

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

Date: 06/04/2016

Time: Commenced – 3:05pm

Location: Metropolitan Coal Mine Meeting Room, Upper Administration, Helensburgh

Attendees:

- Lisa Andrews (LA) - Independent Chairperson
- Ryan Pascoe (RP) - Peabody Metropolitan Coal
- Stephen Love (SL) - Peabody Metropolitan Coal
- Patricia Gauci (PG) - CCC Member
- Kerrie Belter (KB) - CCC Member
- Peter Turner (PT) - CCC Member

Apologies:

- Brad Staggs (BS) - Wollondilly Shire Council
- Suzanne Cryle (SC) - Peabody Energy Australia
- Melody Innes (MI) - CCC Member
- Amanda Reilly (AR) - CCC Member
- Allan House (AH) - CCC Member
- Robert Scullion (RS) - CCC Member
- Lorraine Rodden (LR) - CCC Member
- Michelle Durant Chambers (MDC) - CCC Member
- Anthony Barnes (AB) - CCC Member / Wollongong City Council

Welcome and Introductions:

- LA Welcomed everyone to the meeting, thanked Ben Austen of Golder Associates for the tour of the rock bars under remediation on the Waratah Rivulet
- RP informed CCC that Andrew Clough who was General Manager at Metropolitan has moved into the position of Vice President of Safety & Environment and will be based in Brisbane. A new GM will be announced in the coming months. RP also confirmed that there was no new developments to inform the CCC of regarding Peabody Energy's financial status.

Declarations of Interest:

LA Declared position as Independent Chair for the CCC approved by the Director General of Department of Planning & Environment (DP&E)

Confirmation of Draft Minutes:

- Email from Allan House on 23/12/15 with a small change to the minutes on the location of the planned Memorial Garden, which is to be constructed next to the Old Mine Surgery. (Page 2: General Business – Dot Point 2 – which previously said near Helensburgh).
- Confirmed by KB, Seconded by PG

Business Arising:

- LA requested an update on the Parkes Street Intersection Upgrade. RP outlined that no new developments have occurred since previous meeting but suggested that a letter from the CCC members requesting an update from DP&E may be the next step.

Action Items from Previous Meeting:

- Newsletter to be distributed to CCC members for review before distribution to public – completed.

Correspondence Tabled:

- 23/12/15 – Email from Chair to CCC members with the draft minutes from the December 2015 meeting, also attaching the Declaration Form and guidelines from the Premier & Cabinets Department
- 23/12/15 – Email from Allan House with a small change to the minutes regarding the location of the planned Memorial Garden.
- 17/3/16 – Email from Chair to CCC members regarding the proposed tour of the rock platform at the next meeting and asking for numbers
- 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
- 17/3/16 – Email from Chair to CCC members with information regarding the proposed tour to be incorporated with the April CCC meeting
- 28/3/16 – Email from Chair to CCC members with the Meeting Notice and Agenda for this meeting.
- 2/4/16 – Reminder email to CCC members about the exhibition period for comments on the revised Community Consultative Committee guidelines, which was extended to Monday 18th April.

Metropolitan Coal Noise Management – Ryan Pascoe, Manager Safety & Environmental Services

- RP gave a summary of the ongoing noise mitigation works at Metropolitan Coal including mitigation of all heavy machinery on site (front end loaders and dozers), a new contained conveyor, a clad compressor shed and ongoing program to ensure all new penetrations of cladding on Coal Handling and Preparation Plan are sealed correctly

Metropolitan Coal Air Quality Management – Stephen Love, Environment & Community Coordinator

- SL gave a quick summary of the ongoing air quality monitoring results at Metropolitan including Particulate Matter 10 micron (PM10) and depositional dust. Also outlined results of additional voluntary dust monitoring conducted at Parkes St residences north of the product coal stockpile during 2015/2016 which indicates that coal dust is generally a minor or trace contributor to the total dust levels seen at these properties.
- KB asked how this pertained to dust seen on Parkes Street near the mine entrance during the recent hot dry spell. SL clarified that the voluntary monitoring conducted north of the product stockpile was to understand the impacts of windborne dust from the stockpile areas, and did not reflect the mine entrance. SL and RP explained that the dust seen at the mine entrance was a confluence of events including a long dry period, poor yield resulting in a significant increase in the required level of Coal Wash Reject (CWR) trucking and difficulties in controlling dust on a public road. Metropolitan has since been granted permission from EPA to wash Parkes Street during exceptional circumstances. RP also indicated that the Colliery is focused on a strategic solution to the issues which is to continue to minimise trucking through Helensburgh and to this end the operation is using CWR on-site where possible and also injecting into old workings. RP explained that Metropolitan is also looking for higher value uses of CWR including use in development of residential property near Albion Park with Lend Lease and the rehabilitation of Helensburgh Landfill with Wollongong City Council.

General Business:

- PT asked when the CCC can expect to see the next Extraction Plans. RP explained that Metropolitan is aiming to submit the plans for LW301-303 by December 2016 with commencement of extraction currently scheduled for May 2017.
- KB asked about dust in top carpark. SL and RP explained that while trialled dust suppressants in carpark have not been effective, by installing a new water supply to the area it is now possible to wet down the road leading out of the carpark on a regular basis.
- KB enquired how the rock bar remediation project would proceed if Metropolitan were to close. RP explained that while historically the Department of Resources & Energy was not able to hold a bank guarantee for off lease rehabilitation commitments, a recent legislation change will now allow this. Metropolitan Coal is currently updating the site's Rehabilitation Cost Estimate to include the rock bar remediation costs which will then be reflected in the site bond.
- KB queried the status of the vegetation management around the creek where it enters site. SL confirmed that weed control and native plantings have been conducted in this area but understood that these had yet to show much progress. SL will liaise with ecologists managing site vegetation to discuss what more can be done to improve this zone.
- PG enquired about status of donation to Holy Cross Primary School. SL confirmed that he had attempted to contact the school to make arrangements but had not had a chance to speak to the correct person. Confirmed he would try again tomorrow. PG thanked Metropolitan for their ongoing support of the school fete.



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Meeting closed:

4:04pm

Next meeting:

10 August 2016, 5:00pm, (Metropolitan Coal Meeting Room, Upper Admin Building, Helensburgh)