



Wilpinjong Coal Mine Community Consultative Committee



Meeting Minutes

1. PRESENT

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| Independent Chairperson: | Lisa Andrews (LA) | Date & Time: | 05/09/2022, 01:03 PM |
| Venue: | Wollar Store, Wollar NSW | Minute Taker: | James Heesterman (JH) |
| Committee Members: | Bev Smiles (BS), Kim Peach (KP), Cr Katie Dicker (KD), Clark Potter (CP), Tian Oosthuizen (TO), Bruce Hughes (BH), Kieren Bennetts (KB) & Ian Flood (IF) <i>arrived at 2.04pm.</i> | | |
| Invited Guests/Observers: | None | | |

2. APOLOGIES/ABSENT

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| Apologies: | National Parks & Wildlife Services, Cr Des Kennedy, Rod Pryor & Brian McDermott |
| Absent: | Scott Lillis |

3. WELCOME

Lisa Andrews opened the meeting at 1.03pm and welcomed all present. LA apologised for the disruption caused by the beeping of the fire alarm battery. (ACTION – to be replaced.)

4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Lisa Andrews – Independent Chair approved by Director General of Department of Planning and Environment (DP&E), engaged by Peabody
 James Heesterman – Environmental Coordinator, Wilpinjong Coal
 Clark Potter – Senior Environmental Advisor, Wilpinjong Coal
 Ian Flood – Manager Project Development and Approvals, Wilpinjong Coal
 Bev Smiles – Community Member (Resident)
 Cr Katie Dicker - MWRC Councillor (alternate for Mayor, Cr Des Kennedy)
 Kim Peach - Community Member (Resident) & former Wollar Store operator
 Tian Oosthuizen – Compliance Manager, Wilpinjong Coal
 Bruce Hughes – Community Member (Resident)

5. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE FINALISED MINUTES

Review of action items from last meeting:

| ACTION LIST | | | |
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| 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 | Ongoing |
| 2. | Communicate project modifications to the CCC. | IF | Ongoing |
| 3. | Confirm if the old Bakery and old General Store has fuel tanks in the ground. IF confirmed that the selections of houses to be demolished does not include the old Bakery and General Store, item on hold until such time that these properties are selected. | IF | On hold |
| 4. | KB reminded that September meeting will be on site, please send through points of interest for the Site visit. | KB | Site visit on hold |
| 5. | Discussing speed limit with MWRC. Sent through to council waiting on response. | LA | Ongoing |
| 6. | Raise issues at the next combined Mines Meeting Regarding water release impact. Issue raised - KB to follow up with Upper Hunter Shire Council regarding the Ringwood Road causeway. | KB | Ongoing |
| 7. | Green waste is no longer accepted at Wollar tip- KD advised that Council is currently preparing a Waste Management Plan and will ask the Director Operations - MWRC to include this matter. | KD | Ongoing |
| 8. | Ensure community notification of exploration drilling activities in EL9399 as requested. | IF | Ongoing |

6. CORRESPONDENCE IN AND OUT (AS EMAILED ON 19/8/22, WITH 1 ADDITIONAL ITEM)

- 6/6/22 - Email from DPE with advice that RD has been endorsed as the new community representative on this CCC.
- 8/6/22 - Email to RP confirming his appointment and providing governance forms for completion and return.
- 23/6/22 – Email from KB with ARTC proposed maintenance. Forwarded through to members the same day.
- 8/7/22 – Email to members regarding the Pink Survey Flagging - Ulan Road.
- 27/6/22 - Email to members with the draft minutes from the meeting for review.
- 15/7/22 - Email to members with the finalised minutes and presentations.
- 19/8/22 - Email to members with the Meeting Notice, Agenda & Correspondence Report for the meeting.
- 30/8/22 – Email from RD with completed governance forms.
- 2/9/22 –Email to members postponing site inspection due to low numbers and moving venue to Wollar.

7. REPORT BY KIEREN BENNETTS

Presentation Overview

- August 2022 Aerial overview of Wilpinjong Coal
- Environmental Monitoring Overview
 - Attended Noise Monitoring
 - Real-time Noise Monitoring locations
 - Blast Monitoring / Vibration Monitoring
 - Dust Monitoring
 - Surface water and RO Discharge Data
- Operational Downtime
- Environmental Management Plan Updates
- 2022 Exploration Program
- Rehabilitation Update
- Community - Complaints, Donations & Consultation

Wilpinjong Coal - Current Aerial August 2022

- Map presented
- (KB) ROM (only stockpiles) to be relocated towards the end of the mine life to allow for the progression of mining (rehabilitation).
- (BS) How much time is left before Pit 6 is finished? (KB) Pit 6 will be mined until approximately 2030. (KD) What happens to the noise monitoring network once Pit 6 has been completed? (KB) The noise monitoring network will remain in place until the end of the mine life.

Environmental Monitoring Overview

- Attended Noise Monitoring Locations – Map of locations provided.
- Attended Noise Monitoring 16-17 May 2022- Summary of results displayed.
- Attended Noise Monitoring - WCPL Audible 16-17 May 2022 - Map presented.
- Attended Noise Monitoring - Machinery in Operation 16-17 May - Table provided.
- Attended Noise Monitoring - Summary of Compliance 16-17 May 2022.
- Attended Noise Monitoring 15 – 16 June 2022- Summary of results displayed on table.
- Attended Noise Monitoring - WCPL Audible 15 – 16 June 2022- Map presented
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- Attend Noise Monitoring - Machinery in Operation 28 – 29 July 2022
 - (BH) Are vehicles being used/focused in less pits during the night (less vehicle spread)? (KB) The spread of heavy vehicles across the pits remains consistent throughout the 24-hour period, however support type vehicles are less during the night compared to the day.
 - (BS) Have any complaints been made from the Cooyal area? (KB) No complaints recorded from this area since 2020
 - (BS) How often is real-time monitoring data compared to predicted data? (KB) The requirement under our operating conditions is an annual comparison.
- Attended Noise Monitoring - Summary of Compliance 28 – 29 July 2022.

- (BS) What is the process for an exceedance? (CP) If the initial measure is classed as an exceedance; a retest is required within 75 minutes to determine a non-compliance. A non-compliance is reported to the Department.
- (BS) If the A-weighted result is exceeding the limit, is the requirement for a C-weighted measurement then taken? (CP) Both A and C weighted measurements are taken during noise monitoring at each site for audible or measured mine noise and regardless of an exceedance. The comparison of C-weighted and A-weighted levels is to determine if modifying factors should be applied in accordance with the NPfl. In the Attended Noise Monitoring Report there is a confirmation that this assessment was carried out and if modifying factors were applied to a monitoring site noise level (i.e., LAeq, 15 minute).

Current Real Time Noise Monitoring Locations - Map presented

- Blast/ Vibration Monitoring May 2022 - July 2022 - Overpressure Monitoring Results
- Blast/ Vibration Monitoring May 2022 - July 2022 - Vibration Monitoring Results

Air Quality- Monitoring Locations

- Air Quality Depositional Dust - Monitoring Trends End July 2022
- High Volume Air Sampler - Monitoring Trends End July 2022
- TEOM Locations (map presented)
- TEOM - Monitoring Trends End of July 2022.
- (BS) Is there a performance criteria for PM_{2.5}? (KB) No criteria at this stage, but likely to become a requirement in the future based on expert review of available data.

Surface Water and Discharge Monitoring- Summery November 2021

- Surface Water and Discharge Monitoring – Summary May 2022
- Monthly Discharge Data – May 2022
- Surface Water and Discharge Monitoring – Summary June 2022
- Monthly Discharge Data – June 2022
- Surface Water and Discharge Monitoring - Summary July 2022
- Monthly Discharge Data – July 2022
- (BS) Advised that she is not able to cross the Ringwood Road causeway due to flooding – partly due to Wilpinjong, Ulan and Moolarben discharging water from site.
- (KB) Informed the CCC that WCPL intends to discuss with the NSW EPA an increase to licenced water discharge limits.
- (BS) What is the discharge limit to be arranged with the EPA during the upcoming site meeting? (KB) Aiming for 15ML/day approximately.
- KB to notify BS of discharge limit following NSW EPA approval.

Operational Downtime

- Lost time- approx. 1424.7 hrs digger, loader, and dozer hours - 2 June to 2 September 2022
- Presented:
 - Lost time by location
 - Lost time by event
 - Lost time by pit

Environmental Management Plan Update

- Site Environmental Management Plans – Status as on 2 September 2022
- (BS) What triggers a review of the management plans? (KB) This particular review stems from the Annual Review. It is a condition of WCPL's Development Consent that Environmental Management Plans are reviewed annually at a minimum.

Rehabilitation 2022

- 43ha Rehabilitation target - Mine Operations Plan (MOP)
- 100 Ha rework of existing rehabilitation to final biometric vegetation types (BVT)
- Total 143ha.
- BVT Communities- HU732 – Yellowbox Grassy Woodland and HU824 – White Box Shrubby Woodland
- (BS) Are there plans to go ahead with the Cumbo Creek relocation? (KB) The relocation is not feasible at this stage.

Community

- 4 complaints received between 2 June & 2 September 2022
- 3 individual complainants
- 3 complaints from Mogo Road and 1 complaint from Ringwood Road
- All 4 complaints were regarding noise
- All complaints in the reporting period were investigated, with Wilpinjong Coal remaining compliant on all occasions

- Donation priority areas as per WCPL’s Social Impact Management Plan: environmental, health care, community development, arts & culture, youth services, education and diversity.
- Donations should be submitted via: WilpinjongCommunityEvents@peabodyenergy.com, iflood@peabodyenergy.com or kbennetts@peabodyenergy.com
- Applications need to address the following: event / location details, dates / longevity details, importance of funding clearly outlined, how Wilpinjong / Peabody will be recognized for the sponsorship / donation / support.

Community Donations/ Sponsorship/ Support Since May 2022

| Purpose | Amount | Category |
|--|-----------------|-----------------------|
| Mudgee Rescue Squad - Test Tag Machine | \$2,000 | Disaster Relief |
| Mudgee Show Society – 2022 Mudgee Rodeo | \$2,000 | Community Development |
| Coolah Multipurpose Centre - BBQ & Supplies | \$2,000 | Health Care |
| Gulgong High School – Sister speak and Bro Speak | \$2,500 | Arts & Culture |
| Mudgee Club of sunrise Rotary - 2022 Mudgee Carols & Fireworks | \$11,500 | Arts & Culture |
| Gulgong Fishing Club | \$3,000 | Environmental |
| TOTAL | \$23,000 | |

‘HAVE A CHAT’ 2022 Details

- 1st Thursday of every month between 1:30pm and 4:30pm at the Wollar Store
- Community Complaints Hotline 1300 606 625

8. REPORT BY IAN FLOOD

Presentation overview

- WEP
- EL 9399
- Property Management

WEP – Rehabilitation Strategy

- Revised Rehabilitation Strategy
 - Addressed some questions from DPIE Water’s review
 - Provided update regarding cooperation with Moolarben on integration of final voids
 - Awaiting approval
 - Map of proposed conceptual landform presented

MLA 616

- Covers ~70 ha in NW corner – yellow polygon on map presented
- Last required Mining Lease for WEP approval area
- Final Survey plans submitted to MEG

EL 9399

- Assessable Prospecting Operations (APO) Approved 2 August 2022
 - Covers 89 holes
 - Up to 3 drill rigs – only 1 rig confirmed at this stage
 - Drilling 6.30am to 6.30pm – 7 days
 - Drilling to commence 19 Sept 2022
 - Each rig supported by a light vehicle and 2 light trucks
 - Approx. 12-month program
 - All holes drilled with above ground sumps
 - Working on next APO for the remaining holes, approximately 160.
- IF to provide notification of any additional drill rigs.
- (BS) What is the overall length of the program? (IF) Approximately three years based on two operating drill rigs. This is dependent on weather conditions and rig availability, includes rehabilitation.

Property Management – Feral Animal Control

- Working with LLS on an aerial shooting program – likely to commence in October
- A map of the potential coverage area was presented

Property Management – Demolition

- 5 houses identified – as per the SIMP (2 Bedes Lane, 3 Fitzgerald Street, 9 Price Street, 17 Barigan Street, 19 Barigan Street)
- Asbestos removal commenced in July
- Process repeated from previous years;

- Licensed asbestos contractor
- Licensed hygienist to monitor
- Inert waste in pit
- (BS) What is the likelihood of asbestos waste being disposed of within pit, i.e., becoming a licenced asbestos disposal facility? (IF) No chance due to the approval and legislative requirements that would need to be satisfied.

Property Management – Regional Projects

- Wollar Solar
 - Working through potential water supply agreement with WCPL
- Energy Co
 - Commenced field work for geo tech and environmental assessments
- Will the ECA areas be impacted by the widening of the powerline easement? (IF) Yes, Energy Co are responsible for arranging their own biodiversity offsets. Excised offset areas will be included in the Energy Co offset calculations.

WCPL- RFS Participation

- WCPL recent RFS participation/attendance
 - Reminded Wollar Solar contractors of water access point in Barigan Valley for emergency use.

9. GENERAL BUSINESS

- (BH) The current postal service is underperforming. Mail is often not showing up or is being addressed to other people. IF to provide BH with AusPost and mail contractor contact details to assist in rectifying the issues.
- (BS) Does Peabody have a climate change risk management plan? Raising examples of recent impacts on mining operations from extreme weather events: drought, bushfire and extended wet conditions. (IF) Climate modelling within the assessments account for climate change, however Wilpinjong Mine does not have a specific climate change risk management plan. Peabody however will have an over-arching document of a similar nature.

Meeting Closed: 2:53pm with LA thanking all for their attendance.

Next Meeting: Monday 28th November 2022, 11:00AM incorporating lunch.

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