



ANNUAL COMMUNITY CONSULTATION REPORT

for

EXPLORATION LICENCE NO. 9399 (*Mining Act, 1992*)

Project Name	Wilpinjong Coal Mine
Location	1434 Ulan – Wollar Road, Wilpinjong NSW 2850
Operator	Wilpinjong Coal Propriety Limited
EL Grant Date	3 May 2022
EL Expiry Date	3 May 2028
Reporting Period	3 May 2024 - 2 May 2025

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Wilpinjong Coal Mine (the Mine) is owned by Wilpinjong Coal Pty Limited (WCPL), a wholly-owned subsidiary of Peabody Energy Australia Pty Ltd (Peabody). The Mine is located approximately 40 kilometres north-east of Mudgee, near the Village of Wollar, within the Mid-Western Regional Local Government Area, in central New South Wales.

Exploration Licence (EL) 9399 was originally granted on 3 May 2022 for a term of six years expiring on 3 May 2028.

As per the Community Consultation Condition of the licence, an annual report detailing consultation undertaken during the reporting period is made publicly available within 2 calendar months of the anniversary of the grant of the prospecting title by publishing it online on the titleholder's online platform or providing a copy on request within 14 days after the request is made.

This report provides a summary of the community consultation undertaken as per WCPL's Community Consultation Strategy for EL 9399 and in line with the *Guideline for Exploration code of practice: Community Consultation Version 2.1 (May 2023)*, for the reporting period 3 May 2024 to 2 May 2025. Key consultation undertaken during the reporting period includes:

- Wilpinjong Coal Mine Community Consultative Committee (CCC) meeting updates relating to the current and future drilling program
- Aboriginal consultation via the Registered Aboriginal Parties Consultation Committee (RAPCC) and Cultural Heritage Liaison Sub-Committee (CHLSC)
- Monthly informal 'Have a Chat' community consultation (face to face 'drop-in' sessions).

During the reporting period, key stakeholders and the broader community were informed about current and future exploration activities, including:

- Exploration Applications
- Approval status
- Planned drilling program
- Location of drill rigs
- Timing of works
- Weather-related impacts
- Rehabilitation works.

No issues of concern or complaints relating to exploration and/or drilling activities were received by the Wilpinjong Coal Environment and Community department during the reporting period.

1.0 INTRODUCTION

The Wilpinjong Coal Mine (the Mine) is owned by Wilpinjong Coal Pty Limited (WCPL), a wholly-owned subsidiary of Peabody Energy Australia Pty Ltd (Peabody). The Mine is an existing open cut coal mine situated approximately 40 kilometres north-east of Mudgee, near the Village of Wollar, within the Mid-Western Regional Local Government Area, in central New South Wales. The mine produces thermal coal products which are transported by rail to domestic customers for use in electricity generation and to the Port of Newcastle for export. Open cut mining operations and associated mobile equipment movements are undertaken 24 hours per day, seven days a week.

Project Approval (05-0021) was granted by then Minister for Planning under Part 3A of the *NSW Environmental Planning and Assessment Act, 1979* on 1 February 2006, following submission of the Wilpinjong Coal Project Environmental Impact Statement in May 2005. Since the original approval was granted, this Project Approval has been modified six times. Mining Lease (ML) 1573 was subsequently granted by the Minister for Primary Industries, on 8 February 2006.

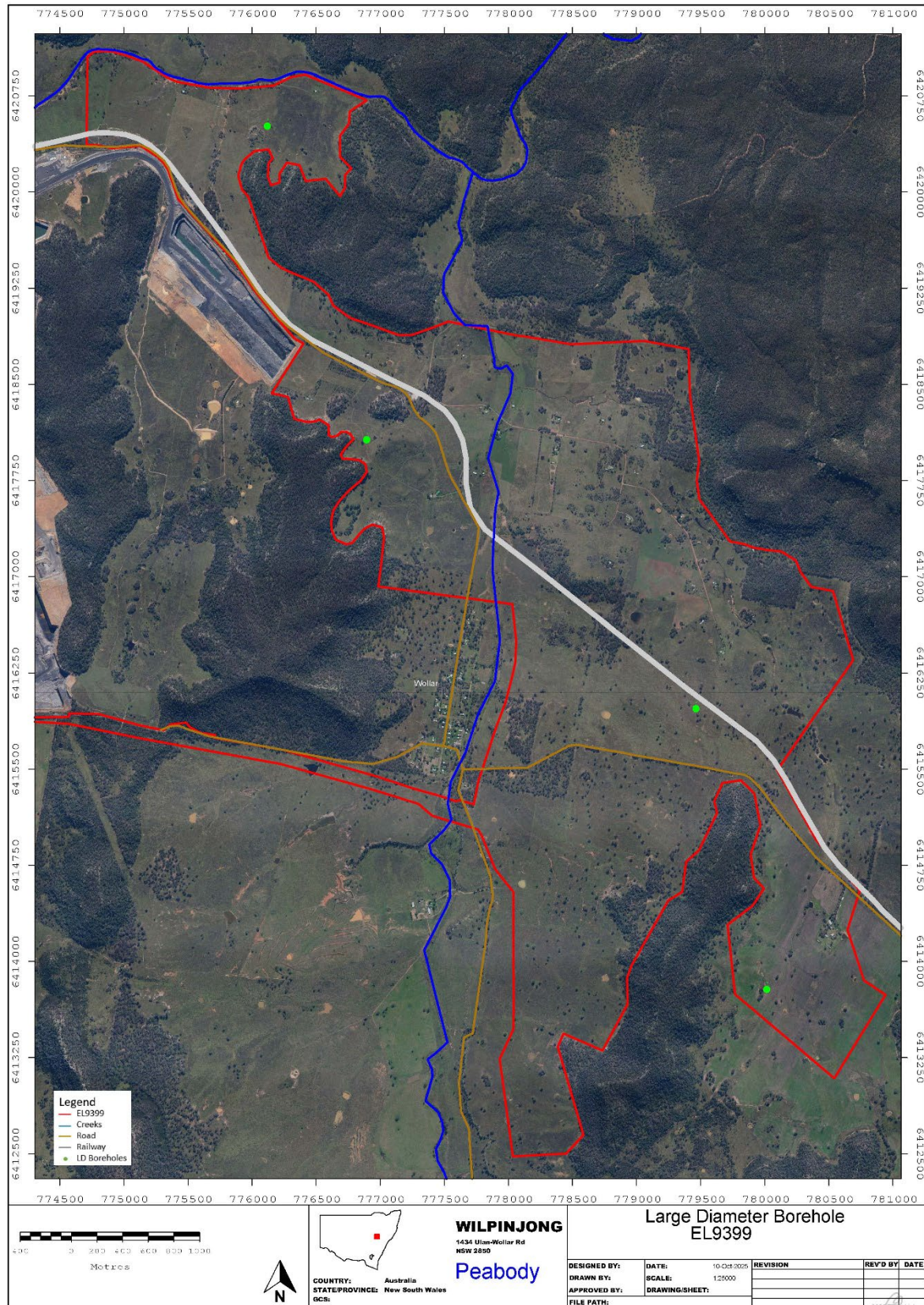
The then Minister for Mineral for Regional New South Wales granted Exploration Licence (EL) 9399 to WCPL under the NSW Mining Act, on 3 May 2022, with an initial expiry date of 3 May 2028.

On 8 January 2016, Wilpinjong Coal submitted an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the Wilpinjong Extension Project (WEP) to the NSW DPE. The EIS was prepared to accompany a Development Application made for the WEP as a State Significant Development (SSD), in accordance with Part 4 of the *NSW Environmental Planning and Assessment Act, 1979*. On 24 April 2017, the NSW Planning Assessment Commission, granted approval, subject to the conditions of consent to SSD 6764. PA (05-0021) is currently in the process of being surrendered. WCPL is therefore operating in accordance with SSD 6764. Mining Lease (ML) 1779 was granted by the Minister for Resources, on 20 December 2018 and Mining Lease (ML) 1795 was granted by the Minister Administering the Mining Act 1992, on 27 September 2019. ML 1846 was granted by the Minister for Regional NSW, on 28 February 2023. Please refer to **Figure 1** for further detail.

Condition 3 of EL 9399 states – *‘The licence holder must carry out community consultation in relation to the planning and conduct of activities under this licence in accordance with the Exploration Code of Practice: Community Consultation (March 2016).’* As per the Code of Practice, *an annual report on Community Consultation must be made publicly available within 2 calendar months of the anniversary of the grant of the prospecting title by publishing it online on the titleholder’s online platform or providing a copy on request within 14 days after the request is made.* Therefore, this report details the relevant community consultation undertaken from 3 May 2024 to 2 May 2025.

Figure 1 illustrates the EL9399 area in relation to the three large diameter boreholes drilled as part of the exploration plan.

Figure 1 - EL9399 Large diameter borehole locations



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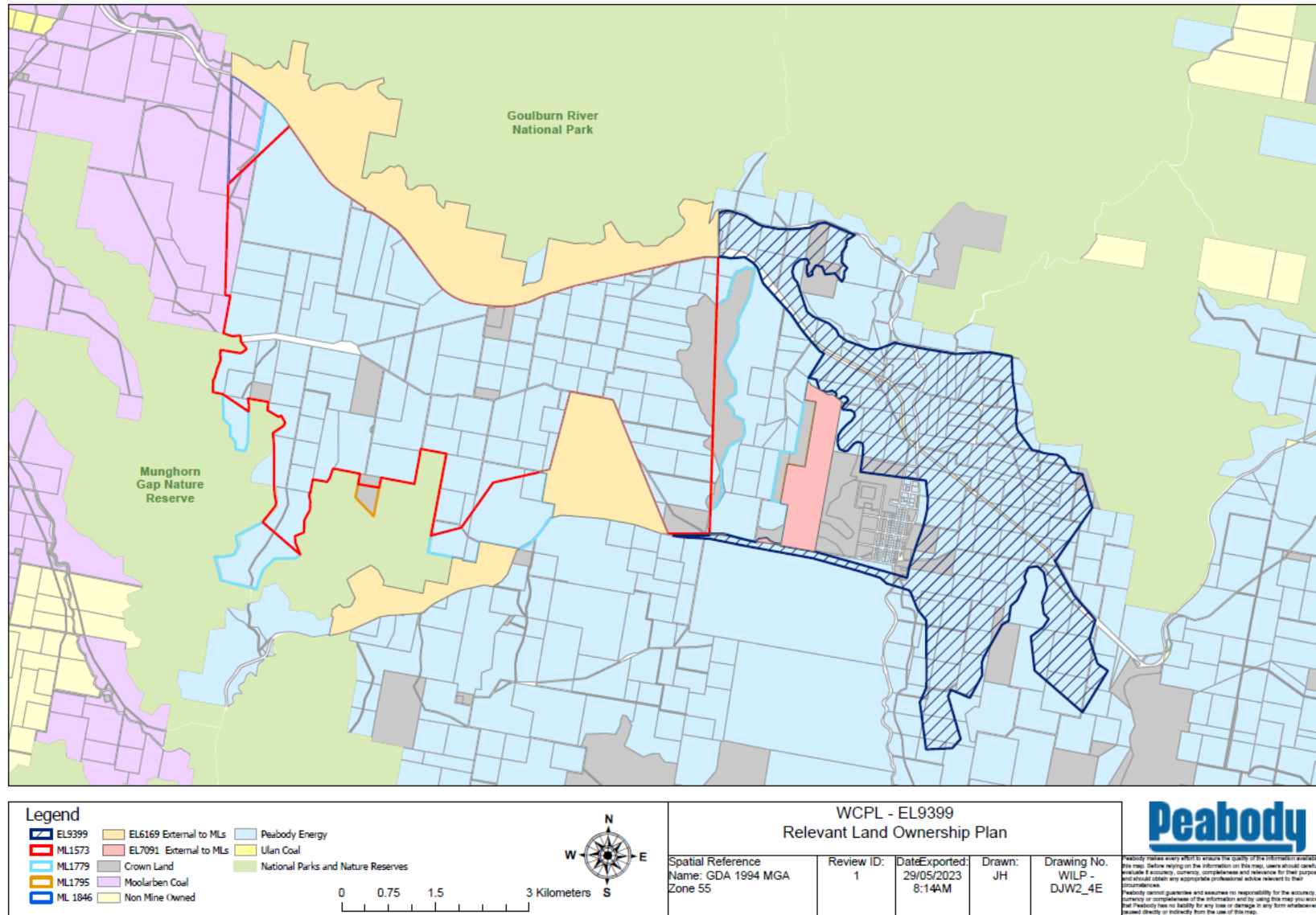


Figure 2 : EL 9399 boundaries and land ownership

2.0 CONSULTATION UNDERTAKEN

WCPL continues to undertake a targeted approach to stakeholder engagement relating to exploration and operational matters – including exploration activities associated with EL 9399. In general accordance with the WCPL's *Community Consultation Plan for EL 9399*, the following consultation was undertaken with key landholders and community representatives during the reporting period.

2.1 Agency Consultation

2.1.1 NSW Resources Regulator

Consultation was undertaken with the NSW Resources Regulator, as part of a site visit of 17 September 2024 regarding the Progressive Rehabilitation Targeted Assessment Program. The site visit indirectly relates to WCPL exploration activities.

Additionally, WCPL self-reported that drilling was undertaken outside of the activity approval APO0001235 (MAAG0016107) to the NSW Resources Regulator on 15 August 2025 (reference NCG0006289). This activity approval was associated with geologic exploration within EL9399. The NSW Resources Regulator were ultimately satisfied the allegations were unsustainable.

2.2 Community Consultation Committee (CCC)

In accordance with Condition 7, Schedule 5 of Development Consent SSD-6764, WCPL established a Community Consultation Committee (CCC) to the satisfaction of the Director-General in 2006. The CCC continues to operate as per the SSD and the recently released Community Consultative Committee Guidelines – State Significant Projects (NSW Department of Planning, November 2016). The WCPL CCC comprises an independent chairperson, independent minute taker, representatives of the Mid-Western Regional Council (MWRC) and members of the local community.

Current community representatives are:

- Chair approved by Director General of DPHI, funded by Peabody Australia;
- Community member (resident);
- Community member (former resident);
- Community member (lessee of Peabody pastoral land and former resident);
- Community member and lessee of Wollar General Store;
- NSW National Parks & Wildlife;
- Community member
- Community member (resident); and
- MWRC Councillor

WCPL representatives are:

- Environment & Community Manager;
- Manager Project Development and Approvals;
- Compliance Manager,
- Senior Environmental Advisor;
- Environmental Advisor; and
- Environmental Coordinator.

As indicated above, the WCPL CCC consists of a cross-section of the local community.

This committee is the primary mechanism by which exploration information is provided to the local community for awareness, updating and discussion.

The following table provides a summary of information provided to CCC members regarding exploration activities during meetings held throughout the reporting period.

It should be noted that information provided to CCC members during these meetings was related to the entire exploration drilling program across the Mining Leases, EL 6169, EL 7091 and EL 9399, and not specifically to EL 9399.

Table 1: Exploration Information provided to WCPL CCC

CCC Meeting Date	Exploration Summary
3 June 2024	• Wilpinjong Extension Modification 2 ◦ Determination is expected from DPHI in June 2024 • Wilpinjong Extension Modification 3 ◦ Environmental assessment reports being drafted ◦ Stakeholder engagement complete for the Social Impact Assessment ◦ ACHA consultation continues with Registered Aboriginal Parties ◦ Proposal to lodge the Modification report with DPHI in Q1 2025 • Wilpinjong Extension Modification 4 - (Energy Co's CWOREZ Project) ◦ Substation land acquisition agreed and finalised ◦ Transmission easement triggers a modification of WCPL's State Significant Development consent • EL9399 ◦ Exploration was completed on 27 March 2024 ◦ Some exploration holes remain open pending advice regarding suitability to incorporate into the groundwater monitoring network • Future SSD application ◦ Outline plan to apply for an SSD as an extension of the current mine
11 September 2024	• Wilpinjong Extension Modification 2 • DPHI approved on 3 July 2024 • Management Plan updates have commenced • The camp construction has begun • Wilpinjong Extension Modification 3 • The scope has been amended to reduce ROM coal and ground disturbance • Wilpinjong Extension Modification 4 ◦ EnergyCo's easement within WCPL biodiversity offset was approved on 26 June 2024 • EL9399 ◦ Waste collated to central location ◦ Groundwater monitoring network has four additional sites, with two more remaining ◦ Resources Regulator and RAPs notified of investigation into a potential Cultural Heritage incident whilst exploration drilling • Future SSD application • Exploration drilling is complete • Scoping letter is planned for late 2024

CCC Meeting Date	Exploration Summary
4 December 2024	• Wilpinjong Extension Modification 2 ◦ The Eastern section of ML1795 has a minor amendment to the boundary • Wilpinjong Extension Modification 3 ◦ Revised modification outlined ◦ Community stakeholder engagement to continue ◦ Planned further engagements outlined • Wilpinjong Extension Modification 4 ◦ DPHI approved WCPL's Mod 4 on 12 September 2024 ◦ WCPL working with CWOREZ regarding the impending works • EL9399 ◦ The remaining two groundwater monitoring sites that were delayed in the first drilling campaign due to wet weather recommenced drilling on 25 November 2024 ◦ Collated waste awaiting contractor removal • Future SSD application • Exploration drilling is complete • Scoping letter is planned for Q1 2025
5 March 2025	• Overview of the pathway forward talked to regarding the Pit 8 Modification, Pits 9 and 10 SSD and the future opportunities • Timeline introduced showing the key milestones for the Pit 8 Extension Modification

2.3 Mid-Western Regional Council

Information relating to exploration drilling was provided to the Mid-Western Regional Council during the CCC meetings (See **Table 1**).

2.4 Registered Aboriginal Parties Consultative Committee

In accordance with the project approved Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Management Plan, and site Aboriginal Consultation protocol WCPL continues to hold a Registered Aboriginal Parties Consultation Committee (RAPCC) meeting every six months (or more frequently if necessary). The purpose of the RAPCC meetings is to discuss operational Cultural Heritage issues at WCPL over the preceding year and proposed works that will have cultural heritage implications for the Mine for the upcoming year.

This committee is comprised of one representative from each of the Registered Aboriginal Parties (RAPs) WCPL Environment and Community Manager and the Project Approval Manager. In addition, a WCPL provides administrative support for the purpose of keeping the minutes of the meetings.

RAPCC meetings during the reporting period were held on:

- 14 June 2024
- 6 September 2024
- 22 November 2024
- 21 February 2025 (extraordinary artwork meeting)
- 21 March 2025

Information relating to exploration provided to RAPCC was identical to the information provided to CCC members, with the exception of notifying the committee of a Cultural Heritage related incident.

An extraordinary meeting was held on 21 February 2025 to discuss a Peabody WCPL lead opportunity for RAPs to create a regionally representative artwork.

2.4.1 Self-reported Cultural Heritage Incident

WCPL self-reported that drilling was undertaken outside of the activity approval APO0001235 (MAAG0016107) to the NSW Resources Regulator on 15 August 2024. This activity approval was associated with geologic exploration within EL9399. The NSW Resources Regulator were ultimately satisfied the allegations were unsustainable. Committee members were notified via email on 16 August 2024, with further information provided in the September 2024 meeting within the Property and Approvals presentation. All stakeholders were invited to attend the site of the incident, with an escorted field trip held on Wednesday 21 Aug at 12.30pm.

Figure 4 - Email to stakeholders regarding Cultural Heritage incident and Figure 5 - Property and Approvals presentation, slide 27 show examples of communication to relevant stakeholders.

2.5 Cultural Heritage Liaison Sub-Committee

The Cultural Heritage Liaison Sub Committee (CHLSC) was formed as a means by which WCPL could consult with members of the Aboriginal community who are party to the existing Ancillary Agreement. The CHLSC will continue to operate in order to deal with cultural heritage matters as specified in the terms of the Ancillary Agreement. In accordance with the “Ancillary Agreement”, all matters associated with the implementation of the Agreement will remain confidential between the parties to the Ancillary Agreement. The CHLSC will convene in accordance with the Ancillary Agreement to discuss cultural heritage issues at the Mine over the preceding year, and proposed works that will have cultural heritage implications for the Mine for the upcoming year. CHLSC meetings during the reporting period were held on:

- 11 March 2024
- 17 June 2024
- 9 September 2024
- 26 November 2024
- 24 March 2025

Information relating to exploration provided to CHLSC was identical to the information provided to CCC members. No additional issues of concern relating to exploration activities were raised by members during these meetings, with the exception of the Cultural Heritage incident that was self-reported on 15 August 2024. See 2.4.1 for further information.

2.6 Landholder Communication

During the reporting period, landholder consultation was minimal due to no exploration activities. Landholders did attend “Have a Chat” and generally discuss WCPL activities. Landholders have direct contact details within WCPL to answer any questions, any time. Landholders are also communicated with via the organised methods of the CCC and ‘Have a Chat’.

2.7 ‘Have a Chat’ - informal meetings

WCPL provides the local community with an opportunity to discuss operational and exploration (all mining) activities monthly. These ‘Have a Chat’ sessions are held on a one-on-one basis at the local Wollar General Store. The community is advised about ‘Have a Chat’ sessions via the WCPL website, during CCC meetings, and via posters at the Wollar General Store. Details of exploration specific consultation are captured in Table 2 below. Details of the poster is shown in Figure 3 - Have a Chat poster.

Figure 3 - Have a Chat poster



Come and meet a member of the Wilpinjong Team!

When: First Thursday of every month

Location: The Wollar Store

Time: 1.30pm to 4.30pm

In a casual setting, have a chat to the team about:

- The current mining operation
- Any questions or concerns you may have

Or you could just stop in for a cup of tea or coffee. For bookings - Ian Flood - 0417 049 493 or Kieren Bennetts - 0488 103 807.

2024 DATES

4 January
1 February
7 March
4 April
2 May
6 June
4 July
1 August
5 September
3 October
7 November
5 December

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Table 2 - Exploration specific consultation

Have a Chat	Attendees	Exploration related discussion points
6 June 2024	4	No exploration related discussion
4 July 2024	5	No exploration related discussion
1 August 2024	2	No exploration related discussion
5 September 2024	7	No exploration related discussion
3 October 2024	4	No exploration related discussion
7 November 2024	4	No exploration related discussion
5 December 2024	2	No exploration related discussion
2 January 2025	0	No exploration related discussion
6 February 2025	5	No exploration related discussion
6 March 2025	4	No exploration related discussion
3 April 2025	4	No exploration related discussion
1 May 2025	3	No exploration related discussion

3.0 OUTCOMES OF CONSULTATION

During the reporting period, stakeholders were consulted about current and future exploration activities in EL9399 and included:

- Program status – location & timing
- Types of drill holes;
- Preparation works;
- Weather & equipment-related impacts;
- Rehabilitation works; and
- Upcoming exploration applications.

Questions raised by community members during Exploration consultation related to:

- Drill rig locations;
- Assessment process for each drill location;
- Converting drill holes to water monitoring locations;
- Program delays & weather considerations;
- Potential Project approval pathways;
- Infrastructure relocation/realignment requirements; and
- Site rehabilitation status/timing.

No issues of concern or complaints relating to exploration activities were received by WCPL.

During the reporting period no issues of concern or feedback regarding the exploration activities relating to EL9399 were raised by members of the public or Government Departments.

During community consultation WCPL requested feedback from both community groups and Government Regulators regarding the method of consultation for exploration activities. Neither party had any issues with the current consultation format.

3.1 Proposed Future Consultation

WCPL proposes to continue to inform the local community and landholders/lessees about exploration and operational matters via the current avenues, namely, quarterly CCC meetings, WCPL website and targeted stakeholder communication. Community members are also able to communicate issues or concerns to WCPL staff during the monthly Wollar 'Have a Chat' sessions or via the 1300 community enquiries line at any time.

WCPL proposes to continue providing updated exploration activities on the company website. (<http://www.peabodyenergy.com/content/427/Australia-Mining/New-South-Wales/Wilpinjong-Mine/>)

Regarding government agency consultation, WCPL will continue to prepare and submit all appropriate documentation to the relevant agencies for approval. This includes the appropriate Activity Approvals for Exploration and notice of intent to undertake exploration drilling.

WCPL will continue to review and update the Community Consultation Strategy and Plan as required during 2025.

4.0 ENQUIRIES & COMPLAINTS

A protocol for the management and reporting of complaints has been developed as a component of the Mine Environmental Management System (EMS). In accordance with Condition M6.1 of Environmental Protection Licence (EPL 12425), a dedicated telephone number for the provision of comments or complaints is maintained by WCPL. This number is 1300 606 625.

In accordance with Condition M6.2 of the WCPL's EPL (12425), this telephone number is advertised in local newspapers quarterly, via the Wilpinjong community newsletter and on the Peabody website.

WCPL has developed a Complaint Response Protocol to ensure community concerns – including concerns regarding exploration – are appropriately managed and addressed. The response protocol is outlined below:

1. Accurately recording all relevant details regarding the complaint in a Complaints Register, including:
 - The date and time of the complaint;
 - The method by which the complaint was made; (e.g. phone, email);
 - Any personal details provided by the complainant (e.g. name and address) or, if no such details were provided, a note to that effect;
 - The nature of the complaint;
 - The action taken by the WCPL in relation to the complaint, including any follow-up contact with the complainant; (See *also*, steps 2-4) and
 - If no action was taken by the licensee, the reasons why no action was taken.
2. Undertaking investigations into the likely cause of the complaint using relevant information including meteorological conditions, activities occurring related to exploration and the time of the complaint;
3. Assessing and implementing additional control measures, if required; and
4. Monitoring and assessing the effectiveness of the additional controls.

WCPL records and responds to all complaints and maintains a complaints register on its website. The complaints are managed in accordance with the WCPL Complaints Management Protocol.

During the reporting period, no complaints or enquires relating to exploration activities relating to EL9399 were received by WCPL.

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Figure 4 - Email to stakeholders regarding Cultural Heritage incident

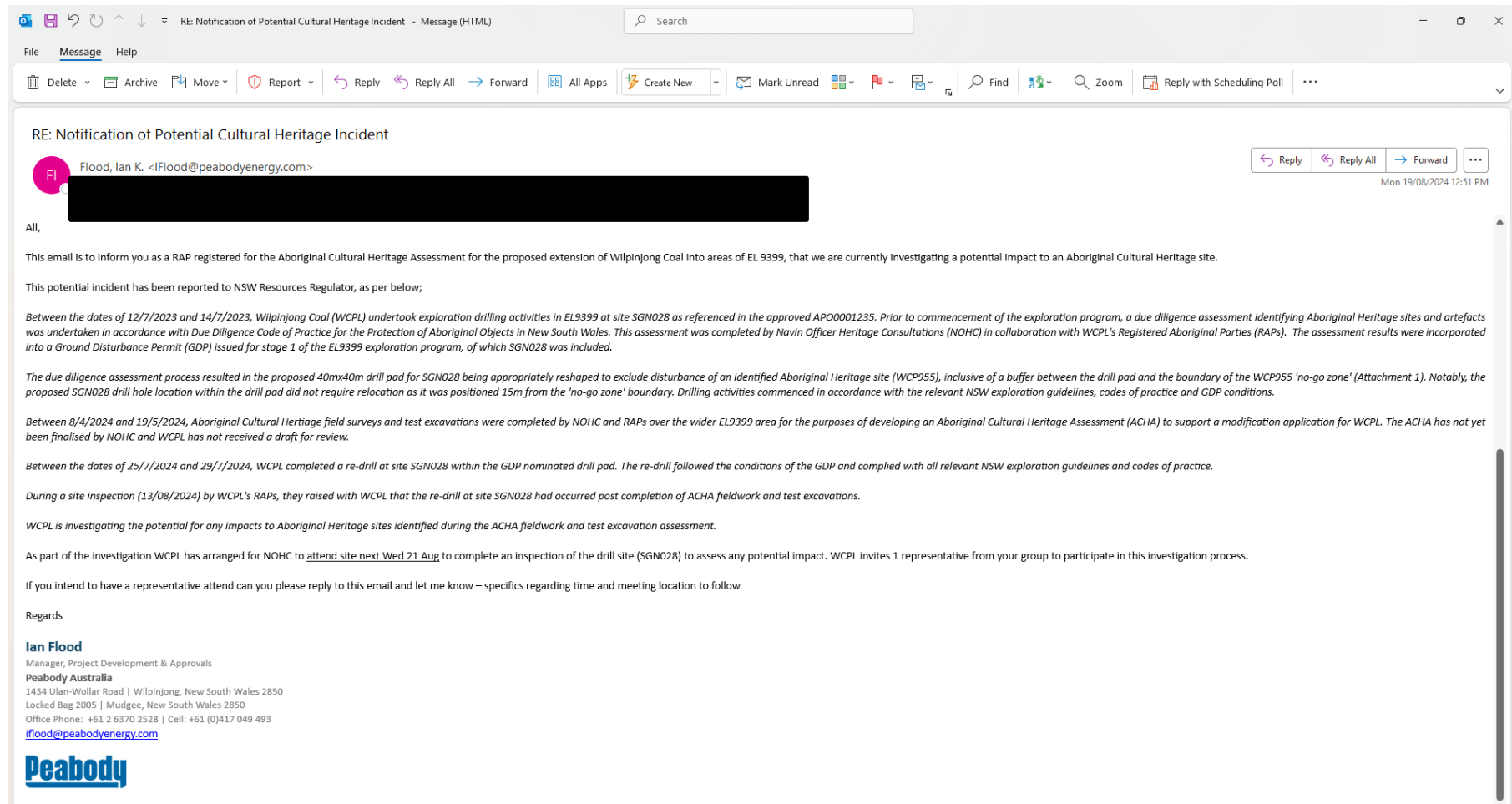


Figure 5 - Property and Approvals presentation, slide 27

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Exploration

- WCPL provided an initial incident report to NSW Resources Regulator portal on 15 Aug 2024
- All RAP's advised of potential Cultural Heritage incident on 16 Aug
- All Rap's invited to attend site inspection on Wed 21 Aug with Navin Officer to assess impacts
- Final report to NSW R&R submitted 5 Sept
- Final Report including Navin Officer's investigation report provided to All RAP's

Summary

- Initial drill site and GDP area avoiding Due Dilligence identified Cultural Heritage site
- Extension of Cultural Heritage site via ACHA process
- Drilling of groundwater bore within the extended site

