



# Minutes of Community Consultative Committee Meeting – Wambo Coal Pty Ltd and United Wambo Joint Venture

Meeting of the Community Consultative Committee (CCC) for Wambo Coal Pty Ltd (Wambo) and United Wambo Joint Venture (UWJV), held in person and via online on Monday 7 December 2020 at 9:05am.

**Chairperson:** Lisa Andrews (LA) – Independent Chairperson

In attendance: Janet Fenwick (JF) – Community Member

Brian Atfield (**BA**) – Community Member Dave Thelander (**DT**) – Community Member

Shane Gee (SG) – Community Member (phoned in)

Robert Ball (RB) – Community Member (video conference)

Aislinn Farnon (**AF**) – UWJV Sean Pigott **(SP)** – UWJV

Angela van der Kroft (AV) - UWJV

Anthony Billings (AB) - UWJV (minute recorder)

Peter Jaeger (PJ) – Wambo Coal Kim Hines (KH) – Wambo Coal

**Apologies:** Albert Scheepers – Wambo Coal

Cr Godfrey Adamthwaite - Singleton Council Representative

Gary Wills - UWJV

1.	Welcome & Apologies						
	The chairperson opened the meeting at 9:05 am, welcoming all to Wambo / UWJV CCC meeting. Acknowledged that Rob Hall and Shane Gee were participating via video/telephone conferencing						
	Cr Godfrey Adamthwaite is an apology for this meeting.						
2.	Declarations						
	LA declared that she is an approved Independent Chairperson, appointed by the Secretary for the Department Planning, Industry and Environment – engaged by Peabody to chair this CCC. No changes to members' previous declarations.						
3.	Business Arising  The minutes from the previous meeting held on 4 August 2020 were finalised and distributed to members on 31 August 2020.						
	Action items from the previous CCC:						
	Date	Action	Responsible	Complete (Y/N)			
	Item 1						

	Contact details for the UWJV CCC to be updated in the community hall.	AF	Yes			
Commer	its: Complete - all contact details have been updated					
Item 2	Item 2					
4.08.20	Letters to be sent out to small community groups to fill member's position.	LA	Yes			
nominat Applican represer	nts: Complete – following the recruitment campaign, the ions were received for positions available, which was vents have been interviewed (2 community representatives statives). A report has been prepared for the Departments emembers when a decision is made.	ry encouraged and 3 stakeho	older gro			
Item 3						
4.08.20	Road repairs to be completed near Fenwick property.	PJ	Yes			
Comments: All road repairs were completed.  Item 4						
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# 5. UWJV Business Update (AF)

AF provided the members with an update on UWJV, noting the following:

- Presented on the project timeline. AF mentioned that the successful integration of both operations happened last week. The first shift was Sunday, however no coal was loaded into the ROM hopper until Tuesday 1 December 2020 as per the JV Agreement.
- Presented an update on the surface plan for the United area and described where UWJV have been firing some blasts. 330 kV power lines still need to be moved which will not happen until March 2021 due to summer and approved cutover date with TransGrid. The reallocation of the 66 kV was successfully completed. Link road connecting United to the CHPP has been completed.
- All water management systems completed. As built is signed off from a civil
  perspective, however, the environmental aspects of the infrastructure have not
  been signed off by the environmental team until the areas are fully stabilised.
- Presented an overview of the infrastructure in the United pit.
- Presented update on the new Southern MIA and discussed how this may affect JF (concerning lighting and noise).
- Presented progress updates on U3 Dam, U2 Dam and tailings dams (TD1 & TD2)
  which will start being capped with reject material, flood levee, clean water drain,
  coal express, crib hut, crusher, production, the transition between operational
  phases (continued to describe the Management Plans). PJ spoke about Wambo's
  Management Plans. PJ described how Peabody is the Complex Manager for Water.
- AV went through the environmental monitoring performance.
- AV spoke about the exceedance associated with a blast with the description of a
  "Beat Frequency" and the saturated soft ground that attributed to the exceedance.
  AF spoke about the exceedance and the communication with AusGrid. In addition,
  AF expressed that all Management Plans and Procedures were followed. The
  Department issued a show cause. Modelling showed an expected PPV result of
  85.48 mm/s and UWJV measured a result at 167.06 mm/s. AF mentioned, that
  DPIE will be on site 9 December 2020.
- AV described the locations of the monitoring network. AV described the air quality network and the measurements. AF explained that a factor of 0.4 was used to calculate the PM2.5 component of PM10 during the modelling for the Project, now we have real data UWJV have calculated a factor of 0.39 which is in line with the modelling undertaken for the Project. AV described the blast monitoring locations, attended noise monitoring locations and results (inaudible at all locations for all monitoring events). AV summarised a Community Complaint which was received concerning traffic congestion. Following the investigation of this, procedures have been updated to ensure trucks do not have to wait at gates for them to be opened.
- AV continued presenting Community Updates, the TEOM installed at Jerrys Plains Public School, the Community Newsletter distribution, and the successful Community Information Night.

#### **QUESTIONS:**

1. (DT) When you have to switch the power lines on/off. Will there be power outages? AF that there will be no power disruption.

- 2. **Do they still access the site from the same entrance?** AF and PJ described how the entrances will be adjusted and the majority of the traffic will enter and exit site via the current Wambo entrance and that the current United entrance will have minimal traffic. Access to the northern side of the bridge will still be open and that the majority of the people will be coming through the Wambo entrance
- 3. **Is water pumped into the U3 Dam?** AF yes, water is pumped into the U3 Dam and is used throughout the site.
- **4.** What is the quality of the water? AF advised that it is mine water.
- 5. Will the Wambo staff working in the open cut? The operators have been carried over, but concerning the staff, a number of the staff have gone through an interview process and were employed by the UWJV.
- 6. What about the operator staff? AF they are Glencore employees, and described the organisation of the shifts (10.5 hr shifts) due to lack of coal demand. There will be always someone operating 24 hrs a day. This is due to the volume needed for the CHPP. There is significantly less operators during that time.
- 7. **(BA) Was the blast in the ground long before?** AF, no there was nothing unusual with the sleep time.
- 8. Where are the monitors located? SP explained that two of our existing TEOMs had been upgraded so that they are capable of measuring both PM10 and PM2.5. These monitors contain two (2) filters, allowing both particle sizes to be captured and measured by the same monitor.
- 9. **(DT)** There is a lot of talk about the monitoring stations at his place being moved (over a kilometre away)? AF, we will not be moving any monitors from the Thelander residence. UWJV are adding monitors to better understand the noise. DT asked that UWJV send information to the community members to limit confusion. AF, agreed to do this.
- 10. **(DT)** Is Glencore going to manage that between the two mines (Noise between HVO and UWJV)? AF has spoken with GCAA Corporate about how UWJV are going to manage that. Community members are calling two (2) different mines to voice their concerns. UWJV are working on a way to manage the noise better.
- 11. **(DT) Who will manage the exploration?** SP mentioned that United Wambo will manage the exploration. This includes the ELs.
- 12. (JF) Is the land ownership going to change? PJ understands Wambo will continue to own and manage the Montrose property.
- 13. (RB) Will blast notification will be just from United? PJ that is correct.

#### 6. Wambo Coal Business Update

PJ provided the members with an update on Wambo, noting the following:

- Underground is scaling back production. Wambo is currently at a six-day operation, and running one developing unit. The company was able to retain about half the workforce.
- Current operation overview. LW19 was completed on the 18/05/2020. LW 29 mining commenced on 17/08/2020. The next LW (21) should start around April 2021.
- North Wambo Creek Diversion. In March 2020, the creek diversion remediation work commenced. The diversion was affected by multi-seam subsidence. KH presented an overview of the creek diversion remediation works, and the

- infrastructure associated. Peabody will share the link describing the creek diversion with the CCC. PJ offered a tour of the creek diversion if the CCC is interested. Agreed look at incorporating with May 2021 meeting.
- There was one (1) externally reported incident (N26 attending noise monitoring September 2020 still under investigation with the EPA. DPIE have taken no further action). Also noted was rehabilitation (OC only, excludes the creek diversion), the increased rainfall amount (no discharge events), management plan reviews, development of the LW 22-24 approved, extraction plan not yet approved priority was given to Management Plans for Phase 2, EPL529 revised to reflect Phase 2 Operations, IEA started in October 2020 and is ongoing, sponsorship and donations (2020 Wambo Coal Hall of Fame Inductees).

# **SPONSORSHIP/ DONATIONS 2020 YTD**

- The 2020 Wambo Coal Hall of Fame is a highlight for Wambo Coal. Inductees were:
  - o Gregory Lancaster Sport
  - o Gerard McMillan Community Service
  - o Ken Neely Community Service
  - Charlie Shearer Business Industry and Tourism
  - o The Hon George Souris Public Service
  - Singleton PCYC Community Service

# 7. General Business (LA)

1. KH – We would like to publish the CCC community members on the website. Only phone numbers for staff and chair with email addresses for community representatives and Council delegate.

# 10. Meeting Schedule for 2021

- Tuesdays at 9am (quarterly)
  - 9 February (at United)
  - 4 May (at Wambo possible inspection of the Creek diversion)
  - 10 August (at Wambo)
  - 9 November (at Wambo

### 11. Meeting Finalisation

Meeting closed at 10:20am with LA thanking members for their contribution and wishing them a wonderful festive season and much better 2021.

## **Action Register:**

Date	Action	Responsible
7/12/2020	Install trigger cameras covering access points into Janet Fenwick's property. This is to record any unauthorised activities in the area.	SP
7/12/2020	Include in the next newsletter noise monitoring locations	AF