



Wilpinjong Coal Mine Community Consultative Committee



Meeting Minutes

1. PRESENT

Chairperson:	Lisa Andrews (LA)	Time:	2:45 pm, Monday 15 May 2017 Following site inspection from 1pm to 2.45pm
Venue:	Wilpinjong Coal Mine	Minute Taker:	Kellie Smith (KS)
Committee Members:	Blair Jackson (BJ), Kieren Bennetts (KB), Brian McDermott (BM), Kim Peach (KP), Mayor - Cr Des Kennedy (DK), Scott Lillis (SL), Lisa Menke (LM), Ian Flood (IF)		
Invited Guests:	Karin Fogarty (KF) – Environmental Advisor, Wilpinjong Coal Mine		

2. APOLOGIES/ABSENT

Apologies:	Bruce Hughes (BH), Bev Smiles (BS), Col Faulkner (CF) & Clark Potter (CP)
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3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Lisa Andrews – Independent Chair approved by the Department of Planning and Environment (DP&E), engaged by Peabody Energy
 Kieren Bennetts – Environment & Community Manager, Wilpinjong Coal
 Blair Jackson – General Manager, Wilpinjong Coal
 Cr Des Kennedy Mayor, Mid-Western Regional Council delegate
 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 (NP&W)

4. CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES – 27 FEBRUARY 2017

Minutes confirmed and distributed 10 March 2017.

5. BUSINESS ARISING

ACTION ITEMS

- Waste management from demolition program to be addressed at every CCC meeting.
Ongoing – update provided in presentation prepared by IF.
- IF to provide an update regarding relocation of domestic powerline.
Ongoing – update provided in presentation prepared by IF.

- KB to distribute DBC monitoring results including dates and sites to the CCC the week prior to every meeting.
Ongoing – not emailed prior to this meeting as hard copies were made available at the meeting. Reports for the preceding year are available on website once Annual Environmental Monitoring Report (R) has been approved.
- IF to communicate project modifications to the CCC.
Ongoing – see presentation prepared by IF.
- IF to notify the CCC via LA when house demolition works are to commence.
Complete - update provided in presentation prepared by IF. Relates to ongoing waste management action.
- LA to contact the EPA and enquire whether issues such as erosion and flooding are taken into consideration when deciding the Environmental Protection Licence for increased water discharge.
Complete. Response dated 3 March 2017 circulated to CCC on 10 March 2017.
- KB to follow up the removal of the concrete bags on the side of Mogo Road.
Complete – BH informed KB he would collect the bags on the way through. Lloyd Coleman checked later to ensure they had been removed.
- KB to check all asbestos paperwork from the house demolition program has been collected from outside the front gate, and follow up with the workers regarding losing the paperwork.
Complete - on the same afternoon as the CCC meeting, KB arranged for the paperwork to be collected.
- BS to provide feedback regarding discussions with Rural Fire Service (RFS) around issues resulting from the Kains Flat bushfire.
Move to next meeting – BS was an apology to the meeting however, LM confirmed that she attended the debrief meeting and nothing was mentioned about the mines other than an acknowledgement for Wilpinjong for providing catering at the Wollar fire shed.
- IF to provide a response to the independent noise assessment as recommended by the Planning Assessment Commission to the CCC.
Complete – see information in presentation prepared by IF.
- IF to provide a response regarding the purpose of the Modification 7 that expired at the completion of 2016.
Complete – see information in presentation prepared by IF.
- KB to provide paper copies of the past 3 months' worth of low frequency noise reports.
Complete – provided at meeting.
- KB to provide CF with the report from the air quality monitor for the blast on 16 October 2016.
Complete – see information in presentation prepared by KB. Note blast was 17 October 2016 – no blasting occurred on 16 October 2016.
- All committee members to complete and return code of conduct form and pecuniary/non-pecuniary interest forms to LA.
Complete
- LA seeking the boot sizes and particular locations of interest for the mine visit and provide to KB.
Complete

6. CORRESPONDENCE IN AND OUT

- 03/03/17 – Email from EPA with its response to previous correspondence regarding the EPLs.
- 10/03/17 – Email from Chair to CCC members with a copy of the EPA letter.
- 10/03/17 – Letters to CF and BH with the minutes from 27/2/17 meeting and copy of EPA letter.
- 10/03/17 – Email from Chair with FINAL CCC minutes.
- 10/03/17 – Email from David Crust NP&W advising of his change in role.
- 10/03/17 – Email from Chair to DC, congratulating him on his promotion and thanking him for his contribution to the CCC over the years.
- 10/03/17 – Email from BS requesting a copy of the original letter from Chair to the EPA.
- 10/03/17 – Email from Chair to members with a copy of this letter.
- 01/05/17 – Email to CCC members with the meeting notice and agenda for this meeting.

LA moved that the correspondence be received. Seconded by BM.

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

- KB confirmed that the aerial photograph now clearly defined the Wilpinjong Extension Project areas.

Peabody website

- Post emergence from Chapter 11, Peabody has a new website. Link to compliance documentation has changed, and provided in presentation. (<https://www.peabodyenergy.com/Operations/Australia-Mining/New-South-Wales-Mining/Wilpinjong-Mine>)

Attended noise monitoring

- BM queried what times it occurred. KB confirmed from it generally occurs from 10:30 pm to 2:00 am and that the monitor needs to collect 15 minutes of noise at each location.

Blast 13:54 17 October 2016

- Previously thought blast was on 16 October 2016.
- Blast was on 17 October 2016 – no blast occurred on 16 October 2016.

Wilpinjong EMS update

- Social Impact Management Plan will require input from the community consultative committee members during its development.

Biodiversity monitoring

- Starts 16 May 2017.
- KF will be in contact with LM as some monitoring to occur on NP&WL land.

Communication from ARTC

- Recent communication from ARTC regarding trucks and dogs travelling through the Wollar township. Action raised for KB to send email received to LA for distribution to CCC.

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:

WCPL Response to Day Design noise review

- Response was provided in the 'Response to Submission' document.

- Reports are publically available. Links provided in the presentation.
- Response to Day Design noise review towards the end of the document.

9. GENERAL BUSINESS

Protest by Wilpinjong Coal CCC members

- KB advised of a protest by approximately 25 residents and supporters at the entry to the mine site on 12th April 2017 from 5:00 am to 7:15 am, which caused 2¼ hours disruption for staff entering and leaving the premises as well as a loss in production of an estimated 7.5 dig hours (which didn't include associated machinery hours or flow on effects eg coal processing).
- LA advised that two CCC members were involved in the protest and therefore sought advice from the Department of Planning & Environment on whether there was in breach of the CCC's code of conduct.
- Department of Planning & Environment confirmed the actions undertaken were not in breach of the code.

Department of Planning meeting

- LA advised she attended a workshop for the new CCC Guidelines with David Kitto of the Department of Planning & Environment in Singleton.
- Summary of the main points of the meeting:
 - A pool of Independent Chairpersons will be created by June/July. Chairpersons will be categorised to connect the appropriate skill base with the project.
 - More emphasis on control by the chairperson, in relation to minutes.
 - Noted that if the CCC members are completing their roles properly, there is not a need for observers. All members of the CCC have to agree to observers attending prior to the meeting.
 - Payment of fees by companies to chairpersons will continue– DP&E does not want to set fees for concern of losing experienced chairpersons.
 - Templates will be created for the chairpersons to provide annual reports.

Clark Potter – apology

- KF put in apologies for Clark Potter's attendance.

Blasting scheduled to be given to Wollar Store

- KP requested the store be given a blasting schedule for the noticeboard as people ask her regularly when the blasts are.
- KB provided a number of options for communicating this information.
- Action raised for KB to follow up with KP outside of the meeting.

Gravel on either side of new bridge at Wollar

- KP queried whether gravel could be put on either side of the new bridge at Wollar, as the ground is soft.
- Action raised for DK to follow up.

Realignment of road between Wollar and Bylong

- IF advised he would provide an update on this project at the next CCC meeting.

Feedback on handling of Kains Flat bushfire

- IF advised he was disappointed to hear of the negative comments by the community members on the handling of the Kains Flat bushfire. He would be interested in receiving suggestions on what Wilpinjong could have done better.
- As well as assisting with the bushfire emergency, Wilpinjong engages the Cooks Gap Rural Fire Service to supply and cook the BBQ at quarterly training days that run one a week, for 4 weeks (12 BBQ's in total per year).
- BM noted that the only community criticism he had heard was regarding the hierarchy of the RFS, not the local on ground response.

Asbestos removal

- KB queried whether enough information had been communicated, as the process is going to be visible and potentially emotive.
- SL agreed it will be an emotive process, particularly with people seeing houses being demolished.
- LA suggested a notice in the Wollar Public School newsletter.
- KB reiterated that if anyone was seeking further information regarding the asbestos removal process they can attend the monthly “Have A Chat” sessions or give him a call.

Rainfall events following the Kains Flat bushfire

- BM queried if Wilpinjong Coal knew where the water from the rainfall events that occurred just after the Kains Flat bushfire went, and whether WCPL had a dam that it was captured in.
- IF and KB confirmed there was no dam constructed on Cumbo Creek and they would investigate and follow up with further information to BM.

Meeting Closed:

4:10 pm

Next Meetings:

There was a request from CF to move the next meeting date to allow him to attend due to work commitments. It was resolved to keep the meeting schedule as agreed.

- Monday, 14 August 2017 (Wollar)
- Monday, 4 December 2017 (Mudgee / Christmas dinner)

ACTION LIST

Number	Action	Whom	By When
1.	Waste management from demolition program (including asbestos removal) to be addressed at every CCC meeting.	IF	Ongoing
2.	Provide an update regarding the relocation of the 330kv powerline at Slate Gully.	IF	Ongoing
3.	Communicate project modifications to the CCC.	IF	Ongoing
4.	DBC Monitoring results including dates and sites to be distributed to the CCC the week prior to every meeting.	KB	Ongoing
5.	Provide notification to the CCC via LA when house demolition works commence.	IF	ASAP
6.	Provide feedback to regarding discussions with RFS around issues raised resulting from Kains Flat Bushfire.	BS	Next meeting
7.	Send LA the communication from ARTC regarding traffic in Wollar township for circulation to the CCC.	KB/LA	ASAP
8.	Follow up with KP regarding blast schedule being displayed at Wollar Store.	KB	Next meeting
9.	Provide KP with response to request for gravel on either side of new Wollar bridge.	DK	Next meeting
10.	Provide the CCC with an update on the realignment of the road between Wollar and Bylong.	IF	Next meeting
11.	Place ad in the Wollar Public School newsletter to communicate when conducting asbestos removal in Wollar township.	KB	Prior to asbestos removal
12.	Investigate and provide information to BM regarding the location of the water from the flood which occurred directly after the Kains Flat Bushfire.	KB/IF	Next meeting