

## Meeting Minutes

### 1. PRESENT

<b>Chairperson:</b>	Lisa Andrews (LA)	<b>Time:</b>	3:05 pm, Monday 5 December 2016
<b>Venue:</b>	Downstairs Boardroom, Parklands Resort Mudgee	<b>Minute Taker:</b>	Kellie Smith (KS)
<b>Committee Members:</b>	Blair Jackson (BJ), Bruce Hughes (BH), Bev Smiles (BS), Kim Peach (KP), Kieren Bennetts (KB), Cr Des Kennedy (DK), Brian McDermott (BM), Col Faulkner (CF), Scott Lillis (SL)		
<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, Wilpinjong Coal Mine James Heesterman – Vacation Student, Wilpinjong Coal Mine		
<b>Observers:</b>	Nil		

### 2. APOLOGIES/ABSENT

<b>Apologies:</b>	David Crust
<b>Absent:</b>	Nil

### 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 – Community Member (Resident)  
 Bev Smiles – Community Member (Resident)  
 Kim Peach – Community Members & Lessee of Wollar General Store  
 Kieren Bennetts – Environment & Community Manager, Wilpinjong Coal  
 Blair Jackson – General Manager, Wilpinjong Coal  
 Cr Des Kennedy –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)

### 4. CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES – 15 AUGUST 2016

The following amendment to the minutes be made:

- Action 7, change reference to “Cumbo Creek” to “Wollar Creek”.
- BM moved previous minutes with changes, BH seconded.

## 5. BUSINESS ARISING

### ACTION ITEMS

- Waste management from demolition program to be addressed at every CCC meeting.  
*Complete – update provided in presentation by IF.*
- IF to look at the hydrographs for the bores at Wilpinjong Creek and Jim Smith's spring and provide presentation to CCC.  
*Move over to next meeting. Information will be provided in AEMR currently being completed.*
- IF to provide an update regarding relocation of domestic powerline.  
*Complete – the powerline and road relocation needs to be completed by end of 2018 based on the current mining schedule. Will continue to keep informed of progress.*
- KB to update aerial photograph in report to include extensions and project approval boundary.  
*Complete – see presentation by KB.*
- BS to provide Charter of Wollar Progress Association and BH's phone number to BJ to pass onto residents of PEA owned properties who are interested in joining.  
*Complete – BH confirmed no one has contacted him.*
- KB to provide the C-weighted noise levels (known as DBC) monitoring results including dates and sites to be distributed to the CCC prior to every meeting.  
*Complete – sent by KB today however request it be sent at least a week prior moving forward.*
- IF to investigate burning off in the Wollar Creek area.  
*Complete – IF confirmed followed up. The land is Crown Land. To arrange burning, Crown Lands would need to seek the required approvals from the Lands Department. Feedback is that the Lands Department is not keen on the burning.*
- IF to advise of the increase in train numbers due to the Mod 7 approval.  
*Complete – refer to correspondence in and out; email from IF to LA on 2/12/2016.*
- IF to communicate project modifications to the CCC.  
*Ongoing – see presentation provided by IF.*
- IF to provide copies of WEP reports to the CCC if available for public viewing.  
*Complete – BS advised available on the Department of Planning & Environment "Major Projects" website. IF had thumb drives with the documents available at the meeting that were not required. Updated action for IF to provide a hard copy to BH by printing and making available at the store.*
- LA to provide information to BS regarding the formal approach of the sale for the Catholic Church.  
*Complete – refer to correspondence in and out; email from LA to CCC dated 3/12/2016. LA read out to the CCC the file note of her conversation with the Catholic Dioceses.*
- KB to review records for noise in Wollar on the morning of Wednesday 10 August 2016 and investigate whether any maintenance work was being carried out by ARTC (droning noise).  
*Complete – KB advised that no evidence of ARTC being in the area at the time and that WCPL had stood down equipment. CF advised that he has not heard the type of noise since. BS requested notification be provided if ARTC are undertaking rail line maintenance/works (i.e. rail grinding).*

- LA to review the CCC guidelines for process of reimbursements for travel / stationery / internet, etc.  
*Complete – LA provided a verbal update of the guidelines. New action for LA to email to CCC.*
- IF to arrange for the removal of the rain water tank from the creek near Mogo Road and Araluen Lane.  
*Complete – IF confirmed the works are planned to occur. BM confirmed he has tied it to a tree to stop it going further.*
- IF provide feedback in regard to the Title Deeds of the Anglican Church as to whether public access to the cemetery will remain.  
*Complete – IF confirmed there is no legal requirement to deny and/or provide access to the cemetery. However, it is PEA's position to continue to allow access.*

## 6. CORRESPONDENCE IN AND OUT

- 3/9/16 – Email to CCC Members with the draft minutes from the 15 August meeting, together with the electronic presentation (sent over 2 emails because of the size of the document)
- 12/9/16 – Email from Ian Flood to Chair about the change in venue for the “Have a Chat”
- 12/9/16 – Email from Chair to CCC members advising that “Have a Chat” will be held at the Wine Glass, Mudgee on 17/9/16.
- 24/10/16 – Email from MWRC advising that Councillor Des Kennedy (Mayor) will be the delegate on this CCC.
- 9/11/16 – Email from Chair to CCC members with information from Ian Flood regarding the WEP PAC public meeting
- 9/11/16 – Email from Chair to CCC members with information about an unknown truck accessing Peabody land
- 9/11/16 – Email from Chair to CCC members with information from ARTC regarding proposed rail grinding works.
- 17/11/16 – Email from Chair to CCC members with a copy of the Department of Planning's newly released Community Consultative Committee Guidelines for State Significant Projects (moved to General Business for further discussion)
- 23/11/16 – Email from Chair to CCC members with the Meeting Notice & Agenda for this meeting
- 2/12/16 – Email from Ian Flood to Chair with information regarding train movements
- 3/12/16 - Email from Chair forwarding information to CCC members on the train movements
- 3/12/16 – Email from Chair to CCC members with this information as well as advice about the sale of the Catholic Church in Wollar.

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

- Confirmed the disturbed areas are the white areas.

### Blast / Vibration Monitoring

- CF queried why the blast on 17 October proceeded. He thought that blasts could not be fired if it was raining/adverse conditions. KB confirmed there is a stringent checklist that the shotfirer has to comply with prior to allowing the blast to be fired, and if complies the blast can be fired.

#### Reverse Osmosis (RO) Plant

- Query regarding gaps in the graph. Confirmed gaps mean water was not discharged on that day due to downtime/maintenance of the plant.

#### Operational Downtime

- BS queried how often a full fleet is operating in Pit 7. BJ confirmed that there is only ever 1 full fleet in either Pit 3 or Pit 7 as they do not operate at the same time as they are considered the same Pit. Naming convention is due to the size of the pit. It allows for more effective communication between mine employees. It is mined as Pit 3.

#### Complaints

- KB confirmed the traffic complaint was on a public road and reminded the CCC that all the mines in the area encourage complaints regarding bad behaviour by anyone using the public roads. The mines will follow up with employees and contractors as required.

#### Biodiversity Monitoring

- BS queried the reporting and monitoring of the Environmental Conservation Area (ECA), and whether it included regeneration areas, revegetation areas, and rehabilitation areas. KF confirmed that reporting/tracking has only been consistent since the approval of the Biodiversity Management Plan as previously the mine did not have set criteria from the Government.

### **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:

#### Voluntary Planning Agreement (VPA)

- A query was raised regarding when the conditions contained in the VPA were to commence. IF confirmed not until the WEP had been approved.

#### Property Management

- BM queried whether a timeline regarding the demolition of the houses had been created. IF confirmed that it is being worked on. Action: BS requested IF provide notification to CCC via LA when demolition works commence.

#### Weed Management

- BS noted that the Willow control program was referred to in the WCPL response to submissions for the WEP in regard to cumulative impacts on Goulburn River will continue. BS queried whether this program would continue. IF confirmed it has currently ceased, however, will be reviewed once clearer instructions have been provided regarding ECA.
- CF asked if Spiny Burr Grass could be added to the list for weed management. IF confirmed that it is being looked at.

### **9. GENERAL BUSINESS**

#### Application for amendment to the Environmental Protection Licence (EPL) regarding water discharge

- KB confirmed an application to amend the EPL to increase water discharge to 10ml had been made to manage the water issue on site. The RO plant is currently being upgraded to assist in facilitating increased discharge if EPL approved. BS raised the issue of too much water being in the creek, and the affect it will have on O'Brien's Crossing. She queried whether consideration had been given to the increase of the cumulative volume of water being discharged and its effect downstream including flooding of O'Brien's Crossing, erosion, etc.

Action: LA to contact the EPA to enquire whether such issues are taken into consideration when applying for an EPL.

#### New CCC Guidelines

- LA confirmed new guidelines were released by the Minister on 15 November 2016 and read out the notable changes. LA confirmed she will be raising some concerns with the Department and will keep the CCC notified of any further changes. Action: IF to print guidelines and provide to BH, CF and BM for their information.

#### Brian McDermott meeting attendance

- BM confirmed that if the meetings are early next year, that he will be unable to attend and tendered his resignation on that basis. To allow BM to continue to attend, all agreed to hold the meetings later in the day from 2:00pm.

#### Wilpinjong Coal Newsletter

- BS queried the information regarding the autonomous dozer and requested further information. BJ confirmed that it was a trial/research program run jointly by Peabody, CAT and UQ and was ACARP funded.

#### Presentation to Planning Assessment Commission (publically available on website)

- BS queried the “Wollar Plan”, and requested further information and consultation. IF confirmed it is nothing new, it was simply a consolidation of commitments to the community.

#### Cancellation of Wollar Postal Service

- BS queried if assistance would be provided if the Wollar postal service was cancelled. IF confirmed that WCPL would assist in the consultation on behalf of the community if the service was cancelled.

#### Planning Assessment Committee Public Hearing

- BJ queried how the community thought the day went. BS confirmed that the Planning Assessment Commission were invited to meet with Wollar Progress Association in Wollar but declined the invitation.

#### Wollar Action Group

- BJ queried whether the “Wollar Action Group” referred to in the Friday newspaper article were a new group. BS confirmed she did not know about a new group, and had not seen the newspaper article so could not confirm. Action: IF to send BS a copy of the newspaper article referred to.

#### Closing

- KB and LA thanked everyone for the efforts in contributing to the CCC process throughout 2016 and invited all to dinner at the Vines Restaurant at Parklands Resort.

<b>Meeting Closed:</b>	5:03 pm
<b>Next Meetings:</b>	<p><i>All agreed to change the start time of the meetings to 2pm, and for them to be held on the second Monday of each quarter.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Monday, 13 February 2017 (Wollar)</li> <li>• Monday, 15 May 2017 (Wollar / possible site visit)</li> <li>• Monday, 18 August 2017 (Wollar)</li> <li>• Monday, 4 December 2017 (Mudgee / Christmas dinner)</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	Next meeting
3.	Provide an update regarding relocation of domestic powerline and road.	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.	Project Modifications to be communicated to the CCC	IF	Ongoing
6.	Provide hardcopies of the WEP DP&E independent reviews to BH.	IF	ASAP
7.	Email copy of the CCC Guidelines to the committee.	LA	ASAP
8.	Provide notification to the CCC via LA when house demolition works commence.	IF	ASAP
9.	Contact the EPA and enquire whether issues such as erosion and flooding are taken into consideration when deciding the EPL for increased water discharge.	LA	ASAP
10.	Print new CCC guidelines and provide to BH, CF and BM.	IF	ASAP
11.	Email copy of newspaper article which refers to the "Wollar Action Group" to BS.	IF	ASAP