



# Wilpinjong Coal Mine Community Consultative Committee



## Meeting Minutes

### 1. PRESENT

<b>Chairperson:</b>	Lisa Andrews (LA)	<b>Time:</b>	11:10 am, Monday 15 August 2016
<b>Venue:</b>	Wollar General Store	<b>Minute Taker:</b>	Amy McTiernan (AM)
<b>Committee Members:</b>	Bruce Hughes (BH), Bev Smiles (BS), Kim Peach (KP), Kieren Bennetts (KB), Cr John Weatherly (JW), Brian McDermott (BM), David Crust (DC), Col Faulkner (CF)		
<b>Invited Guests:</b>	Clark Potter (CP) - Senior Environmental Advisor, Wilpinjong Coal Mine Karin Fogarty (KF) – Environmental Advisor, Wilpinjong Coal Mine Ian Flood (IF) - Manager Project Development and Approvals, Peabody Energy, Wilpinjong		
<b>Observers:</b>	Susan Schneider (Resident)		

### 2. APOLOGIES/ABSENT

<b>Apologies:</b>	Blair Jackson, Kellie Smith
<b>Absent:</b>	Scott Lillis

### 3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Lisa Andrews - Chair approved by Director General of Department of Planning and Environment (DP&E), paid by Peabody Energy  
 Bruce Hughes – Resident  
 Bev Smiles – Resident  
 Kim Peach – Lessee of Wollar General Store  
 Kieren Bennetts – Environment & Community Manager, Wilpinjong Coal  
 Blair Jackson – General Manager, Wilpinjong Coal  
 Cr John Weatherly –Mid-Western Regional Council  
 New CCC member– Col Faulkner - Resident

### 4. CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES – 22 FEBRUARY 2016

BS requested the following amendments to the minutes be made:

- Item 8, please: delete "received a request from" and replace with "passed a motion that".
- Action item (add 14) "Provide a response to the question on lease arrangements of Peabody properties, in relation to complaints about the mine's activities." Whom: BJ

BH moved previous minutes with changes, BS seconded.

## 5. BUSINESS ARISING

### ACTION ITEMS

- Waste management from demolition program to be addressed at every CCC meeting. Confirmed inert material has been moved to site but not in pit as yet. *Ongoing action.*  
*Action has been reallocated to IF*
- KB to provide CCC members with a USB containing all completed management plans. Still waiting to receive approved plans. *Ongoing action.*  
*Complete – USB distributed at today’s meeting*
- IF to look at the hydrographs for the bores at Wilpinjong Creek and Jim Smith’s spring and provide information to BM.  
*IF to provide a presentation to the CCC at the next meeting*
- IF to phone BH and discuss concerns regarding inadequate signage along Mogo Road whilst houses being demolished.  
*Complete*
- IF to provide update regarding relocation of domestic power lines.  
*Further clarification to be provided at the next meeting*
- KB to update aerial photograph in report to include extensions and project approval boundary  
*KB presented aerial map which excluded extension areas – further update to map required*
- KB to populate the January 2016 machinery numbers in the attended monitoring information  
*KB populated numbers and distributed to CCC, numbers also presented in KB’s Report*
- KB and CP to follow up on compliance for blast on 15th February 2016  
*Email sent out with details of blast – complete*
- KB to update the TEOM location map to show the newly acquired PEA Land  
*Complete*
- BS to provide BJ with Charter of Wollar Progress Association and BH phone number to pass onto residents of PEA owned properties  
*Ongoing*
- BS to follow up with CF regarding condition of Wollar Progress Association Tractor and advise.  
*Answer provided at meeting.*
- Recruit a new community representative for the committee  
*Complete – Col Faulkner is the new community representative*

- BJ to provide response on lease arrangements and acquisition contracts in regards to complaints  
*IF confirmed that there is a clause within the lease agreements that states that no formal complaints are to be made post settlement.*

## 6. CORRESPONDENCE IN AND OUT

- 24/2/16 – Email from Chair to Peabody with the EOI advertisement for an additional CCC member
- 25/2/16 – Email from Kieren advising that the EOI has been uploaded onto the website
- 5/3/16 – Email from Chair to CCC members with the draft minutes from the 22 March 2016 meeting, together with the electronic presentation
- 5/3/16 – Letter to Bruce Hughes with the draft minutes and electronic presentation
- 5/3/16 – Letter to Susan Schneider with an application form to be a community representative
- 6/3/16 – Email from Bev Smiles with comments on the draft minutes
- 18/3/16 – Email from Chair to CCC members forwarding information on behalf of Peabody concerning an article in the Australian Financial Review on 17/3/16
- 24/4/16 – Letter received from Col Faulkner applying for vacant position on CCC
- 26/4/16 – Letter from Chair to Col Faulkner acknowledging his application
- 2/5/16 – Email from Chair to CCC members with Meeting Notice and Agenda for May's CCC meeting
- 2/5/16 – Letter to Bruce Hughes with Meeting Notice and Agenda for May's meeting.
- 11/5/16 - Email from Gai McDermott advising that Bruce would be an apology for the May meeting (operation on his eye)
- 11/5/16 - Phone call from Bruce Hughes, advising that he would be an apology
- 12/5/16 – Email from Bev Smiles advising that she would be an apology
- 12/5/16 – Email from Chair to CCC members advising of cancellation of May 2016 meeting due to lack of quorum
- 16/5/16 – Letter to Col Faulkner advising that Chair would be writing to the DPE recommending that he be appointed to the CCC
- 16/5/16 – Letter to DPE recommending that Col Faulkner be appointed to the CCC
- 1/8/16 – Email from Chair with Meeting Notice & Agenda for today's meeting
- 3/8/16 – Email from KB advising that Amy McTiernan will be taking the minutes today in Kellie Smith's absence.
- 3/8/16 – Letter to Col Faulkner with Meeting Notice and Agenda for today's meeting
- 3/8/16 – Letter to Bruce Hughes with Meeting Notice and Agenda for today's meeting
- 7/8/16 – Email from Kim Peach seeking observer status for Susan Schneider
- 10/8/16 – Email from Ian Flood regarding the lodged application to modify the project approval
- 10/8/16 – Email from Chair to CCC members advising of the lodgement of the application

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

## 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

- Aerial photograph excluding extension areas presented.

### Attended noise monitoring

- Presented data from March – July 2016
- Table presented with operating machinery numbers
- BS queried whether low frequency noise was being monitored. KB confirmed that low frequency noise was being monitored
- BS requested that DBC Monitoring with dates and sites to be distributed before every CCC meeting

- BS queried if Pit 7 was operating during the March monitoring. KB confirmed that Pit 7 was not operating during the March monitoring
- BS queried if mining operations were only occurring in Pit 5 on the night of the April monitoring. KB confirmed that mining operations were only occurring in Pit 5 during monitoring.
- BH made comment that the mine is audible even though mining has not commenced in Pit 8 yet.
- BH queried what the maximum number of machinery that could be operating at one time is. KB advised there is no exact number due to differing mining activities.

#### Blasting / vibration monitoring

- BS queried the vibration graph that was presented and asked about the spike in January. KB explained that the spike in January was from a suspected overburden blast.

#### Depositional dust gauge

- Nil comments

#### Hi volume air samplers

- BS queried whether the results were averages or actual results. KB confirmed that the data was actual results

#### TEOM monitoring

- Nil comments

#### RO discharge

- BS made comment about the PH being high
- BS made comment about the information captured in the graphs and the length of time the PH levels were high.
- BS queried to the RO plant process. CP explained that the RO Plant process is a dynamic chemical process
- BH queried testing water in other places and whether it is occurring. KB confirmed that testing is occurring in other places as per the Site Water Management Plan.

#### Operational downtime

- BS queried lightening hours and why they vary from pit to pit. KB explained that not all pits are operating at the same time, therefore if there was an electrical storm there wouldn't be downtime for every pit.
- BH queried rain hours – whether it was based on when it is raining or was it not being able to operate because of the conditions. KB confirmed that the rain hours are based on when the pit is unable to operate due to conditions from the rain.
- BS made comment about the noise downtime at the stockpiles

#### Community complaints

- Nil comments

#### Environment incidents

- BH queried if mining had commenced in the unapproved area and how far it had commenced. KB confirmed that only strip preparation had occurred at the unapproved area
- BS queried ROM stockpile relocation and how old the map was with the error. KB confirmed that the map used was the map approved in the MOP amendment in Late November 2014

#### Keylah dump

- BS queried the time extension for the Keylah dump. Confirmed by KB that it will operate as per the approved plan

#### Rehabilitation

- BS queried if the mine was using OGM and foreign matter in the product. KF confirmed that yes these products were being used to improve the soil structure
- BM queried if cattle grazing is still occurring and if cow peas are being used on the rehabilitation sites. KB confirmed that the cattle grazing trial was still being monitored but no cattle are grazing on the Mine Site since the original grazing.

#### BMP monitoring

- BS queried why Wilpinjong was not improving old rehab areas to ensure they meet the bio-metric criteria. KF explained that there is no regulatory requirement for this and that the mine is meeting its current approval conditions.
- BS queried old survey and if it had been compared to identify other bird species. KF explained that the old and new monitoring data has been compared and a new species list will be created.

#### Environmental protection licence variation

- Nil comments

#### Exploration

- BS queried purpose of exploration. KB explained the purpose of exploration was to find further coal models

#### Community donations

- Nil comments

#### Community consultation

- BH queried how many people generally attend the *Have a Chats that are held*. KB explained that generally 1 – 2 people attend these information sessions.

### **8. REPORT BY IAN FLOOD**

#### VPA

- BS queried ablution facilities access and concerns about the proposal. IF explained that he felt accessing the store crossing the road from the park was safe and reasonable. Access through the store to use to ablution facilities will be decided on prior to the WEP and will be discussed with MWRC.

#### Property

- BH made comment about foxes and cats breeding within the creek area now that burning off has been banned. IF to look into burning off in the creek area.

#### Modification 7

- BS queried additional train movements with the increased tonnes being mine. IF to confirm to CCC via email the increase number of trains due to Mod 7.
- BH requested that project modifications be communicated to the CCC

#### WEP

- IF to supply copies of WEP reports to the CCC if the reports are available for public viewing.

#### Property

- BM queried whether the public will have access to the churches and cemeteries. IF explained that public access will be contingent on liability and insurances.
- BH queried whether ongoing maintenance will be carried out on the churches. IF confirmed that maintenance will be carried out on the churches
- BS queried when the initial formal approach of the Catholic Church from Peabody occurred and what the trigger of the sale was. IF advised BS to speak with the Catholic Church regarding information on the sale.
- LS will contact the Catholic Church to obtain information on the sale and will provide to BS.

#### Mine Extension Area

- BM queried an article that was posted in *The Land* newspaper regarding the Mine Extension Area in Slate Gully and the ML Application. IF provided additional information to BM regarding the extension.

### **9. GENERAL BUSINESS**

Break 1:26pm

DC left meeting at 1:30pm

Recommended 1:35pm

#### Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> August – noise issue

- CF queried a deep droning noise that was heard in Wollar the morning of Wednesday 10 August
- KB to review records of this morning and investigate whether any maintenance work was being carried out by ARTC

#### Guidelines of CCC

- BH queried reimbursement of costs for attendance of meetings (travel costs / stationery / internet)
- LS to review guidelines for process of reimbursements for travel / stationery / internet etc.

#### Rain water tank in creek

- BH raised concerns about the rain water tank that is in the creek near Mogo / Araluen Lane
- IF to arrange for removal of tank from the creek

Councillor for Mid-Western Regional Council

- JW made comment that he will not be standing for Council in the next election (September), therefore he will no longer be MWRC's delegate on the CCC Meetings

Weed management map

- CF has provided the Weed Management Map to IF

Anglican Church

- SS queried the sale of the Anglican Church and what conditions were in place to monitor and maintain the condition of the church due to blasting. IF provided feedback on the condition / maintenance and access to cemetery.
- IF to provide feedback in regards to the Title Deeds of the church as to whether public access will remain ongoing to the cemetery.

Mine tour

- LS confirmed that the Mine Tour will occur sometime next year in consultation with CCC members.

Next meeting

- KB proposed that the next meeting be a Christmas function.
- CCC agreed that the next meeting will be held at 3pm on Monday 28 November at Parklands Resort & Conference Centre

<b>Meeting Closed:</b>	1:53pm
<b>Next Meetings:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Monday, 28 November – Parklands Resort &amp; Conference Centre, commencing at 3pm</li></ul>

**ACTION LIST**

<b>Number</b>	<b>Action</b>	<b>Whom</b>	<b>By When</b>
1.	Waste management from demolition program to be addressed at every CCC meeting.	IF	Ongoing
2.	Look at the hydrographs for the bores at Wilpinjong Creek and Jim Smith's spring and provide presentation to CCC	IF	ASAP
3.	Provide an update regarding relocation of domestic powerline.	IF	Next meeting
4.	Update aerial photograph in report to include extensions and project approval boundary.	KB	Ongoing
5.	Provide Charter of Wollar Progress Association and BH's phone number to BJ to pass onto residents of PEA owned property interested in joining.	BS	ASAP
6.	DBC Monitoring results including dates and sites to be distributed to the CCC prior to every meeting	KB	Next Meeting
7.	Investigate burning off in the Wollar Creek area.	IF	Next Meeting
8.	Increase of train numbers due to Mod 7 to be provided by email to the CCC	IF	Next Meeting
9.	Project Modifications to be communicated to the CCC	IF	Next Meeting
10.	Copies of WEP reports to be provided to the CCC if available for public viewing	IF	Next Meeting
11.	Provide information to BS regarding the formal approach for the Sale of the Catholic Church	LA	Next Meeting
12.	Review records for noise in Wollar the morning of Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> August and investigate whether any maintenance work was being carried out by ARTC (droning noise)	KB	Next Meeting
13.	Review CCC guidelines for process of reimbursements for travel / stationary / internet etc.	LA	Next Meeting
14.	Arrange for removal of rain water tank from the creek near Mogo Road and Araluen Lane	IF	Next Meeting
15.	Provide feedback in regards to the Title Deeds of the church as to whether public access will remain ongoing to the cemetery.	IF	Next Meeting