



Wilpinjong Coal Mine Community Consultative Committee



Meeting Minutes

1. PRESENT

Chairperson:	Lisa Andrews (LA)	Time:	4:05 pm, Monday 4 December 2017
Venue:	Wineglass Mudgee	Minute Taker:	Kellie Smith (KS)
Committee members:	Blair Jackson (BJ), Kieren Bennetts (KB), Brian McDermott (BM), Kim Peach (KP), Scott Lillis (SL), Ian Flood (IF) Bev Smiles (BV), Cr Des Kennedy (DK) <i>(left at 5.56pm)</i> , and Lisa Menke (LM) <i>(left at 5:28pm)</i>		
Invited guests:	Karin Fogarty (KF) <i>(arrived at 4.15pm)</i> , Clark Potter (CP).		
Observers:			

2. APOLOGIES/ABSENT

Apologies:	Kieren Bennetts (KB), Bruce Hughes (BH)
Absent:	Colin Faulkner (CF)

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Lisa Andrews - Chair approved by Director General of Department of Planning and Environment (DP&E), paid by Peabody Energy
 Blair Jackson – General Manager, Wilpinjong Coal
 Kieren Bennetts – Environment & Community Manager, Wilpinjong Coal
 Ian Flood – Manager Project Development and Approvals, Wilpinjong Coal
 Col Faulkner – Community member (resident)
 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
 Lisa Menke – National Parks & Wildlife representative
 Bev Smiles – Community member (resident)
 Cr Des Kennedy – Mayor Mid-Western Regional Council
 Karin Fogarty – Environmental Advisor, Wilpinjong Coal
 Clark Potter – Senior Environmental Advisor, Wilpinjong Coal

4. CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

Minutes of meeting dated 21 August 2017 confirmed and distributed 4 September 2017.

5. BUSINESS ARISING

ACTION ITEMS

- Waste management from demolition program (including asbestos removal) to be addressed at every CCC meeting.
Ongoing – updates will be provided as progresses. Moved to combine action item 5 with this action.
- IF to provide an update regarding relocation of domestic powerline.
Ongoing – update provided in presentation prepared by IF.
- IF to communicate project modifications to the CCC.
Ongoing – no modifications to report on.
- KB to distribute DBC monitoring results including dates and sites to the CCC the week prior to every meeting.
Ongoing. Hard copies were made available and will continue to be made available until otherwise agreed.
- IF to place ad in the Wollar Public School newsletter to communicate when conducting asbestos removal in the Wollar township.
Ongoing – moved to combine this action with action item 1 regarding waste management.
- IF to update slide 7 of presentation to remove the heading “Wilpinjong Extension Project”.
Complete
- KB to provide information regarding the location of the water from the flood which occurred directly after the Kains Flat Bushfire.
Complete – information provided in presentation named “Cumbo Creek Flow Investigation”.
- KB to enquire as to why Global Acoustics use the “Broner” method in their low frequency noise reporting and provide feedback.
Complete – information provided in presentation.
- KB to provide detail regarding pumped water movement from pit to pit.
Complete – information provided in presentation. SL noted that the information provided was not what he was seeking. Rather, he would like to know out of the 8ML of water being discharged daily, how much is ground water. New action raised for KB to present the site water balance at the next CCC meeting.
- KB to provide the CCC with the management plans via USB and CF with hard copies.
Complete – IF provided USBs at the meeting and will arrange for CF to collect hard copies from the Wollar Store at the next “Have-A-Chat”.
- KB to provide the ratio of disturbance to rehabilitation for 2017.
Complete – 181.3 ha of disturbance to 85.5 ha of rehabilitation.
- IF to investigate and provide feedback on how best to manage the public maintenance of headstones in the church yards.
Incomplete – IF confirmed that he is still working on this and to move over to the next meeting.

6. CORRESPONDENCE IN AND OUT

- 28/8/17 - Draft minutes sent to CCC members for review
- 31/8/17 – Email forwarded on to CCC members regarding the proposed controlled burn
- 4/9/17 – Email to CCC members with the finalised minutes from the August 2017 meeting
- 8/9/17 – Email to CCC members with the attended noise monitoring report from July 2017 that was presented at the August meeting
- 5/10/17 – Email to CCC members with information from ARTC regarding upcoming works between Muswellbrook to Ulan
- 18/10/17 – Email from Mid-Western Regional Council advising that at its meeting on 20 September 2017 it resolved to appoint the Mayor, Cr Des Kennedy as its delegate on this CCC until the end of August 2018
- 18/10/17 – Acknowledgement email back to MWRC thanking them for this information
- 30/10/17 – Email from Ian Flood with the latest Community Newsletter (October 2017), which was forwarded through to members on the same day
- 9/11/17 – Email/Letter from Subsidence Advisory NSW, advising of the changes to the mine subsidence compensation system. This information was forwarded on to CCC members the same day.
- 20/11/17 – Email to members with the meeting notice and agenda for this, as well as an invitation to stay for dinner
- 20/11/17 – Letter to Col Faulkner with the same information
- 27/11/17 – Email to KB following phone call from Bruce Hughes regarding the status of Wollar Store and Australia Post Arrangements. KB responded that a response would be provided at this meeting.

LA moved that the correspondence be received. Seconded by BM.

7. REPORT BY IAN FLOOD (FOR 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, and was delivered by Ian Flood in Kieren's absence. Discussions and actions arising from the report:

Aerial photograph

- BM queried the red and blue lines. IF confirmed the red line is the Mine Operating Plan (MOP) extraction boundary, and the blue line is the MOP disturbance boundary.
- BS queried when Pit 7 was progressing. BJ confirmed it will progress within the next few months.

Attended noise monitoring

- The reason why Global Acoustics use the "Broner" method in its attended noise monitoring reporting is simply to provide a comparison to the *NSW Industrial Noise Policy*. It is not used for compliance purposes.
- BS queried whether the train noise could be included in the attended noise reports graphs. BJ advised WCPL would review the reporting criteria requirements and advise. Action raised for KB to review the reporting criteria and advise.
- BS requested that the attended noise monitoring report now include the 1/3 octave measurements for low frequency noise (LFN) at each attended monitoring site as the new Noise Policy for Industry (and the WEP approval conditions) require LFN to be measured against 13 frequencies.

Exploration

- Drilling in Pit 8 is expected to finish on Sunday 10 December.
- BM queried who would be cleaning up the plastic left lying around by the drilling company. IF advised that Peabody (OST) would attend to the clean-up, however he will follow up to ensure that it happens.

Have-A-Chat

- The 2018 schedule was not available at the time of this meeting.
- Action raised for the updated flyer to be displayed at the Wollar Store as soon as possible.

8. CUMBO CREEK FLOW INVESTIGATION REPORT

An investigation was undertaken and report provided regarding the flow of the water from Cumbo Creek from the flood which occurred directly after the Kains Flat Bushfire. Discussions and actions arising from the report:

Flow gauge locations

- BS queried the flow gauge locations and whether a gauge was located at the Wollar Road crossing. IF confirmed there is no flow gauge at the Wollar Road crossing. The Cumbo Creek upstream flow gauge is on Wilpinjong Road at the Cumbo creek crossing. The Downstream Cumbo Creek flow gauge is located on the southern side of Ulan-Wollar Road at the Cumbo Creek crossing.
- BS requested an occasional update on the flow gauges for interest. IF commented that the majority of the time it would show no flow. No firm commitment was made to provide this information.

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:

Transgrid 330kV ETL relocation

- BS queried whether there would be additional traffic from the Hunter Valley/Bylong direction during this project.
- IF advised that he was of the understanding that the traffic will come via the Golden Highway, Ulan Road, Ulan-Wollar road, however, would seek clarity and advise.
- Action raised for IF to provide information regarding increased traffic.

Social Impact Management Plan – assessment

- IF confirmed that the consultants (Elliot Whiteing) who have been engaged to prepare the assessment report will be conducting consultation with community at the Wollar Store between 9:00 am – 2:00 pm, Thursday 18 January 2018.
- BS queried whether more dates could be made available for the community to attend due to it being close to the Christmas / New Year period. BJ advised it would depend upon the uptake of the community members attending on 18 January, and would be reviewed based on that.
- SL queried what the qualification of “resident” was. BS suggested using the Rural Fire Brigade boundary. Action raised for IF to submit the suggestion to Elliot Whiteing.
- SL queried if someone has a connection to the area, but no longer a resident if they could be considered in the assessment. BJ confirmed proposals would be considered.

Property – Pig trapping

- BS noted the large amount of? pig activity on the Peabody owned land near her property.

10. GENERAL BUSINESS

Wollar Store

- BH via LA queried whether the Wollar Store was closing at the end of this year, and if so, what arrangements have been made with Australia Post for the collection of mail. IF confirmed that the Wollar Store will remain open in 2018.
- BS queried whether the toilets were now open even when the store was closed. IF confirmed they were, however recognised need to finalise the signage for display.

Anglican Church

- BM queried if a sign could be made up to be displayed that the Anglican Church with details of who to contact for entry and maintenance.
- IF confirmed that he is still working on this and will provide further information.

Karin Fogarty - resignation from Peabody

- KF announced her resignation from Peabody and advised that this was her last CCC.
- LA thanked KF for her contribution to the CCC over her period of employment at Wilpinjong.

Appointment of Native Title Liaison Officer (NTLO)

- KF announced that Wilpinjong Coal has appointed Gail Ratcliffe as the NTLO to replace Tanietta de Launey.
- Action raised for Gail to be invited to future meetings.

Meeting closed:	6:02 pm – dinner followed. <i>LA thanked all members for their attendance and contribution throughout 2017. She wished members a happy festive season and safe new year.</i>
Next meetings:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Monday, 12 March 2018 - 2:00 pm at Wollar Store• Monday, 4 June 2018 – 2:00 pm at Wollar Store• Monday, 10 September 2018 – 2:00 pm at Wilpinjong and include site visit• Monday, 10 December 2018 – 3:00 pm (Mudgee / Christmas dinner) with venue to be advised

ACTION LIST

Number	Action	Whom	By when
1.	Waste management from demolition program (including asbestos removal) to be addressed at every CCC meeting, and an ad placed in the Wollar Public School newsletter when conducting asbestos removal in the Wollar township.	IF	Ongoing / as required
2.	Provide regular updates regarding the relocation of the 330kv powerline at Slate Gully.	IF	Ongoing
3.	Communicate project modifications to the CCC.	IF	Ongoing
4.	Provide attended noise monitoring reports in hard copy at each CCC meeting.	KB	Ongoing
5.	Investigate and provide feedback on how to best manage the public maintenance of headstones in the church yards.	IF	Next meeting
6.	Present the Wilpinjong water balance to the CCC.	KB	Next meeting
7.	Review the reporting criteria regarding the inclusion of train noise for real time noise monitoring and advise the CCC.	KB	Next meeting
8.	Ensure the drilling company cleans up plastic being left behind from the drilling program in Pit 8.	IF	ASAP
9.	Display updated Have-A-Chat schedule 2018 at the Wollar Store.	KB	ASAP
10.	Provide further information in regard to any increase in traffic on in the Hunter Valley / Bylong Road due to the 330kV Powerline relocation.	IF	Next meeting
11.	Submit Rural Fire Brigade boundary as the parameter for the Wollar resident qualification for the Social Impact Assessment to Elliot Whiteing and provide feedback.	IF	ASAP
12.	Include Gail Ratcliffe (NTLO) in all future CCC meeting invitations. (Complete)	LA	Next meeting