



# Wilpinjong Coal Mine Community Consultative Committee



## Meeting Minutes

### 1. PRESENT

<b>Chairperson:</b>	Lisa Andrews (LA)	<b>Time:</b>	2:57 pm – 13 December 2018
<b>Venue:</b>	Oriental Hotel, Mudgee	<b>Minute Taker:</b>	Kellie Smith (KS)
<b>Committee Members:</b>	Blair Jackson (BJ), Kieren Bennetts (KB), Brian McDermott (BM), Ian Flood (IF) Gail Ratcliffe (GR), Bruce Hughes (BH), Colin Faulkner (CF), Des Kennedy (DK) and Greg Lowe (GL).		
<b>Invited Guests:</b>	Josh Frappell (JF), James Heesterman (JH)		
<b>Observers:</b>	Nil.		

### 2. APOLOGIES/ABSENT

<b>Apologies:</b>	Lisa Menke (LM), Scott Lillis (SL), & Bev Smiles (BS).
<b>Absent:</b>	Nil.

### 3. WELCOME

LA welcomed all attendees and thanked them all for accommodating the short notice postponement of the meeting.

### 4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Lisa Andrews – Independent Chair approved by the Secretary of Department of Planning and Environment (DP&E), paid by Peabody Energy  
 Blair Jackson – General Manager, Wilpinjong Coal  
 Kellie Smith – Executive Assistant to 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  
 Greg Lowe – National Parks & Wildlife (Alternate delegate)  
 Bev Smiles – Community Member (Resident)  
 Cr Des Kennedy – Mayor Mid-Western Regional Council  
 Gail Ratcliffe – Native Title Liaison Officer

## 5. CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

Minutes of the last meeting confirmed on 12 October 2018.

## 6. BUSINESS ARISING

### ACTION ITEMS

- 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.  
*Ongoing – addressed in presentation by IF.*
- IF to provide an update regarding the relocation of the 330kv powerline at Slate Gully.  
*Complete – addressed in presentation by IF.*
- IF to communicate project modifications to the CCC.  
*Ongoing - nil to report this meeting.*
- KB to ensure attended noise monitoring reports are available in hard copy at each CCC meeting.  
*Ongoing – reports provided.*
- IF to investigate and provide feedback on how to best manage the public maintenance of headstones in the church yards.  
*Incomplete – work in progress.*
- LA to write to Transgrid and request further information in regard to why the new powerline towers are not being painted green.  
*Ongoing – LA confirmed that she received the contact details (next action item) from IF and has not received a response from Transgrid. LA will follow up.*
- IF to provide LA with the contact information of a person at Transgrid to enquire about the new powerline towers being painted green.  
*Complete – see above.*
- IF to provide the ground water model information to the CCC in respect of the affect that mining in Slate Gully will have on the Peabody owned water bores opposite Slate Gully.  
*Complete – information provided in presentation by IF.*
- KB to provide the information obtained from Vodafone in regard to the answer time of the complaints hotline investigation to the CCC.  
*Complete – emailed by KB.*
- KB to review why Barnett Street is separate to Wollar Village in the complaints information and provide an update.  
*Complete – KB confirmed that it was found to be a reporting error and should not be separate.*
- IF to provide the CCC with copies of the Social Impact Management Plan once submitted to the Department of Planning and Environment, Wollar Progress Association to receive a hard copy.  
*Incomplete – this action requires the words “submitted to” to be amended to “approved by”. The Social Impact Management Plan is not yet approved by the Department of Planning and Environment.*
- GR to arrange a meeting with GL to discuss cultural burn for hazard reduction by NP&WS.  
*Ongoing – GR confirmed some discussions have taken place and will provide an update at the next meeting.*
- IF to follow up the repairs to the Harry Harvey Park gate.  
*Complete – the gate has been repaired.*
- IF to provide a definition of the term “buffer” as used in a recent public statement relating to property purchases at Wollar.  
*Complete – definition emailed to CCC on 12 October 2018.*

## 7. CORRESPONDENCE IN AND OUT

- 25/9/18 – Email to members with the draft minutes for review.
- 12/10/18 – Email to members with the finalised minutes & electronic presentation + 2 action item responses.
- 12/10/18 – Same information to Col Faulkner via post
- 19/10/18 – Email to members advising that demolition waste from Mogo & Wollar Roads was going to be disposed of into the Pit.
- 20/11/18 – Email/Letter to Transgrid regarding the painting of the new towers.

- 25/11/18 – Email from Denise Williams regarding Mogo Rd. This was forwarded to Ian Flood for action.
- 26/11/18 – Email from Ian Flood advising that the matter has been reported to MWRC, who will be undertaking an inspection.
- 26/11/18 – Email from Bruce Hughes advising that he has also made representations to MWRC to progress the matter.
- 27/11/18 – Email to members with the Meeting Notice & Agenda for this meeting and requesting RSVP's for dinner
- 7/12/18 Email to members seeking postponement of CCC from 10/12/18 to 13/12/18.
- 10/12/18 Email to members confirming rescheduled meeting.

Accepted.

## 8. REPORT BY KIEREN BENNETS

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. Discussions and actions arising from the report:

### Aerial photograph

- Updated photograph provided from November 2018 – described the boundaries indicated on the aerial photo related to the Mine Operations Plan – discussed that an Amendment to the Mine Operations Plan is in process to be submitted in December and a new Mine Operations Plan is being developed in anticipation of the Mining Lease Applications being approved to Mining Leases.

### Environmental monitoring overview

- Attended noise monitoring
  - IF noted that he believed that location N13 was no longer privately owned, and ownership had transferred to Moolarben Coal.
- Real time noise monitoring
  - BH queried whether the monitor located Mogo Road would remain after the land is handed over the National Parks and Wildlife Service. KB confirmed that it will remain and it is on the fringe of mobile phone reception along Mogo Road.
- Blast / Vibration Monitoring
  - Nil queries.
- Air quality
  - Nil queries.
- Water discharge
  - BM queried what type of gauge was now located at Slate Gully. KB confirmed it was a water flow monitoring station.
- Operational downtime
  - It was noted that lightning has been the biggest interruption to operations in the last quarter. KB explained the Trigger Action Response Plan (TARP) that is in place for the safety of personnel.
  - It was also explained that 1 hour of down time could be reported as 5 hours or more depending on the number of fleets and pieces of machinery shut down whilst the TARP is in place.
- Rehabilitation
  - BM queried whether all the land will be rehabilitated with timber or if grass fields would be included. KB confirmed that conditions of approval require the rehabilitation to be timber relevant to the habitat of the Regent Honeyeater bird.
- Exploration
  - Nil queries.
- Community
  - Nil queries.

## 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:

### Wilpinjong Extension Project

- Mining Lease applications
  - Nil queries.
- Infrastructure projects
  - Ulan-Wollar Road re-alignment
    - BH queried whether flooding had been considered due to the rail being higher than the road. IF confirmed it had been allowed for in the design after consultation with ARTC.
    - BH queried whether there will be lights and gates installed for the rail crossing near the entrance of Wilpinjong mine. IF confirmed it is out of WCM's control however believed that ARTC had plans to complete the works within the next 2 years.
  - 22/66kv transmission line realignment (east and west sections)
    - Nil queries.
  - 330kv deviation
    - Nil queries.
  - Pit 8
    - Nil queries.
- Aboriginal Heritage survey – WEP offsets
  - Nil queries.
- Tralee EL Application
  - Nil queries.
- Social Impact Management Plan
  - Nil queries.
- Rehabilitation
  - Rehabilitation strategy
    - Nil queries.
  - Rehabilitation performance completion
    - Nil queries.
- Department of Education
  - Nil queries.

### Property Management

- Demolition waste disposal
  - Nil queries.
- Spring Weed Control
  - Nil queries.

- Company owned groundwater bores in Pit 8 area
  - Answered action item 8.

## 10. GENERAL BUSINESS

- LA raised correspondence received from BS in relation to the SIMP & whether the new exploration licence application to the east of the village had been granted approval. IF advised that both issues were covered in his presentation, which had been emailed to BS.

### Blasting notification signage alongside Pit 7

- BH queried whether the temporary blast notification signs would become permanent. IF confirmed that new permanent signage has been ordered and will replace the current temporary signage.

### Access road for BM at Slate Gully

- BM queried the access to his property once mining commenced in January 2020.
- Action raised for IF to follow up and provide confirmation to BM once infrastructure locations confirmed.

### Upgrade to Wollar Road – Wollar to Mudgee

- GL confirmed that the MWRC are preparing to upgrade Wollar Road with particular focus on the section through the Munghorn Gap.

### Wollar Store

- BH queried how much longer the Wollar Store will remain open. He is mainly concerned about the postal service. IF advised there is no suggested date for closure yet, but that WCPL has committed to giving the community 6 months' notice. He also confirmed he had been in contact with Australia Post and had not received a response.
- BH queried whether there could still be diesel supplied at the store with electronic payment even when closed due to the fire trucks being unable to fuel up without having to go to Gulgong or Mudgee and carry jerry cans. IF suggested this was something to be looked into in the future and not a Peabody responsibility although willing to discuss with the RFS. JF queried what other remote areas did, and suggested looking into how they deal with carrying fuel.

### Contractors smoking outside the mine gates

- BH has noticed a lot of contractors parking just outside the gate to smoke. He is concerned about fires and also the rubbish. The concerns are echoed by WCM. Action raised by KB to follow up by reminding employees and contractors about the Park and Puff.

### Access to leased paddock

- CF raised the issue of the padlocks getting removed / changed at the access point to the Crown Land paddock held by Mick Fetch. IF advised this is not a WCM issue, although he will follow up with the leasee.

### 2 x upcoming hazard reduction burns

- GL advised that there are two upcoming hazard reduction burns within the area.

### CCC Chairperson Public Report

- IF queried whether LA had to provide an annual report, and whether it was publicly available. LA confirmed that the Department provided a new template this month to all Independent Chairpersons, which will be completed and uploaded to its website.

Last meeting for minutes secretary

- BJ advised that KS had resigned and was moving to another company. BJ, KB & LA thanked KS for her efforts on the CCC and wished her all the best in her future endeavours.

## 11 Meeting Schedule for 2019:

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Monday, 11 March 2019 – Wollar Store</li><li>Monday, 3 June 2019 – Wollar Store</li><li>Monday, 9 September 2019 – Wilpinjong Coal Mine site visit and tour</li><li>Monday, 9 December 2019 – (Mudgee / Christmas dinner) with venue to be advised.</li></ul>
<b>Meeting Closed:</b>	4:25 pm

## 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.	Communicate project modifications to the CCC.	IF	Ongoing
3.	Attended noise monitoring reports to be available in hard copy at each CCC meeting.	KB	Ongoing
4.	Investigate and provide feedback how to best manage the public maintenance of headstones in the church yards.	IF	Next meeting
5.	Write to Transgrid and request further information in regard to why the new power line towers are not being painted green.	LA	Next meeting
6.	Provide the CCC with copies of the Social Impact Management Plan once approved by the Department of Planning & Environment, Wollar Progress Association to receive a hard copy.	IF	Once submitted
7.	Arrange meeting with GL to discuss cultural burn for hazard reduction by NP&WS.	GR	Next meeting
8.	Follow up and provide confirmation to BM regarding road access at Slate Gully once the infrastructure locations have been confirmed.	IF	Ongoing
9.	Remind contractors and employees about the park and puff to deter smoking at the front gate.	KB	Next meeting