

Minutes of Community Consultative Committee Meeting – Wambo Coal Pty Ltd

Meeting of the Community Consultative Committee (**CCC**) for Wambo Coal Pty Ltd (**Wambo**), held in person on Tuesday 10 December 2019 at 9:00am (EST).

Chairperson:	Lisa Andrews (LA) – Independent Chairperson	
In attendance:	Janet Fenwick (JF) – Community Member	
	Shane Gee (SG) – Community Member	
	Dave Thelander (DT) – Community Member	
	Aislinn Farnon (AF) – Glencore Approvals Manager	
	Cr Godfrey Adamthwaite (GA) – Singleton Council Representative	
	Albert Scheepers (AS) – Wambo Coal General Manager <i>(left the meeting at 9:45am)</i>	
	Kim Hines (KH) – Wambo Coal Senior Environmental Advisor	
	Nicole Dobbins (NB) - Wambo Coal Senior Environmental Advisor	
	Brent Frondall (BF) – Wambo Coal Graduate Environmental Advisor	
	Emma Morgan (EM) – Wambo Coal Executive Assistant (minute secretary)	
	Lewis Payne (LP) – Wambo Coal Drill and Blast Superintendent <i>(left the meeting at 9.34am)</i> .	
Apologies:	Peter Jaeger (PJ) – Wambo Coal Manager Environment & Community	
	Steve Schmidt (SS) – Community Member	

The Chairperson opened the meeting at 9:03am

1.	Welcome & Apologies (LA)		
	Lisa Andrews opened the meeting at 9:03am, welcoming the new attendees.		
	It was NOTED that Peter Jaeger and Steve Schmidt were an apology for the meeting.		
2.	Declarations (LA)		
	No changes to members previous declarations.		
3.	Business Arising (LA)		
	Lisa Andrews NOTED the previous minutes were distributed on the 12 September 2019, Lisa apologised for the minutes being distributed late due to her leave, this had been NOTED in the meeting held in July 2019.		
	It was NOTED that the previous action items had been attributed to Peter Jaeger.		
	Godfrey Adamthwaite mentioned the Singleton Hall of Fame was a successful night, celebrating the 10 th Anniversary.		

4.	Wambo/ Glencore Project Update (AF)		
	Aislinn Farnon provided an update to the CCC members on the Wambo/ Glencore JV project.		
It was NOTED, State approval has been received on the 29 August 2019, awaiting Fe Controlled action approval prior to commencement of work. Aislinn mentioned the minister was in parliament last week, hoping to have the approval signed any day.			
The project is ready to commence on 6 January 2020.			
The recruitment process has commenced for the project team.			
	Aislinn presented some slides on the Management Plan Status which outlined the management plans approved and the management plans still in process. It was NOTED the water management plan received comments back from the DPIE yesterday and these are currently being worked through.		
	Aislinn spoke regarding the noise mitigation work and NOTED the following:		
	• There are 14 residence which have rights under this condition. Letter had been sent to all 14 residence.		
	• Noise mitigation assessments have been completed at most of the residence.		
	• Early in 2020 a public information session will be held at Jerrys Plains community hall.		
	Dave Thelander questioned <i>"what do we think the issue is getting a response from the residence?"</i> , Dave also commented as a resident who received a letter, he was under th assumption the assessments were completed not they needed to call and arrange.		
	Aislinn thoughts are, it could be the residents receive too much information from numerous mines and a possibility the letter may not have been clear.		
	Lisa queried the conditions of consent for United with their CCC meetings. Aislinn NOTED due to no operations they have reduced their meetings to one a month, which complies with their conditions of consent.		
	Aislinn put to the members moving forward should we hold a joint CCC meeting between Wambo and United and how do they feel about this. Albert Scheepers NOTED his preference is to combine the meetings.		
	It was NOTED to add the topic of combing the two CCC meetings for the CCC meeting scheduled for 7 April 2020.		
	ACTION:		
	 Aislinn to contact residences who haven't reached out yet for a noise mitigation assessment. 		
	 Aislinn to send letters to members of the CCC for both Wambo and United for their thoughts and a response on combining the meetings from 2020. 		
5.	Drill and Blast Environmental Presentation (LP)		
	Lewis Payne the Drill and Blast Superintendent from Wambo Coal provided a presentation to the members on the drilling and blasting procedures at Wambo Coal.		
	The presentation included slides on the following topics, blasting process, design considerations, blasting emissions, controlled blasting techniques and pre-firing risk assessments with Lewis explaining in section in detail.		

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	Janet Fenwick stepped out of the meeting at 9:20am to take a call and returned at 9:23am.		
	Janet Fenwick asked Lewis, "with the wind picking up today, will the 3:30pm blast still g ahead?" Lewis NOTED that throughout the day when blasting we constantly monitor the weather and make the final decision closer to the blast time. Lewis also made mention the use of balloons which are constantly being put up to ensure the wind is the correct direction for blasting.		
	Lewis NOTED, a fair bit of time goes into the design process for drilling and blasting.		
	Lewis left the meeting at 9:34am.		
6.	Wambo Coal Environment and Community Update Presentation (KH)		
	Kimberly Hines provided the members with an update on Wambo, NOTING the following:		
	• Underground Longwall 18 is completed and the move to Longwall 19 is almost finalised with the first coal scheduled to start on the 27 December 2019.		
	• Open Cut operations are currently in Montrose Pit, Montrose East and Hilldale, noting not too much has changed since the meeting in July 2019.		
	• Updated drone images of the Open Cut pit were displayed, Albert Scheepers pointing out to the members where current workings are and where the focus areas will be for 2020.		
	 Rehabilitation work at the 'Rug Dump' is scheduled to be finalised at the end of January 2020. 		
	Kimberly presented a performance to date graph on the Environment & Community metrics noting we have received 57 x community complaints, 3 x externally reported incidents, 1 x fine, 2 x warnings, 5 x regulator inspections, 7 community sessions/ tours, 15.6 ha of rehabilitation, 387mm rainfall and zero discharge.		
	Godfrey questioned if the 45 complaints on the graph grouped as noise complaints were all the same noise, Kimberly noted, no these noise complaints vary from numerous noises in the pit. Kimberly also explained how the dispatch office are constantly monitoring the operations 24/7 for all areas, noise/ dust etc.		
	It was NOTED Wambo have received a blast exceedance for overpressure which is currently being addressed. Albert NOTED the acceptable decibel level is 120 and we were at 120.6, Wambo being .6 over the limit.		
	Nicole Dobbins provided an update to the members on the current approvals, EPL Licence Variation, MOD16 United Wambo JV, Mining Operations Plan and the Extraction Plan.		
	Kimberly provided the members a list of all the sponsorships/ donations for 2019, showing a photo of the inductees. Godfrey NOTED John Martin was absent from the event due to illness, when his health improves, they are going to hold a small presentation for him.		
	Wambo Family Day, held on 30 November 2019 celebrating the 50 th Anniversary of the mine, Kimberly provided statistics from the day on numbers of visitors, local suppliers utilised.		
	• A slide of containing the drill holes for 2019 was presented. Janet Fenwick noted they are getting really close to the mountains, Kimberly explained these are only exploration holes for the longwalls.		
	• A slide on the Thelander AQ Monitoring station was shown, Brent Frondall explained what the TOEM's are and how it works.		

	There were no further questions from the members.		
	Albert Scheepers left the meeting at 9:45am.		
7.	General Business (LA)		
	Janet Fenwick queried the new pipeline that she could see, where is this taking water from and too. Kimberly noted Wambo is currently drilling a new bore hole and this is the pipeline being installed, we are dewatering United's old workings, this water is going to be used for the CHPP, approval had been received prior to commencement. It was mentioned the pipes are "double piped" to comply with environmental standards.		
	Godfrey informed the members as an FYI, Michael Johnston is making an announcement on Monday relating to the Singleton bypass being finalised by 2026.		
	Dave asked the members if they had heard anything in regard to Yancoal purchasing Mt Arthur, is there any truth to this.		
	 Shane Gee asked if Wambo has been pumping from the river and how long will the 5g last. Kimberly noted Wambo has been pumping from the river and continues to do so only for the underground operations. Dave raised the issue of the recent bush fires, in particular the fire which started from train brakes on the Mitchell lane/ New England Hwy area. Dave NOTED he had noticed around the Wambo train loading/ lines area the grass is quite high and thick. What is Wambo doing to prevent a fire starting in these areas, have we thought about fencing the areas and having cattle graze. Brent noted, grazing cattle so close to the train lines is a high risk, we do slash the areas regularly inline with requirements, however, we can only slash when the weather is favourable and no fire bans. 		
	Lisa Andrews NOTED the confirmation of the name change for the DPIE.		
	ACTION:		
	• Kimberly to email Godfrey a copy of the presentation for him to show council.		
	 Janet Fenwick to provide Aislinn with the site number for med data. 		
	• Brent Frondall to provide the members with a copy of the schedule to slash the grass areas around the train lines.		
10.	Meeting Schedule		
	Lisa put forward the proposed meeting dates for 2020, all members were in agreeance with these dates. Dates scheduled are:		
	• 7 April 2020;		
	• 4 August 2020; and		
	• 1 December 2020.		
11.	Meeting Finalisation		
	Lisa Andrews closed the meeting at 10:09am thanking the group for their contributions throughout the year and wishing all a Merry Christmas and safe New Year.		

Action Register:

Date	Action	Responsible
10.12.19	Aislinn to contact residences who haven't reached out yet for a noise mitigation assessment.	Aislinn Farnon
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10.12.19	Janet Fenwick to provide Aislinn with the site number for med data.	Janet Fenwick
10.12.19	Brent Frondall to provide the members with a copy of the schedule to slash the grass areas around the train lines.	Brent Frondall

Chairperson

General Manager

Date