

**METROPOLITAN COAL
COMMUNITY CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE - MEETING MINUTES**

Date: 14/10/2015

Time: Commenced – 4:30pm

Location: Port Kembla Coal Terminal Administration Building, Port Kembla

Attendees:

- Lisa Andrews (LA) - Independent Chairperson
- Ryan Pascoe (RP) - Peabody Metropolitan Coal
- Stephen Love (SL) - Peabody Metropolitan Coal
- Andrew Clough (AC) - Peabody Metropolitan Coal
- Robert Hall (RH) - Peabody Metropolitan Coal
- Suzanne Cryle (SC) - Peabody Energy Australia
- Allan House (AH) - CCC Member
- Kerrie Belter (KB) - CCC Member
- Robert Scullion (RS) - CCC Member
- Anthony Barnes (AB) - Wollongong City Council
- Alex Chalk - Port Kembla Coal Terminal
- Luke Pascot - Port Kembla Coal Terminal

Apologies:

- Brad Staggs (BS) - Wollondilly Shire Council
- John Collins (JC) - Peabody Metropolitan Coal / CFMEU
- Melody Innes (MI) - CCC Member
- Amanda Reilly (AR) - CCC Member
- Peter Turner (PT) - CCC Member
- Lorraine Rodden (LR) - CCC Member
- Patricia Gauci (PG) - CCC Member
- Michelle Durant Chambers (MDC) - CCC Member

Welcome and Introductions:

LA: Welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Declarations of Interest:

LA: Declared position as Independent Chair for the CCC; engaged by Peabody Energy.

Confirmation of amended draft July 2015 minutes:

- Confirmed by KB, Seconded by RS.

Action items from previous meeting:

- **Action:** A further update regarding the intersection upgrade at the mine entrance was requested. RP confirmed that no further updates have occurred since last meeting. Metropolitan Coal has requested direction from the NSW Department of Planning & Environment as to alternative avenues to progress the upgrade given land ownership constraints. RP will follow up with the Department.

Correspondence Tabled:

- 31/07/2015 – Email from LA to CCC Members with draft minutes from 15 July Meeting, which included an electronic version of the presentation and a map of the Longwall position.
- 12/08/2015 – Letter from Chair to the General Manager, Metrop Mine with thank you from CCC members as a result of Notice of Motion at the July Meeting.
- 16/09/2015 – Email from SL to LR with a link to the Metropolitan Coal Traffic Management Plan (Version F).
- 30/09/2015 – Email from LR with proposed amendment to the draft minutes.
- 01/10/2015 – Email from LA to LR with proposed wording to amend the comment.
- 01/10/2015 – Email from RP to LA, confirming the tour had been booked.
- 01/10/2015 – Email from LA to CCC members with an invitation to attend the PKCT Tour & meeting notice for today's meeting.
- 11/10/2015 – Email from LA to CCC members reminding them to confirm attendance at PKCT Tour & October CCC Meeting. *There were emails back and forth with acceptances and apologies.*
- 12/10/2015 – Email from PT with apology for tour & CCC meeting, which also included a request on when the Subsidence Management Plan (SMP) documents for the next set of longwalls (300 series) will be made available to the CCC for comment.
- 13/10/2015 – Email from LA to CCC members reminding them of PPE requirements.

Response to email from PT

- RP explained that Metropolitan Coal does not operate under the SMP system, but implements Extraction Plans instead. Metropolitan Coal does not have a set date on the Extraction Plan completion, but generally aims to submit the plans to DP&E at least six months prior to extraction commencing, which is currently planned for June 2017. The CCC will be notified when the plan is submitted.

Port Kembla Coal Terminal Operations – Alex Chalk

- Alex outlined Port Kembla Coal Terminal operations including capacity, loading process, markets and environmental controls. Questions were asked and answered throughout the presentation

Metropolitan Coal Update – Andrew Clough – General Manager

- AC outlined to the CCC Metropolitan Coal's plans to investigate the feasibility of modifying the current 300 series longwall plans to a consistent width. The adjusted plan would allow Metropolitan to more efficiently extract coal. Andrew explained that plans are still nascent, and Metropolitan will be conducting studies over the next 12-18 months to consider all aspects of the change. The CCC will be kept updated as planning continues.

- LS asked if the changed plan would alter production. AC explained that production would remain the same, but a simpler mine plan would lower the cost per tonne.
- RP explained that Metropolitan has learnt a lot about potential impacts of longwall extraction in the catchment under the current and previous extraction plans, and this data would allow Metropolitan to more accurately predict the impacts of any change in longwall layout.
- BS asked what affect the recent redundancies had on production. AC explained that the redundancies were designed around a prescribed production profile of 2.2 million tonnes and current workforce numbers were tailored to this production level.
- BS asked if this would have an impact on CWR trucking. AC explained that this was a reduction in production of approximately 10%. RP mentioned that Metropolitan will be conducting additional surface emplacement to further enhance site water storages in the coming months, which will continue to reduce trucking numbers. BS suggested that Metropolitan should more effectively communicate these initiatives directly to the public.
- AH asked what expected mine life of Metropolitan is. AC confirmed current reserves would last until 2040.

Metropolitan Coal Community Support - Stephen Love

- SL explained recent project between local country musician James Stewart Keene and Metropolitan Coal to film part of his latest country music video, 'Coal Town' on site at Metropolitan Colliery. After an extensive safety review, the footage was shot in early August and the music video was launched on 18 September 2015. A link to the video will be provided to the CCC members.

James Stewart Keene, Coal Town <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MTIf4sU3ysI>

General Business:

- KB asked if Metropolitan Coal had confirmed a second meeting with residents on Parkes Street north of the stockpile area. SL confirmed that he had requested a meeting with the residents concerned but had not heard back. Explained that additional time would allow further collection of air quality data, but he would contact the resident again. RP commented on results showing very low (trace) levels of coal in make-up of samples in relevant locations.
- KB asked for an update on dust control in top carpark. SL explained that dust suppression trial is ongoing and Metropolitan isn't committed to a particular product or process, but an additional application of dust suppressant will be applied in coming days.
- AH raised the issue of the predicted El Nino weather pattern. Explained that during last El Nino Metropolitan was blamed for falling Woronora Reservoir water levels and expressed concern that this would probably occur again in coming months/years if water levels begin to recede again. RP thanked AH for his thoughts and confirmed that Metropolitan would take his advice on board.
- AH described recent experience of observations decks at mines at Cobar and Broken Hill and encouraged Metropolitan Coal to consider something similar to foster public engagement.

Meeting closed:

6:35pm

Next meeting:

9 December 2015, 17:00 Venue to be confirmed with possible inclusion of Christmas dinner.