

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

Date: 14/12/2016

Time: Commenced – 5:04pm

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

Attendees:

- Lisa Andrews (LA) - Independent Chairperson
- Suzanne Cryle (SC) - Peabody Energy Australia
- Jon Degotardi (JD) - Peabody Metropolitan Coal
- Stephen Love (SL) - Peabody Metropolitan Coal
- Andy Hyslop (AHy) - Peabody Metropolitan Coal
- Patricia Gauci (PG) - CCC Member
- Kerrie Belter (KB) - CCC Member
- Robert Scullion (RS) - CCC Member
- Allan House (AH) - CCC Member
- Jessica Saunders (JS) - Wollongong City Council (*arrived at 5.09pm*)

Apologies:

- Peter Turner (PT) - CCC Member
- Lorraine Rodden (LR) - CCC Member
- Michelle Durant Chambers (MDC) - CCC Member

Absent:

- Brad Staggs (BS) - Wollondilly Shire Council
- Amanda Reilly (AR) - CCC Member

Welcome and introductions:

- LA welcomed all members to the meeting, introduced Jon Degotardi – Technical Services Manager at Metropolitan Coal

Declarations of interest:

LA declared position as Independent Chair for the CCC approved by the Director General of Department of Planning & Environment (DP&E) and engaged by Peabody Energy.

Confirmation of draft minutes:

Minor changes proposed by AH were incorporated and accepted.

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- *(the words National Parks & Wildlife were changed to Crown and the reserve was also mentioned. Change of word "many" with "other".*
- Confirmed by KB, seconded by RS

Business arising:

- No new business raised

Action items from previous meeting:

- Metropolitan distributed a newsletter to the community in October 2016 with an operations update

Correspondence tabled:

- 28/08/16 – Email from Chair to CCC members with the draft minutes from the 10 August CCC meeting
- 29/08/16 – Email from AH with a couple of small changes, which were incorporated into the minutes and distributed with the Meeting Notice and Agenda.
- 29/08/16 – Email from Melody Innes with her resignation from the CCC
- 29/08/16 – Email from Chair with a letter to Melody on behalf of the CCC thanking her for her contribution.
- 29/08/16 – Email from PG with her apology for not attending the August meeting.
- 31/08/16 Email from Chair to CCC members with the presentation from the previous meeting as well as the updated Longwall Plan
- 31/08/16 – Email from Chair to CCC members with the contact details for SL.
- 3/11/16 – Email from Chair to CCC members with the information about the sale of the mine to South 32
- 17/11/16 – Email from Chair to CCC members with a copy of the DP&E's newly released Community Consultative Committee Guidelines for State Significant Projects (Moved item to General Business for further presentation by Chair).
- 30/11/16 – Email from Chair to CCC members with the Meeting Notice and Agenda for this evening's meeting.
- 1/12/16 – Email from Chair to CCC members with confirmation of the venue and start time for this evening's meeting.
- 5/12/16 Email from Nina Kent of Wollongong Council sending her apologies for this evening's meeting and advising that JS will be attending as Council's alternate.
- 14/12/16 Email from PT with an apology for this meeting.
- 14/12/16 Email from MDC with an apology for this meeting.

Metropolitan Coal operations update – Stephen Love, Environment & Community Superintendent

- SL provided an update on the purchase of Metropolitan by South 32, the LW301-303 Extraction Plan, catchment monitoring and community programs

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- AH asked what contingencies were in place in the event of a leak in the reservoir into the mine. JD explained that as part of the approval process the mine has a contingency sealing plan that includes predesigned and engineered bulkheads capable of withstanding the pressure of the reservoir, including construction methodologies based on different scenarios. JD also indicated that modelling of the hydrogeology indicates that there is no mechanism for this to occur – Metropolitan is a dry mine.
- AH enquired what iron levels had been measured in Eastern Tributary, SL confirmed he would provide an answer to AH once he had a chance to review the results.
- AH enquired if any profit sharing arrangement had been agreed as part of sale of mine. SL confirmed that the sale included a facility for additional payments to Peabody Energy if the sale price for coal during 2017 exceeds a set of quarterly benchmarks.
- AH enquired what depth behind the longwall does the emplaced CWR reach? AHy advised it is set behind the longwall but not to a level that controls subsidence. Site is finishing commissioning of the upgraded plant next week that will have the capacity to emplace up to 60% of site Coal Wash Reject. Daily meetings use a dashboard to track the number of trucks off Helensburgh streets to date.

General business:

- LA gave a brief overview of the new CCC Guidelines released by DP&E:
 - Draft minutes will be distributed to members within one week of the meeting
 - Any suggested edits to the minutes will be adjudicated by the Chair and the final version distributed two weeks after the meeting.
- KB asked for an update regarding the use of CWR in capping of the Helensburgh Landfill. JS confirmed that negotiations between WCC and Metropolitan Coal are ongoing but are nearing completion.
- SC provided an update on South 32 transition with respect to the CCCs:
 - We would not anticipate any wholesale changes including any impacts on the CCC.
 - The sale is subject to ACCC approval, and though timeframes are fluid, we anticipate this may occur in Q1 2017
 - South 32 have advised they would be happy to address any enquiries from CCC members, however, may not be in a position to answer questions until a milestone called 'legal day 1' which would occur 10 business days following ACCC approval.

Meeting closed: 6:08pm with LA thanking all CCC members for their time and contribution throughout 2016 and wishing them a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Next meeting:

To be confirmed upon finalization to change of ownership to South 32, (Metropolitan Coal Meeting Room, Upper Admin Building, Helensburgh)

Tentative dates for 2017 meetings:

- Wednesday 22 March 2017
- Wednesday 9 August 2017
- Wednesday 13 December 2017.



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ACTION ITEMS:

- SL to provide response regarding the measurement of the iron levels from the Eastern Tributary.