS requested that the BVT criteria be presented at the next meeting. BS commented that it would be good to see the outcome of the trial.
- Presented progress photos taken from the drone trial area. KB made the comment that it was good to see the positive outcome with germinates present.
- BH inquired on the method that the drone spreads the seed. KB replied the drone uses the propeller down draft to help spread the seed once released.
- BS asked if WCPL had a mice plague. KB confirmed that the mice situation is being managed on site but is an ongoing problem.
- Presented aerial overview of WCPL's Rehabilitation footprint for 2021.
- 2021 Rehab target consists of 86ha rehabilitation target – Mine Operations Plan (MOP) and 170ha rework of existing rehabilitation to final Biometric Vegetation Types (BVT). Total target is 256ha for 2021.

- BS asked what area was the Yellowbox completed by the drone. KB ran through the key for the 2020 native seeded areas. The Yellowbox is depicted on the aerial imaged presented in yellow.
- BH asked KB how long the timber logs in Slate Gully are going be there, commented that it poses a potential fire risk. IF responsd that WCPL have a Fire Management Plan on site to manage the risk but would follow up with site to ensure appropriately managed.
- BS queried how much rework of the new BVT for the existing rehabilitation was required under the WEP approval – KB responded the rework can be undertaken on all the existing rehabilitation but is not strictly required to meet WCPL obligations. Also commented that WCPL are seeing nice continuity of rehabilitation as the reworks occurs over parcels of land previously rehabilitated in different years.

Exploration

- 2021 Exploration Program commenced on the 3rd of March 2021.
- Drilling will start north of Pit 6, drilling drillholes south to north.
- Plan to drill 10 drillholes in Pit 6 east of Moolarben Land.
 - 3 cored drillholes for coal quality.
 - 7 open drillholes for coal structure.
- Duration ~ 3 to 4 months depending on weather conditions.
- Hagstrom Drilling to conduct drilling works.
- Measured Group to conduct field geology works.
- Weatherfords to conduct field geophysical works.
- Expected to use 100% above ground sump methods.
- Presented aerial photo of planned 2021 exploration; drill holes of Coal Quality (red) and Coal Structure (green).
- BS sought clarification on what was a coal structure drill hole. KB advised that they drill down and define the position of the coal seams.

Community

- Complaints data presented. Total of 48 complaints for period 14 September 2020 to 4 March 2021. 34 for Noise, 2 for Overpressure, 9 for Odour/Spontaneous Combustion and 3 for Dust.
- Community Donations and Sponsorships from the past quarter were presented. Breakdown over the period totalling \$29,590.00.
- KB made the request that the preferred method of making a complaint is by calling the Community Complaint Hotline 1300 606 625, there has been a couple of cases that an employee has been contacted directly.
- BH noted that on a couple of occasions when calling the complaints hotline, the operator has questioned the type of noise. BS said that they are feeling interrogated and the hotline operators should be sending through the feedback. KB responded that he was unaware that this was happening and ultimately, the operator should collect the information and report. KB to take the feedback to the third-party company.

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 – Proposed Water Supply Modification

- Mod 1 ‘water supply infrastructure’ (Tralee and Hillview bores) has been withdrawn, 22 Jan 2021 - due to significant improvement in site water levels.

Wilpinjong Extension Project – Wollar Resource Area (WRA)

- Presented the aerals and a map of the WRA area.
- No further updates since the last meeting.
- Awaiting release of Expression of Interest for Wollar Resource Area. Expected it to be released in February 2021.

- BS asked if it is a similar area from Tralee application. IF responded the area is expected to be similar to the area the government included in the market interest test for WCPLs EL5804 application. IF referred back to the map on the slide.

Property Management – Wollar Store

- Wollar Store is to close on the 31 December 2021. Notice period has been given.
- No longer considered viable by licensee.
- Upon closure Peabody will cease financial support.
- Peabody will notify Australia Post to commence planning for future service delivery arrangements
- Peabody will continue commitment to provide access to ablution facilities and ground keeping tasks
- WCPL will use the facilities – for meetings, such as CCC and “Have a Chat”.
- BS questioned: whether the premises could continue to be used for contractor to deliver to post boxes. Could WCPL note that they are prepared to assist with setting up the postal boxes. Request follow up with the community suggesting mail poll include post box option, suggest to Australia Post to initiate immediately so the community can provide their feedback. IF to formally notify Australia Post and include a letter of support from Wollar Progress Association. BH noted that it is easier than having to drive up Mogo Road
- BS asked if there will be any notification for visitors using nearby National Parks – LM to check if website update is possible.
- Action taken for IF to arrange formal notification signage out the front with timeframe for the closure.
- BS asked who was responsible for the removal of any underground tanks. IF replied WCPL.
- BS noted the Wollar RFS fuel supply is a real problem now that the shop is due to be closed. BS would like it noted as an ongoing conversation. IF to check how Cooyal Brigade access fuel and come back to the committee.
- IF presented the SIMP commitments around the Wollar Store.

Wollar Village House Demotion

- Presented a wrap up of the Wollar Village house demolition.
 - Asbestos removed from 5 buildings and demolished in December 2020.
 - Air quality monitoring did not detect any asbestos at property boundary while works occurred.
 - Disposal of inert material onsite and final asbestos clearance to occur over March 2021.
- IF presented before and after photographs.
- BS queried if the rubbish is being removed. IF replied the areas are nearly cleared and then fences will come down and be removed.
- BS inquired where the onsite asbestos monitoring locations were. IF responded on each corner of the demolition boundaries.
- 2021 House Demolition Plan;
 - 5 houses within Wollar village
 - Aiming for the winter period
 - Will notify which houses and when
 - Aiming to complete entire process in one works program.

Property Management

- Presented an aerial photo of the LLS Aerial Baiting Program.
- PPH will participate in the upcoming LLS organised Aerial Baiting Program – targeting wild dogs and foxes.
- Annual weed control program focusing on ECA’s, Offsets, Regen area, and targeted pastoral areas.
- Targeting the following weeds: Blackberry / sweet briar / blue heliotrope / St John’s Wort / Box thorn / Tree of Heaven / Nagoora burr / Patterson’s curse / prickly pear

RFS participation

- WCPL recent RFS participation/attendance has been slow due to the wet summer we are experiencing.

- Select members received their premiers citation:
 - Lloyd Coleman
 - Andrew Davies
 - Paul Grimes
 - Dan Pike
 - Jason Thurlow.

9. GENERAL BUSINESS

- BH advised that the first weekend in May 2021; the Mudgee Classic cycling event will bring 1000 bicycles that will ride through the Munghorn and that the community should expect road closures. IF advised that this was tabled at the last council General Managers meeting.
- BS raised the issue of carbonaceous material and spon-com odour. BS asked if it is useful to the company for the community to escalate. KB advised that WCPL manage the spon-com as per the MOP, ILB confirmed that spon com inspections are part of the OCE's daily role and the mine is advised of any outbreaks should they occur.
- BH asked if WCPL are still using the drone to pick up hotspots. KB replied that the drone is currently out of service.
- IF queried if the Annual Independent Chairperson's report had been completed. LA confirmed that it has and took an action to send a link to the relevant DPIE website.

Meeting Closed: 2:36pm

Next Meetings: 2021 Meeting Schedule

- Monday 7th June, Monday 6th September – onsite meeting and final meeting 29th November.

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6.	Follow-up on letter sent to Hon Mark Coulton MP - Minister for Regional Health, Regional Communications and Local Government escalating the postal issues for Wollar and proposed solution of erecting locked mail boxes at the Store in the breezeway.	LA	Next meeting
7.	BVT criteria be presented at the next meeting.	KB	Next meeting
8.	Take feedback to the Community Complaints Hotline feedback to the third-party company, that the operator should collect the information and report only.	KB	Next meeting
9.	Formally notify Australia Post of the proposed closure of the Wollar General Store and include a letter of support from Wollar Progress Association to provide post boxes at the location.	BS/IF	Next meeting
10.	Arrange formal notification signage noting timeframe of the closure.at the General Store.	IF	Next meeting
11.	Check how Cooyal Brigade access fuel.	IF	Next meeting
12.	Send link for the annual Independent Chairperson's report to members.	LA	Next meeting