

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

**Date:** 10/08/2016

**Time:** Commenced – 5:05pm

**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
- Andy Hyslop (AHy) - Peabody Metropolitan Coal
- Lorraine Rodden (LR) - CCC Member
- Kerrie Belter (KB) - CCC Member
- Robert Scullion (RS) - CCC Member
- Allan House (AH) - CCC Member
- Michelle Durant Chambers (MDC) - CCC Member
- Jessica Saunders (JS) - Wollongong City Council

**Apologies:**

- Brad Staggs (BS) - Wollondilly Shire Council
- Suzanne Cryle (SC) - Peabody Energy Australia
- Melody Innes (MI) - CCC Member
- Amanda Reilly (AR) - CCC Member
- Peter Turner (PT) - CCC Member
- Patricia Gauci (PG) - CCC Member

**Welcome and introductions:**

- LA welcomed everyone to the meeting.
- Introduced Andy Hyslop, Acting General Manager of Metropolitan Coal
- LA introduced Jessica Saunders from Wollongong City Council (WCC) as Anthony Barnes has left WCC. Nina King was not available tonight but will be long term representative from council.

**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:**

- Confirmed by KB, seconded by LR

**Business arising:**

- SL updated KB about Helensburgh Gully creek revegetation works off Parkes Street. 300 additional native plants have been planted, with additional fast growing grasses to be planted in the coming weeks.

**Action items from previous meeting:**

- Metropolitan (MCPL) contacted DP&E regarding intersection upgrade impasse. DP&E instructed MCPL to commission another intersection safety audit to assess whether any further works can occur with the current land ownership arrangements. This review is ongoing.

**Correspondence tabled:**

- 14/04/16 – Email to CCC members with copy of draft minutes from the 6 April meeting; together with the electronic presentation
- 03/05/16 – Email from Nick Butler, Community Liaison Officer with the NSW Department of Industry Division of Resources and Energy in Sydney seeking an invitation to come to CCC meeting to gain an understanding of any concerns in the local community
- 03/05/16 – Email to Nick Butler advising that Observer status has been granted for August meeting
- 28/06/16 – Email from John Wood, Wollongong City Council to advise that Anthony Barnes had left Council
- 05/07/16 – Email from John Wood advising that the new delegate for WCC would be Nina King
- 21/07/16 – Email from PT asking the status of the 2015 Metropolitan Coal Annual Review
- 27/07/16 – Email from Chair to all CCC members advising that the Annual Review has been submitted to DPE, however, additional information was requested. (Update provided by RP)
- 03/08/16 – Email from John Wood WCC advising that Jessica Saunders is the alternate delegate for Wollongong Council in Nina King's absence
- 04/08/16 – Email from Nick Butler, Community Liaison Officer, NSW Department of Industry advising that he could not attend today's meeting
- 07/08/16 – Email from PT with his apology for today's meeting
- 07/08/16 – Email from Chair to PT confirming receipt of his email.

**Metropolitan Coal operations update – Ryan Pascoe, Manager, Safety & Environmental Services**

- RP outlined recent developments at Metropolitan including an update on the LW301-303 Extraction Plan under development, the Metropolitan Coal 2015 Annual Review, trucking management and 2016 community programmes.
- LR asked if the shortened 300 series longwall layouts would avoid impacts on Garrawarra Centre. AHy confirmed that the shortened longwall would minimise subsidence impacts on the

main building complex, but not the entire Garrawarra property. RS suggested Metropolitan distribute a newsletter to the community regarding recent developments.

- **Action: Metropolitan to distribute operations update to the Helensburgh Community**
- AHy provided an update on upgraded CWR emplacement plant. Upgrade will allow up to 60% of total CWR to be stowed into longwall goaf once fully operational. Trials will commence in September 2016 and will be ongoing for some time.
- LA asked about any hygiene issues around CWR use in residential areas. RP explained approval process through DP&E and EPA. Ongoing testing is conducted while material is being delivered to Calderwood.
- KB asked what the Helensburgh landfill site will ultimately become. JS explained that final land use has not been decided yet, but will likely be a park or recreation area.
- MDC asked when landfill works will be completed, JS explained completion would be many years away, capping and gas monitoring/flaring will need to occur before site is opened to the public.
- AH asked what capping process consisted of. RP explained that capping would include a liner, 3 layers of size segregated material, and vegetation. Capping will be compacted.
- AH thanked Peabody for sponsoring the Helensburgh Railway Station Book
- AH mentioned that community groups are trying to have the Royal National Park heritage listed. AH and Historical Society planning to create booklet regarding the early history of the park before potentially creating a booklet on Metropolitan mine. RP mentioned that Peabody Energy has previously put together a pictorial history book, but without any narrative. A historical society book could incorporate this narrative. AH confirmed that copies will be provided to local, state and national library.
- AH mentioned that large groups of people are now visiting Helensburgh tunnel near train station. AH and Historical Society are negotiating terms to lease the tunnel area from Crown with plans to tidy and upgrade the tunnel entrance. AHy & RP confirmed Metropolitan may be able to assist with any maintenance works.

#### General business:

- AHy introduced himself to CCC. Has worked at Metropolitan since 2008 and has recently stepped up as Acting General Manager with the departure of Andrew Clough. Grew up in Wollongong. Confirmed Metropolitan will continue to support community.
- RP announced that he is moving on to a new opportunity in Northern Territory. Explained that he is sad to go and has really enjoyed working with all CCC members. SL will continue to serve CCC
- LA thanked RP on behalf of CCC for the effort he has always brought to CCC. AHy also thanked RP.
- RS thanked RP for his service to the CCC.
- AH stated that has been involved with other mines both personally and professionally and believed RP was the most honest and open mine representative he has worked with. Thanked RP for his contribution
- LR agreed with AH
- KB asked about Metropolitan's storefront closure on Parkes Street. AHy explained Metropolitan remains in difficult times and closure of store was deemed necessary. RP further explained that community is largely comfortable with mine and visits to store were rare.
- LR mentioned that rumours persist in local community about mine closing. AHy confirmed Metropolitan mine life remains long.
- MDC also thanked RP for his contribution



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**Meeting closed:**

6:25pm

**Next meeting:**

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