



Wilpinjong Coal Mine Community Consultative Committee



Meeting Minutes

1. PRESENT

Independent Chairperson:	Lisa Andrews (LA)	Date & Time:	4 March 2024
Venue:	Wollar General Store	Independent Minute Taker:	Sally Mayberry (SMb)
Attending Committee Members:	Ian Flood (IF), Bev Smiles (BS), Cr Katie Dicker (KD), Kieren Bennetts (KB), Clark Potter (CP), , Rod Pryor (RP), Sam Magennis (SM), , Kim Peach (KP), Brian McDermott (BM), Tian Oosthuizen (TO), Grant Purcell (GP)		
Invited Guests/Observers:	Bruce Hughes, Denise Williams, Kristie Smiles, Chris Ware, Tane Schmidt, Therese Audretsch, Daniel Holme (Consultant)		

2. APOLOGIES/ABSENT

Apologies:	Cr Des Kennedy, Lisa Menke, Maata Ti Kira
Absent:	Scott Lillis

3. WELCOME

Lisa Andrews – opens meeting at 1:05pm

4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Lisa Andrews – Independent Chair approved by Director General of Department of Planning and Environment (DP&E), engaged by Peabody Wilpinjong
 Ian Flood – Manager Project Development & Approvals, Wilpinjong Coal
 Clark Potter – Senior Environmental Officer, Wilpinjong Coal
 Kieren Bennetts – Manager Environment & Community, Wilpinjong Coal
 Tian Oosthuizen – Acting General Manager, Wilpinjong Coal
 Sam Magennis – Environmental Coordinator, Wilpinjong Coal
 Bev Smiles – Community Member (Resident)
 Katie Dicker – MWRC Councillor (alternate for Mayor, Des Kennedy)
 Rod Pryor – Community Member (Wollar Progress Association/Resident)
 Kim Peach – Community Member
 Lisa Menke – National Parks and Wildlife Service representative
 Brian McDermott – Community Member (Lessee of Peabody pastoral land and former resident)

5. CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

Minutes were sent out via email on the 27 November 2023 and finalised in accordance with the guidelines

6. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE FINALISED MINUTES

- BS requests clarification on the SIMP that will be delivered in the presentations.
- BS noted in previous meeting that Wilpinjong gets quite regular requests for leasing of vacant houses. This was not minuted and was requested to be included in these minutes.

Review of action items from last meeting:

1.	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	Ongoing
2.	Green waste is no longer accepted at Wollar tip – Lisa Andrews to write to MWRC on behalf of the CCC, KD to follow up <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Council does not intend on taking green waste and therefore the item is closed 	KD	Closed
3.	Provide ideal location of Ringwood Road Real Time noise monitor to CP <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussed during meeting presentations 	KB	Closed
4.	Provide information about the minimum standards of the real estate agent for rental properties <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussed during meeting presentations 	IF	Closed
5.	Provide information regarding how the community feedback was address and incorporated into the SIMP <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussed during meeting presentations 	IF	Closed
6.	Provide information regarding the location of dust monitoring gauges as it was noted that there is no dust monitoring that occurs to the north of the mine <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussed during meeting presentations 	KB	Closed
7.	Council to be contacted regarding fencing the unfenced boundary of the waste transfer station in Wollar <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Visual screening bunds are utilised rather than fencing. Property owners are responsible for fencing 	IF	Ongoing
8.	Circulate draft 'Terms of Reference' for the CCC <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To be discussed during this meeting 	LA	Complete
9.	Code of Conduct and pecuniary interest forms are to be completed annually	LA	Complete

7. CORRESPONDENCE IN AND OUT

Correspondence in/out:

- 4/12/23 - Email to members with the draft minutes from the meeting for review.
- 13/12/23 – Email from KD regarding the boundary fencing at Wollar Tip.
- 13/12/23 – Email from BS with advice regarding the ARTC train derailment.
- 14/12/23 – Email to members with Wilpinjong’s response regarding the train derailment.
- 14/12/23 Email to members with finalised minutes & presentations.
- 14/12/23 – Email to members with response from WC regarding train derailment.
- 22/12/23 – Email to members with the “Have a Chat” dates for 2024 at Wollar.
- 16/1/24 – Email to members with information about ARTC works.
- 9/2/24 – Email to members with information from IF regarding the Wilpinjong Coal Mine - Pit 3 and Pit 8 Extension Modification, Social Impact Review.
- 19/2/24 – Email from BS requesting local community members be invited to attend this CCC. Responded.
- 21/2/24 Email to members with the Meeting Notice, Agenda & Correspondence Report for the meeting.

8. REPORT BY IAN FLOOD

See attached presentation

WEP – Mod 2

- Public exhibition ended 15 December 2023
- Submissions report lodged 22 February 2024
 - **Question:** *What was the reason for moving the originally approved accommodation site?*
 - **Answer:** *Based on access and safety considerations.*
 - **Question:** *What examples are there of workers camps being based on the mine site itself?*
 - **Answer:** *There are working examples in Qld*
 - **Question:** *What are the current volumes of effluent disposal?*
 - **Answer:** *Effluent on site is irrigated on site in compliance with EPL guideline, and some is pumped out of holding tanks and disposed of off site*
 - **Question:** *Is there any description in a site document about what happens with the effluent?*
 - **Answer:** *There was reference in the MOP, but there's not a requirement in the SIMP. The EIS references ancillary activities. Due to the move away from using a MOP to the Rehabilitation Management Plan, there's no explicit description.*
 - **Action:** *Report to the CCC the actual volume of effluent disposal from the mine*
 - **Discussion** *regarding parking at the accommodation*
 - **Discussion** *regarding the location of the accommodation in relation to the tailings dam*

WEP – Mod 3

- Pit 3 and 8 extension
 - **Discussion** *of the road and rail location, specifically about the state of the current Wollar Creek crossing on Mogo Road and the Mogo Road rail underpass*
 - **Question:** *Is the council delaying doing road works on the Mogo Road Wollar Creek crossing to align with the modification*
 - **Answer:** *KD has taken this question on notice*
 - **Question:** *Why did the WEP incorporate more time for rehabilitation? And additional 24MT of coal are incorporated into the WEP via Mod 3 proposal; how does the ramp down of production considering a higher tonnage of coal align with the final rehabilitation?*
 - **Answer:** *The mine production and rehabilitation alignment is scheduled to consider the continual rehabilitation of the strip mining technique.*
 - **Discussion regarding this modification looking ahead for future mining plans as well as the current modification contents**

BS: Request for the modification to provide further transparency regarding the intentions beyond this Modification, looking ahead for future business intentions, i.e. the remaining area of EL9399

- **Question:** *Will this Modification allow the mine to proceed business as usual (with the current workforce) until 2033?*
- **Answer:** *Yes, with consideration for the SSD to go through the approval process*
- **Question:** *Is there any modelling on the noise that will come out of this Modification?*
- **Answer:** *The environmental assessments are being completed currently*
- **Discussion** *regarding the environmental assessments being conducted concurrently with SSD and Modification applications*
- **Question:** *Have cost estimates been conducted to move the railway?*
- **Answer:** *Yes, it must be considered and reported as part of the Modification financial assessment, however the specific financial details are maintained as confidential*
- **Question:** *Can Wilpinjong guarantee that mining around Rocky Hill will not cause harm to the rock shelters?*
- **Answer:** *Yes, there are many studies and monitoring that will be incorporated to ensure the integrity of Rocky Hill during mining.*

- **Discussion** regarding Cumbo Creek and the intentions behind why it won't be mined. It is expensive to do to ensure compliance with current standards, and it requires more time than is realistically available, as well as provides a better environmental outcome.
- **Question:** Are GNS monitoring points used at all in this project?
- **Answer:** Not specifically GNS monitoring, however there are a suite of environmental monitoring points that measure various environmental values.
- **Question:** The SIMP indicates the community supported a minimum of 5 houses per year to be demolished. What submissions covered this specific number?
- **Discussion** regarding the question about housing demolition, and where it was requested and what exactly was requested.
- **Action:** Wilpinjong will investigate and circulate where the 5-house demolition request came from
- **Question:** There are approx. 40 houses that are currently leased out by Wilpinjong. How many houses are owned but not leased by Wilpinjong?
- **Answer:** Taken as an action
- **Question:** What is happening with Barigan House? What maintenance is happening at the house?
- **Answer:** The family that was there moved out on their own accord and out of the community. The pastoral lessee of the land is in consultation with Wilpinjong regarding whether the house will be needed for their lessee activities . The house has had general maintenance conducted internally.

EL 9399

- Four large diameter holes left of the drilling program, grouting and rehabilitation continues.

Property management

- The demolition program from 2023 will commence during March 2024, due to availability of contractors in 2023.
- Pest management is in consultation with LLS specifically targeting pigs in Wollar Village
- Weed management ongoing using Native title contractors

WCPL RFS Participation

- Fuel pods and bunds have been purchased by Wilpinjong for use by Cooks Gap and Wollar RFS

Energy Co

- Land acquisition required for the new Wollar substation is agreed and nearing completion
- EnergyCo Project easement requirement will trigger a Modification (4) that may be lodged prior to the next CCC. The turnaround time for linear infrastructure is different to coal mines; the implications of which will be Modification 4 being submitted prior to Modification 3 being submitted
 - **Question:** Will EnergyCo pick up the Regent Honeyeater offset requirements of the new easement?
 - **Answer:** Yes, the offset requirements will be considered and essentially transferred to EnergyCO as part of the Modification

9. SQUARE PEG - SOCIAL IMPACT MANAGEMENT PLAN

Overview

- Daniel Holme (DH) introduced himself and spoke to what the Social Impact Review (SIR) does, and the process that is happening at the moment regarding collecting information from the community to support the SIR
- DH asks the meeting participants to join in on the consultation and be interviewed as part of the process
- BS extends invitation to DH to an upcoming Wollar Progress Association meeting
 - **Question:** What technical studies are considered as part of the Social Impact Assessment?
 - **Answer:** All technical aspects are considered as part of the interviewing process
 - **Question:** Is it possible for interviewees to receive drafts of technical reports prior to interviews, to allow interviewees to understand the implications presented in the studies?
 - **Answer:** Draft summaries will be made available when available.

- *Discussion regarding the impacted community not knowing what the tangible impacts of the proposed changes might look like, and that talking to the social impacts of the modification before the technical reports are available is difficult.*
- Starting the process of interviewing and collecting community consultation early is integral to a quality and transparent Social Impact Assessment process.

10. REPORT BY KIEREN BENNETTS

Attended noise monitoring

- Compliance with 27 and 28 November 2023 attended noise monitoring (not audible at any monitoring locations)
- Compliance with 5 and 6 December 2023 attended noise monitoring (audible during some monitoring locations, but within limits)
- Compliance with 24 and 25 January 2024 attended noise monitoring (audible during some monitoring locations, but within limits)
- Compliance with 5 and 6 February 2024 attended noise monitoring (not audible at any monitoring locations)
- All noise compliance monitoring (attended monitoring) is conducted during the night period with no forewarning from the external monitoring company

Blast Monitoring

- Compliant with overpressure and vibration monitoring for October, November, December 2023 and January 2024

Air Quality

- Remains compliant with depositional dust gauges and HVAS and TEOM
- Talks to a map that shows air quality monitoring locations as a whole, in response to a question in previous CCC meeting
 - **Question:** *Does all the current monitoring show that Wilpinjong's modelling predications were accurate?*
 - **Answer:** *Modelling vs Actual of air quality is in alignment. The proposed addition of an EBAM in the north has to do with the lack of accessibility to mains power as solar panels cannot be reasonably used for TEOM and/or high volume samplers.*

Surface Water Discharge

- Compliant with no exceedances for October, November, December 2023. In January 2024. an exceedance was reported however the reading was a result of instrumentation error and not representative of actual water conditions.

Operational Downtime

- Approximately 742.7 hours of lost time in digger, loader and dozer hours
- Lost time was due to rain, noise, lightning, fog and dust
 - **Question:** *How do lost hours affect projection for production?*
 - **Answer:** *Lost time hours are budgeted for and built into the operational model. Operations lost hours are hours that need to be claimed back within operations..*
 - **Question:** *How are extreme weather events factored into projections for production?*
 - **Answer:** *it is understood that the guidelines for the preparation of the different models details how climate scenarios need to be considered*

Rehabilitation 2023

- Total target is 153ha for 2024
- Rehabilitation to disturbance ratio of 0.3 to 1
- Discussion regarding the ramping up of rehabilitation in the coming years, as well as the implications of the Modifications on the level of rehabilitation planned
 - **Question:** *Will some of the workforce be shifted from mining to rehabilitation over the coming years?*
 - **Answer:** *Some of the equipment will be redirected to rehabilitation over the coming years*

Community Complaints:

- Overview of complaints made recently from noise, dust and traffic complaints. Wilpinjong investigated and were compliant with all complaints.
- A Family open day for green and red crews is planned for 26 May 2024

Community Donations

- Priority areas are per the Social Impact Management Plan
- \$39,370 donated in support of the community for 2024 to date

'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

11. GENERAL BUSINESS

LA requests the Code of Conduct and Declarations of Pecuniary/Non-Pecuniary Interest forms to be completed prior to the next meeting.

LA notes that Peabody Wilpinjong was called to Parliament after the previous meeting, in regard to the housing discussion that was raised at the November 2023 CCC meeting. The issues raised within this committee are being addressed, and feedback is requested to improve the outcomes of the CCC in general.

GP notes that the annual shooting program for the year. Deer are spreading from the west to the east of NSW and are a priority concern. Aerial bating is planned for late May 2024. Hazard reduction phase is upcoming around Morrison's Flat, weather conditions pending. GP welcomes community feedback regarding areas that require attention.

Discussion regarding a group of hi-vis wearing men drinking beer and blocking the Wollar General Store carpark at 7:30am in December. IF notes he was not aware of it, and that it was possibly not Wilpinjong employees but encourages Wollar residents to call him directly should something like that occur again.

12. NEXT MEETING

Quarterly, Monday meetings:

~~Monday 4 March 2024~~

Monday 3 June 2024

Monday 2 September 2024

Monday 25 November 2024

Meeting Closed: 3:49pm

Next Meeting: Monday 3 June 2024 1pm at Wollar General Store

ACTION LIST

Number	Action	Whom	By When
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4.	<i>Provide response to "Is the council delaying doing road works on the Mogo Road Wollar Creek crossing to align with WCPL's proposed modification"</i>	KD	Next CCC

5.	Detail SIMP consultation and circulate where the 5-house demolition request came from	IF	Next CCC
6.	How many houses are owned but not leased by Wilpinjong?	IF	Next CCC
7.	What birds are audible at night-time, per the attended noise monitoring?	KB	Next CCC
8.	Can EBAM data be used as part of the assessment for air quality for Modification 3?	KB	Next CCC