



Wilpinjong Coal Mine Community Consultative Committee



Q3 Meeting Minutes

1. PRESENT

Independent Chairperson:	Lisa Andrews (LA)	Date & Time:	3 September 2025
Venue:	Wilpinjong Camp Recreation Room, preceded by a site tour	Minute Taker:	Sally Mayberry (SM)
Committee Members:	Bev Smiles (BS), Kieren Bennetts (KB), Clark Potter (CP), Mark Eaglesham (ME), Councillor Katie Dicker (KD), Maata Te Kira (MTK), Brian McDermott (BM), James Heesterman (JH), Erynn Mayall (EM), Grant Purcell (GP)		

2. APOLOGIES/ABSENT

Apologies:	Lisa Menke, Mayor Des Kennedy (DK), Kim Peach (KP), Rod Pryor (RP)
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3. WELCOME

Lisa Andrews – opens meeting at 3:46pm

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 – Senior Environmental Officer, Wilpinjong Coal

Kieren Bennetts – Manager Environment & Community, Wilpinjong Coal

Bev Smiles – Community Member (Resident)

Katie Dicker – MWRC Councillor (alternate for Des Kennedy)

Brian McDermott – Community Member (Lessee of Peabody pastoral land and former resident)

Kim Peach – Community Member

Lisa Menke – NP&WS delegate

Grant Purcell – NP&WS delegate (alternate)

Mark Eaglesham – General Manager, Wilpinjong Coal

Rod Pryor – Community Member (Wollar Progress Association/Resident) [MWRC Councillor]

Mayor, Des Kennedy – Mid Western Regional Council delegate

Maata Te Kira – Community Member (Resident)

5. CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

Minutes from 4 June 2025 CCC were finalised and sent to members via email on 30 July 2025.

6. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE FINALISED MINUTES

Review of action items from last meeting:

BS – asked about C-Weighted noise levels in attended noise monitoring reports. CP explained how C-Weighted noise levels are measured in conjunction with A-Weighted and Z-Weighted (1/3 Octave) noise levels to determine low frequency noise and modifying factors. The July attended noise report – specifically location N17 - provided these measurements and results in relation to the mining continuum. BS requested the C-Weighted noise levels individually instead of the C-Weighted minus A-Weighted noise levels that are prescribed by the NSW Industrial Noise Policy. CP to provide the C-Weighted noise level recorded at location N17 in the July attended noise report.

1.	WCPL to update Attended Noise Monitoring slides with correct date (18-19 February 2024 > 2025)	Complete
2.	WCPL to print the noise report and provide to interested members	Complete
3.	SIMP Version 4 clarification	Complete
4.	Prepare a year:year property acquisition over time, compared to complaints received per year. The metric is to demonstrate if the number of properties that are privately owned have increased as the number of complaints has decreased	Included in this meeting's presentation

7. CORRESPONDENCE IN AND OUT

Correspondence in/out:

- 17/6/25 - Email to members with the draft minutes from the meeting for review. As well as the presentations. Comments received.
- 17/6/25 – Email to members with Rehabilitation Strategy for review by members. Comments received back from BS and KD.
- 30/7/25 – Email to members with finalised minutes.
- 13/8/25 - Email to members with the Meeting Notice, Agenda & Correspondence Report for the meeting.
- 1/9/25 – Email to members with reminder for this meeting and sit tour instructions.

8. REPORT BY KEIREN BENNETTS

Mine Map

- An aerial photo/map of the operational pits is shown and talked to (image taken in August 2025)

Question: What is causing the water storage problem in Pit 3?

Answer: It's a legacy of generally above average rainfall events since 2020.

Attended Noise Monitoring

- Undertaken one night per month, on a date unknown to WCPL
 - 5-6 May 2025
 - 18-19 June 2025
 - 23-24 July 2025
- Noise monitoring compliant with conditions

Blasting

- All blasts were compliant with maximum vibration limits
- Blast overpressure monitoring was compliant for each month

Air Quality

- Depositional dust was compliant for the monitoring period
- HVAS (High Volume Air Sampler) and TEOM location maps shown
- HVAS and TEOM results are compliant for the monitoring period
- 27 May 2025 showed a regional dust event

Water Discharge

- Water discharge and quality were compliant during the monitoring period
- Bank of four evaporators in Pit 3 approx. 150L/second throughput
- Application to NSW EPA to increase water discharge is due to be submitted in the coming weeks.
 - BS requested that the CCC be informed when the application is lodged. **Action.**

Operational Downtime

- Majority time lost due to fog, noise, rain and lightning in that order.

Rehabilitation

- Rehab vs Disturbance 2025 map has not changed since last meeting but will be updated as changes are made each meeting.

Complaints

- 2 complainants with 16 total complaints.

Community Donations

- Six priority areas to support (health care, environmental, diversity, youth services and education, arts and culture, community development).
- CCC members encouraged to share details of the sponsorship with the wider community, and to contact KB directly or via standard channels to discuss potential sponsorship.
- Doctors 4 Mudgee Region program is being supported financially as it gets up and running, has successfully recruited one doctor for Gulgong and reportedly another doctor for the region is looking promising.

Mudgee Small Farm Field Days

- Successful event, talking through the Pit 8 Modification process.
- Mentions other community engagement strategies.

SIMP

- Version 4 was updated in September 2024 and Approved by DPHI, updating references to new Modifications and correct acronyms
- Changes are outlined

***Comment:** The CCC and Wollar Community were not consulted with this update of the SIMP. The description of the remaining private property in the Wollar village is of a property that is thought to have been acquired by WCPL. Questions whether there are any privately owned properties within the Wollar village*

Outcome:** WCPL to provide CCC with opportunity to review SIMP. **Action.

WCPL Complaints profile by year

- Graph is shown and talked to with context of property purchases how the data was acquired and analysed.
- BS noted that the decrease in complaints was directly attributable to the depopulation of the community.

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- Pit 8 Modification was lodged 15 August 2025.

***Question:** When is Pit 9 and 10 project looking at being submitted?*

***Answer:** Estimated early 2029.*

Rehabilitation Strategy

- Positively received; some good feedback has returned that is being worked on.

'HAVE A CHAT' 2025 Details

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

9. GENERAL BUSINESS

- BS thanked WCPL for the tour of site today.
- BS enquired when the scoping letter for Pits 9 & 10 (SSD project) will be lodged with DPHI. Advised, that the most current update is probably Q3 2025.
- BS asked ME when the start time for the Pit 8 extension (MOD 3) would be, if approved. ME advised that the latest estimate is 18 months from now (Q1 2027), with clearing proposed to commence in Q2 2027.

10. NEXT MEETING

Meeting Closed: 4:34pm

Next Meeting: Wednesday 3 December 2025 in Mudgee, followed by a Christmas lunch. Time and venue to be confirmed.

ACTION LIST

Number	Action	Whom	By When
1.	Provide C-Weighted noise level recorded for location N17 in the July attended noise monitoring report.	CP	Next meeting
2.	Provide CCC members with notification of lodgement of application to NSW EPA to increase water discharge limit	KB	Complete. 19/9/25.
3.	WCPL to provide CCC with opportunity to review SIMP	KB	< 30 December 2025
4.	WCPL to notify CCC when Modification 3 (Pit 8 extension) goes on public exhibition	KB	When known