



Wilpinjong Coal Mine Community Consultative Committee



Meeting Minutes

1. PRESENT

Independent Chairperson:	Lisa Andrews (LA)	Date & Time:	1 June 2020, 2:06pm
Venue:	Wollar General Store, Wollar	Minute Taker:	Julie Burns (JB)
Committee Members:	Colin Faulkner (CF), Kim Peach (KP), Bruce Hughes (BH), Ian Flood (IF), Kieren Bennetts (KB), Blair Jackson (BJ), Brian McDermott (BM), Cr Des Kennedy (DK) & Bev Smiles (BS)		
Invited Guests/Observers:			

2. APOLOGIES/ABSENT

Apologies:	Lisa Menke (LM)
Absent:	Scott Lillis (SL)

3. WELCOME

Committee members have gathered at the Wollar General Store for the second 2020 Community Consultative Committee (CCC) meeting. LA opened the meeting at 2:06pm and welcomed all attendees.

4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Lisa Andrews – Independent Chair approved by Director General of Department of Planning and Environment (DP&E), engaged by Peabody Energy
 Blair Jackson – General Manager, Wilpinjong Coal
 Julie Burns – Executive Assistant to General Manager, Wilpinjong Coal
 Kieren Bennetts – Environment & Community Manager, Wilpinjong Coal
 Ian Flood – Manager Project Development and Approvals, Wilpinjong Coal
 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
 Greg Lowe – NSW National Parks & Wildlife Service
 Bev Smiles – Community Member (Resident)
 Cr Des Kennedy – Mayor Mid-Western Regional Council
 Bruce Hughes –Community Member (Resident)
 Lisa Menke - NSW National Parks & Wildlife Service
 Colin Faulkner (CF) Community Member (Resident)

5. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE FINALISED MINUTES

ACTION ITEMS

ACTION LIST			
Number	Action	Whom	By When
1.	Waste management from demolition program (including asbestos removal) to be addressed at every CCC meeting, and notification placed at Wollar Store when conducting asbestos removal in the Wollar township. <i>IF confirming availability of the asbestos contractors once confirmed IF to provide information to the CCC with regards to planned demolition of five houses in line with SIMP. Note: The SIMP requires the first 5 houses to be demolished by 30 September.</i>	IF	Ongoing
2.	Communicate project modifications to the CCC. <i>No further modifications – update provided in the Property and Approvals presentation).</i>	IF	Ongoing
3.	Attended noise monitoring reports to be available in hard copy at each CCC meeting. <i>Hard copy reports made available at the meeting.</i>	KB	Ongoing
4.	Cemetery access signage to be erected at the church and communicated to the public via the WCPL website. <i>(IF to arrange signage no wording finalised)</i>	IF	Ongoing
5.	Organise Australia Post Representative to attend the next CCC meeting <i>(Andrew Luffman from Australia Post unavailable for June meeting, IF to follow up and confirm availability for attending CCC meeting held in September. Also included in Property and Approvals presentation).</i>	IF	Ongoing
6.	Provide contact details of Aust. Post Delivery Manager to BH	IF	Next meeting
7.	Provide summary of bats and pipes with photos etc <i>(Included in the Property and Approvals presentation).</i>	IF	Closed
8.	Inspection of the fence on western side of Wollar creek, behind park	IF	Next meeting
9.	Confirm ownership of cattle grid going into Wondoona (top of lane, at Barigan located before the turn to Maree Rd and Tichular Rd) <i>(IF noted that this has been included in the scope for Wollar Solar upgrades)</i>	IF	Closed

6. CORRESPONDENCE IN AND OUT

As per Meeting Notice, emailed on 13/03/20:

- 31/03/20 – Email to members with the draft minutes for review.
- 31/3/20 – Email to BH with the contact details for the Australia Post Delivery Manager for the Wollar area (as provided by IF).
- 19/4/20 – Email to members with the finalised minutes and presentation.
- 19/4/20 – Minutes posted to Col Faulkner.
- 29/4/20 – Email to members with information from LLS on proposed aerial baiting of wild dogs.
- 14/5/20 – Email from BS enquiring about drilling rig in Wollara front paddock.
- 14/5/20 – Email response from IF advising that the drilling is a DPI Water program to install bores adjacent to the existing bores to a greater depth. Advising that Wilpinjong was facilitating access to three sites on or via its land. Note: Wilpinjong have requested the resultant monitoring data to be incorporated into its groundwater management processes.
- 25/5/20 – Email to members advising of the proposed Wild Dog/Fox Baiting Program on Peabody owned land.
- 25/5/20 – Email to members with the Meeting Notice, Agenda & Correspondence Report for the meeting.
- 25/5/20 – Same information to Col Faulkner via post.
- 26/5/20 – Email to members with the amended date for the Have A Chat session (4/6/20).
- 30/5/20 – Email to members with a reminder for this meeting.

7. REPORT BY 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. Discussions and actions arising from the report:

Aerial photograph

- Updated photograph provided from May 2020.
- BS inquired on what is currently happening in Pit 8 – an update was given that box cut opening from west to east, overburden stripping currently and strips will progress to the south.

Environmental monitoring overview

- Attended Noise Monitoring locations and results presented.
- On the 5-6 February 2020 there were 0 WCPL audible at sites
- On the 11-12 March 2020 there was 1 WCPL audible at sites; WCPL was audible at site; N13, generating only LAeq of 28 and LA1, 1 minute of 31dB
- On the 20–21 April 2020 there were 7 WCPL low level audible at site(s); N6, N14, N15, N17, N19, N20, N21
- Attended noise monitoring reports in hard copy made available at the meeting. Attended Noise Monitoring and Summary of Compliance for February 2020 – April 2020. Noise levels from WCPL complied with relevant noise limits at *all* monitoring locations.
- BS queried if the audible results were from Pit 6 – KB responded that we are unable to confirm location of the noise emission within Wilpinjong.
- BS queried what RD stands for. KB advised that it is for rear dump truck.

Real time noise monitoring

- KB presented a map of the Current Real Time Noise Monitoring Locations. - Mogo Rd, Ringwood Rd, Wollar and Wandoona.
- BS asked if there is an issue with the real time noise monitor at Mogo Road. KB advised that was no issue, but other locations were being investigated in closer proximity to private receivers, but there are issues with appropriate mobile telephone reception and the ability for the monitor to function appropriately.
- BS asked if it will be removed when it is handed over to the national parks. IF responded that the National Parks are happy for the equipment to remain in the current location.
- BH asked the question on the Mogo works and the excavators. KB/IF confirmed that the equipment is not Wilpinjong's. IF noted that Lynch could be contracting for NSW National Parks but was unsure.

Blast / Vibration Monitoring

- Blast and Vibration monitoring results from February 2020– April 2020 were presented; no exceedance of vibration or overpressure criteria throughout.
- 51 blasts for February 2020 – April 2020
 - Nil queries.
- Presented a graphical representation of overpressure and vibration monitoring February – April against compliance limits.

Air Quality / Dust Monitoring

- Presented 12 month monitoring trend of Air quality.
- Recorded PM10 dust level exceedances January and February 2020 caused by regional dust and bushfire related events.
- All results recorded on the 9th Jan 2020 for HVAS were invalid due to contracted operator error.
- Power outage in April 2020 resulted in five days of no data at TEOM 4

Surface Water & Discharge Monitoring

- No water discharged off site since November 2018.
 - Nil queries.

Operational downtime

- Presented graphs of lost time including breakdown of data by pit and causal factor. Total lost time from the 11th March 2020 – 28th May 2020 has been 4397.55 hours, with Pit 6 (31%) & Pit 3 (16%) have been the worst effected for lost time.
- Main events causing lost time is Lightning (46%) and Rain (33%)
- BS made a comment on the impact by the fog in the area can affect some sides of the mine and not at all in others.

Rehabilitation Update

- Presented aerial overview of WCPL's Rehabilitation footprint.
- WCPL planning for 138 hectares of rehabilitation in 2020
- BS asked for information on how much of the Pit 5 current rehab needs to be reworked and some detail on this process. Quarter 3 meeting is scheduled to be onsite, request from BS to focus on the rehabilitation.
- Phase 2 of carting timber from Munghorn Road, works expected to commence on 9th of June for 10 working days in duration.

Exploration

- Update given on 2020 exploration program. Program to start Q4 2020 with a 3-month duration.
- 2020 Program includes;
 - 5 Coal Quality holes
 - 15 Coal Structure Definition holes
 - 1 Reactive Ground Testing
- Above ground sump method used to reduce level of surface disturbance.
- KB presented an aerial overview showing the target areas of the Coal Quality and Coal Structure drill holes.

Community

- Complaints data presented. Total of 18 complaints for period 10 March 2020 to 26th May 2020. 15 for noise, 1 for vibration / overpressure and 1 for traffic.
- Community Donations and Sponsorships from the past quarter was presented. Breakdown over the period was; totalling \$26,039.91
- BS raised a query on the Donations Committee process as the Wollar Progress Association would like to apply for assistance in the association's insurance renewal for the hall. KB response was to address a letter/request to the Donation Committee with the request. Once the request has been made WCPL will table at the Donations committee meeting for consideration noting that the request would need to meet the criteria within the SIMP.

Respiratory Covid-19 Clinic

- BS raised a question on the Respiratory and Fever Clinic on how it was advertised. DK confirmed it was added to the MWRC web site, and also articles in the Mudgee Guardian.
- KB/DK gave an update on the Respiratory and Fever clinic, open for patients who are experiencing symptoms to test and treat COVID-19, influenza, pneumonia and other respiratory illnesses.
- This will alleviate the pressure off the hospital and GP's.
- DK explained that it for when you wake up one morning and you don't feel unwell. If you have the symptoms call the South Mudgee surgery early in the morning (8:30am) to make an appointment.
- DK took an action to send through the information flyer on the Clinic to put up at the Wollar Store and share with the committee members. IF to assist with getting it on the notice board at the General Store.

8. 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 – Infrastructure Projects

- Ulan-Wollar Road re-alignment – eastern section delayed until approximately 2025. Existing road sealing planned for the first 2 weeks in June.
- Nil queries.

Wilpinjong Extension Project – Pit 8

- All mining processes established.
- IF presented pictures of the Haul road construction from pit 3 progressing to pit 8 – showing the ridge cutting and haul road and Aerial photo of the Pit 8 Infrastructure.
- Admin facilities due to be complete by mid-June, Fuel facilities end of July.
- Communication Tower – completed early May.
- BS queried if the ROM pad still going ahead in Pit 8. BJ responded that at this stage we are not progressing. Coal will be loaded in the pit and run it back out to ROM pad. BS queried how many kilometres, BJ replied about 4 kms.
- BM asked the question if the haul road going to be sealed as it is right next to a public road would this cause dust issues. BJ responded with no to both comments, we will continue with current dust protocols.

Tralee EL Application

- A notice from the DRE with regards to ELA 5804 that the application will be rejected. Indication is that it is likely to be put out to public tender via a strategic release.

DPI Water monitor bores

- DPI Water establishing additional monitoring bores across the state.
- 3 new bores are being established on/via Peabody owned land and are near existing bores but extend to greater depth.
- IF presented bore location aerial maps of the locations.

Pit 8 bat adit

- IF presented the Pit 8 bat audit monitoring methodology, and resent results.
- Pit 8 is home to two species; Eastern Horseshoe Bat and the Large Bent-winged Bat (formerly known as the Eastern Bentwing-bat).
- IF provided a summary of the Adit stabilisation works and photographs of the works and the pipe placed to minimise the potential for rockfall and provide access and egress for the bats.

Property Management

- IF presented and update on the Fox /Dog baiting campaigns along Wilpinjong Creek and Cumbo Valley.
- Evidence to support that the dogs are travelling from Cumbo to Cooyal.
- Baiting program commenced on 27th May and will continue for approximately a 5-week period.
- The program is timed to coincide with the NPSW, Central Table LLS and Munghorn Wild Dog Group Annual Autumn Baiting Program. This is to increase coverage and improve effectiveness for all local landholders. IF presented an aerial of the potential dog baiting area.
- Weed control program continues, focusing on Noogoora Burr, Prickly Pear, Sweet Briar and Blackberry.

Australia Post

- IF made contact with Andrew Luffman – Australia Post Delivery Manager and extended an invite to attend CCC meeting in June. Andrew was not available, and IF will follow up with him to confirm for the CCC meeting in September onsite. IF to come back to LA to confirm timing for the agenda.

9. GENERAL BUSINESS

- LA suggested a Respiratory Fever Clinic flyer be added to the notice board at the general store. – IF asked DK if there are any official flyers for the Clinic. DK will have Mette Sutton organise a flyer and send on.
- CF asked if WCPL has ever come across oil shale deposits that have come out of the old mine in Slate Gully. BJ said to date WCPL haven't come across any deposits. The old mine was higher in elevation than the current mining operation (approximately 30 - 40 metres above).
- BH – queried if the cleared vegetation in Pit 7 near Cumbo Creek and along the ridge between Pit 7 & Pit 8, which can be seen from the Wollar Mudgee Road, is planned to be mined. IF/BJ responded what is currently cleared is what will be mined, and the current clearing would be close to the full extent in this area.
- BH asked a question to DK on the Council work currently underway in the Munghorn, is there any plans for animal over passes or under passes to be erected. DK to find out more information around the environmental study.
- BS offered apologies for not being present last meeting. BS queried the status of the amended Noise Management Plan. IF confirmed that the proposed changes to compliance monitoring at N19 and N20 were not accepted and these sites will continue to be monitored for compliance on a monthly basis.
- BS requested detail of the location and status of the WEP offset area package to be transitioned to National Parks. IF to update on it at the next meeting.
- Next meeting Monday 14th of September and will be onsite at Wilpinjong. KB reminded all attending site the need to have correct PPE such as long shirt and long pants. LA to communicate boot sizing. All other PPE will be provided.
- Discussions on the proposed site tour for the next meeting. BS suggested a drive through Pit 8 and through some rehabilitation. May have to shuffle the agenda to facilitate the postal service representative attending the meeting.
- BS Mod 1 presentation – Proposed extractions of groundwater from 3 bores at Hillview and conversion of current stock and domestic bore at Tralee. IF advised that of the approved bores north of Wilpinjong Creek, half of the bores on the eastern side are established and used recently but the approved bores on the western side didn't yield, hence the reason for seeking the modification to include additional bores.

Meeting Closed:	3.15 pm
Next Meetings:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Monday 14th September 2020 – Tour of Wilpinjong, focus on Rehabilitation.• Monday 23rd November 2020

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11	Provide more information around the environmental study of current works in the Munghorn	DK	Next meeting
12	Information flyer on the Respiratory and Fevers Clinic. IF to assist with getting it on the notice board at the General Store	DK/IF	Next meeting
13	O'Briens crossing aerial image displaying offset areas, where are the boundaries and update on the biodiversity boundaries for the WEP	IF	Next meeting