



# Wilpinjong Coal Mine Community Consultative Committee



## Q2 Meeting Minutes

### 1. PRESENT

<b>Independent Chairperson:</b>	Lisa Andrews (LA)	<b>Date &amp; Time:</b>	3 June 2026
<b>Venue:</b>	Wollar Stores	<b>Minute Taker:</b>	Sally Mayberry (SM)
<b>Committee Members:</b>	Bev Smiles (BS), Kieren Bennetts (KB), Clark Potter (CP), Councillor Katie Dicker (KD), Brian McDermott (BM), Kim Peach (KP), Toby Ekman (TE), Rod Pryor (RP)		

### 2. APOLOGIES

<b>Apologies:</b>	Lisa Menke, Mayor Des Kennedy, Mark Eaglesham, Bill Vatovec.
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### 3. WELCOME

Lisa Andrews – opens meeting at 1:06pm  
Acknowledgement of Country

### 4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Lisa Andrews – Independent Chair approved by Department of Planning, Housing & Infrastructure (DPHI), engaged by Peabody Wilpinjong  
Clark Potter – Environmental Lead, Wilpinjong Coal  
Kieren Bennetts – Manager Environment & Community, Wilpinjong Coal  
Bev Smiles – Community Member (Resident)  
Cr Katie Dicker – MWRC Councillor (alternate for Mayor Des Kennedy)  
Brian McDermott – Community Member (Lessee of Peabody pastoral land and former resident)  
Kim Peach – Community Member  
Mark Eaglesham – General Manager, Wilpinjong Coal  
Rod Pryor – Community Member (Wollar Progress Association/Resident) [MWRC Councillor]  
Mayor, Des Kennedy – Mid Western Regional Council delegate  
Bill Vatovec – Compliance Manager, Wilpinjong Coal  
Maata Te Kira – Community Member (resident)  
Toby Ekman – National Parks and Wildlife delegate

## 5. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE FINALISED MINUTES

On page 3, under Attended Noise monitoring. BS wishes to clarify that WCPL actively responds to noise level triggers as per the Noise Management TARP and that the TARP trigger levels do not consider G Level inversions. CP - The Wilpinjong Coal Project Consent specifies that when G level-inversions are present the Project Consent noise limits do not apply. The TARP does not consider G level inversions and is based solely on recorded noise levels and live audio and so a conservative approach. The number of times that operations are modified in response to the TARP is questioned by BS. CP - The key source of reporting is taken from dispatch records, and presented to the CCC in WCPL's last time reporting (in graph)

BS – general business Page 6, answer to question regarding SIMP. Amendment in previous minutes required to delete reference to Mod 3 and change to Continuation Project. What was previously referred to Pit 9 and 10, is now being referred to the Continuation Project.

Review of action items from last meeting:

1.	With the Meeting Notice email – 14 days prior to the meeting, LA will request for Community Questions be sent to her for WCPL to respond to at the meeting	Request sent with meeting notice. Responses have been received
2.	Clarifying correspondence/spreadsheet to reconcile and confirm odour/spon com and noise complaints	WCPL have reached out to resolve. Close action
3.	WCPL to share a file of potential water source points with NPWS	KB sent details to NPWS
4.	WCPL to confirm the SIA letter and report (clarify inclusions and dates for submissions)	Presentation outlines the breakdown
5.	WCPL to confirm the SIA letter and report (clarify inclusions and dates for submissions)	Presentation outlines the breakdown
6.	WCPL to provide a clear delineation of all outstanding and impending SIMP and SIA consultations	Presentation outlines the breakdown
7.	What was the destination of main exports for 2025 (per country)	Presentation outlines the breakdown of countries
8.	WCPL to share a 6 month look ahead and map with NPWS to allow planning on-ground planning with consideration to blast safety	KB sent details to NPWS
9.	SIMP comments will be collated, reviewed, and responded to in consultation with a suitably qualified person endorsed by NSW DPHI. Responses to comments will be shared before lodgement of new draft SIMP.	Presentation outlines the breakdown
10.	Review of Terms of Reference for this CCC.	Sent out on 23 April 2026 by LA
11.	Copy of DPHI correspondence regarding operation of CCC be sent to members	Sent out on 23 April 2026 by LA

## 6. CORRESPONDENCE IN AND OUT

Correspondence in/out:

- 10/4/26 - Email to members with the draft minutes from the meeting for review.
- 17/4/26 – Email to members with finalised minutes, presentation & Action Items 10 & 11 documents.
- 17/4/26 – Email from MTK raising concerns with accuracy of draft minutes and conduct of Chair. (Telephone contact attempted to discuss.)
- 29/4/26 – Email to MTK offering to meet in person on 4/5/26 to work through concerns.
- 20/5/26 – Email to members with Meeting Notice, agenda & correspondence report
- 1/6/26 - Reminder from LA to CCC members regarding meeting date

**Mine Map**

- An aerial photo/map of the operational pits is shown and talked to (image taken in May 2026)

**Attended Noise Monitoring**

- Undertaken one night per month, on a date unknown to WCPL
  - 25 – 26 March 2026
    - WCPL equipment was audible at some sites. Map shown, with associated table showing equipment operational at the time
    - Compliant with all relevant limits
  - 21 and 29 April 2026
    - WCPL equipment was audible at one site. Map shown of the location, with associated table showing equipment operational at the time
    - Compliant with all relevant limits
  - 26 – 27 May 2026
    - WCPL equipment was audible at all sites. Map shown, with associated table showing equipment operational at the time
    - Compliant with all relevant limits

*Question: What is the LA1 (1 minute) limit?*

*Answer: 45 dB(A)*

**Blasting**

- Feb – March 2026 overpressure monitoring compliant
- Feb – March 2026 vibration monitoring compliant

**Air Quality**

- Depositional dust was compliant for the monitoring period
- HVAS and TEOM results are compliant for the monitoring period
- 12-month trend graph is shown of HVAS (to end April 2026). A general trend upwards is shown in PM10 results. One peak (elevated dust reading) on 1 April 2026, which was reported to NSW EPA and DPHI. An investigation showed that it was related to vegetation mulching by the CWO-REZ Transmission line project that was mulching at the time. WCPL undertook the investigation with CWO-REZ. A map is shown of the activities undertaken on the specific day in question (1 April 2026). EnergyCo self-reported the incident, which was related to mulching activities on land south of Wilpinjong Coal.

*Question: There seems to be a trend upwards from September 2025 to now*

*Answer: This is related to climate – coming into summer months, and much less rain than usual*

*Question: Are EnergyCo not required to have dust controls while undertaking their project?*

*Answer: EnergyCo took responsibility for the incident recorded via WCPL HVAS. There were very few dust suppression truck movements before the incident, but since the incident they have been suppressing dust more actively. WCPL have offered EnergyCo access to the water available on site (mine water), but EnergyCo have been reluctant to accept the offer.*

- TEOM locations are shown on a map
- A 12-month trend is shown on a graph. A gradual upward trend from September 2026 is also shown on this graph

#### Water Discharge

- Water discharge and quality were compliant during the monitoring period – graphs are shown per month

*Discussion about water management on site, include dams, turkeys nests and Wilpinjong Creek and how water is moved between storage locations.*

#### Operational Downtime

- Majority time lost due to rain, lightning, noise, dust, fog in that order
- 476.7 Digger, loader and dozer lost hours reported for 2 March – 28 May 2026

*Question: What is happening in Pit 1 to cause the dust?*

*Answer: Rehabilitation works*

#### Rehabilitation

- 2026 target is 125ha.

*Question: The Pit 7 area discussed in the last meeting is not shown*

*Answer: The landform is not up to height yet, so therefore not on the map*

#### Spontaneous Combustion hot spots

- There are no active hot spots currently.
- Entering the colder months the Spon Com hot spots will become apparent

*Question: Is there drone technology to support this?*

*Answer: Yes, WCPL do have the technology but is waiting for cooler temperatures, which will increase the temperature differential between the ground and hot spots, enabling easier detection.*

### **Complaints**

- 5 complainants; 16 individual complaints that were all noise-based. All complaints were investigated, WCPL were compliant on all occasions – Note: WCPL can be audible and compliant.

### **Community Donations**

- Six priority areas to support (health care, environmental, diversity, youth services and education, arts and culture, community development)
- Current year-to-date donations and sponsorships outlined, including recipients and amounts
- Involvement for 2026 include CanAssist Mudgee, Tunes on the Turf, Dunedoo Art Unlimited, Cassilis Rodeo, Henry Lawson Heritage Festival, Pink Up Mudgee, Mudgee Veteran Golfers Association

### **Social Impact Consultation**

- SIMP consultation proposal – an Extraordinary Meeting, with Daniel Holm to review updates to the SIMP v4 and discuss social impacts of the proposed Continuation Project. Available from 15 June 2026 onwards
- To work through the update with CCC members
- Modification 3/Pit 8 extension will only require a SIMP update if it is approved
- Continuation Project (SSD Pit 9 and 10) to be a specific part of the SIMP Extraordinary meeting, with Daniel Holm
  - <https://www.planningportal.nsw.gov.au/major-projects/projects/wilpinjong-continuation-project>
- One further session proposed with the Continuation Project, later 2026 as an Extraordinary meeting

*Question: Scoping report relevance?*

*Answer: Scoping report is based on the perception of the project (lodged in May 2026, and is publicly available)*

*Question: Will Daniel Holm's assessment report be conducting consultation with other community members?*

*Answer: Yes*

### **Wollar Pest and Weed Meeting**

- It was a good relationship development meeting, as well as understanding the broader picture of pest problems and management within the region.
- BS thanked KB & CP for their attendance and coordination of lessees.

### **Mudgee Small Farm Field Days**

- WCPL will have a stall at the Field Days on July 10 and 11 2026 with Moolarben and Ulan Coal Mines following success of the combined attendance at the Mudgee Show.

### **EL9399 Projects**

- Modification 3 (Pit 8 Extension)
- Continuation Project (Pits 9 and 10)

- The process is an SSD; the Wilpinjong website states Stage 1 and Stage 2 Modification
- Scoping letter was lodged with DPHI in May including a preliminary Social Impact Assessment.

### **Modification 3 Timeline**

- Peabody responded to submissions on 13 March 2026. The Department of Planning are undertaking its review, and this is now pending determination

### **MLA 661 – Modification 3 (Pit 8 Extension)**

- This is an administrative step
- Application for a mining lease over the area of Mod 3 lodged in April 2026

*Comment: BS - The perception from the public is that Peabody have inside information about the pending determination of Mod 3 proposal*

*Response: The application was lodged proactively as an administrative step*

### **Continuation Project**

- Gateway application was lodged in April 2026
- Scoping report has been lodged and is publicly available
- Q3 2027 expected timeline for lodgment of application EIS

Coal Sales destinations – May 2025 to April 2026

- Graph shown, as outcome of previous meeting
- Shows 50% of coal supply goes to domestic power generation (Bayswater) during this period
  - 31% of coal goes to China
  - 9% Vietnam
  - Japan 6%
  - Indonesia, Malaysia and Taiwan 1%

*Question: BS - Is the contract with Bayswater being renewed (asked again, per last meeting). The WEP approval went to a totally-export based mine from 2026*

*Answer: WCPL take on notice; check approval regarding year-based transition to domestic:export coal*

### **'HAVE A CHAT' 2026 Details**

- 1st Thursday of every month between 1:30pm and 4:30pm at the Wollar Store
- Community Complaints Hotline 1300 606 625

## 8. COMMUNITY QUESTIONS/RESPONSES

BS - Enquired if the 2025 Annual Review has been approved by the Department of Planning and if so, can a hard copy be brought to the meeting and when it will be posted on the website. KB advised that the Annual Review has been approved and is now available on the WCPL website. Hard copy to be provided to BS.

## 9.

Terms of reference (ToR) went out for review. Feedback was received, and membership has been updated to include the new WCPL representatives. Meeting venue and format discussed. Members unanimously agree to ratify ToR. LA will send final document to CCC members for their records.

**Comment:** *The Wollar Hall has Wi-Fi access as it is a Neighbourhood Safe Place.*

*BS: Some landholders up Mogo Road are finding the low frequency noise nuisance is increasing and impacting their sleep; WCPL to expect increased notifications via complaints hotline. While WCPL may be compliant with the noise, the social impact is not considered in the current planning.*

*BS: Has the water problem with Pit 3 has been sorted? as the evaporation guns have gone:*

*Answer: Evaporation guns are not working as the current temperature limits their effectiveness. Mining is progressing in this area. The recent rain will have an impact on water storage.*

*BS: Has the total water storage reduced since last meeting?*

*Answer: Yes, it has reduced due to dry conditions and water management techniques*

*BS: The Native Title Agreement is over which area? Is it the current approved mining area?*

*Answer: WCPL take this on notice*

*RP: There is a lack of dust monitors to the north of the mine*

*Answer: This should be taken into consideration with the Continuation Project Air Quality Assessment*

*TE: Nothing immediately coming up. There have been some weed works in the Munghorn, and aerial baiting in April 2026 which was done via helicopter. It was a smaller drop (40% of usual) due to no access to fixed wing craft*

## 10. NEXT MEETING

Discussing meeting schedule:

- ~~4 March 2026 (postponed to 25 March 2026)~~
- ~~3 June 2026~~
- 29 June 2026 – Extraordinary meeting SIMP
- 2 September 2026 (with site tour and earlier start)
- 9 December 2026

<b>Meeting Closed:</b>	2:42pm
<b>Next Meeting:</b>	29 June 2026 (10am) – Wollar Store – Extraordinary meeting SIMP 2 September 2026 (10am), Meet at WCPL camp – including site visit

<b>ACTION LIST</b>			
<b>Number</b>	<b>Action</b>	<b>Whom</b>	<b>By When</b>
<b>1.</b>	Update March 2026 CCC minutes remove reference to Mod 3 and change to Continuation Project	KB	Next meeting
<b>2.</b>	Share public link for scoping report with CCC Members	LA	Next meeting
<b>3.</b>	Check approval regarding year based transition to domestic:export coal sales	CP	Next meeting
<b>4.</b>	What area does the Native Title Agreement cover?	KB	Next meeting
<b>5.</b>	Areas of interest for the September site tour	CCC members	Before next meeting