

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

**Date:** 19/04/2017

**Time:** Commenced – 5:04pm

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

**Attendees:**

- Lisa Andrews (LA) - Independent Chairperson
- 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
- Peter Turner (PT) - CCC Member

**Apologies:**

- Brad Staggs (BS) - Wollondilly Shire Council
- Suzanne Cryle (SC) – Peabody Australia
- Amanda Reilly (AR) - CCC Member
- Lorraine Rodden (LR) - CCC Member
- Michelle Durant Chambers (MDC) - CCC Member
- Nina Kent (NK) - Wollongong City Council

**Welcome and introductions:**

- LA welcomed all members to the meeting.

**Declarations of interest:**

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

**Business arising:**

- No business arising

**Action items from previous meeting:**

- SL provided a summary of recent iron concentrations on Eastern Tributary to AH.

**Correspondence tabled:**

- 15/12/16 – Email to CCC members with an electronic version of the Metropolitan Community newsletter dated October 2016.
- 22/12/16 – Email to CCC members with the draft minutes of the 14/12/16 meeting for review.
- 8/1/17 – Email from chair to Steve Love advising that minutes were confirmed with no changes and could be posted on the website as final.
- 27/1/17 – Letters sent to CCC members enclosing the CD from Peabody regarding the Metropolitan Coal Longwalls 301-303 Extraction Plan
- 28/2/17 – Email to CCC members forwarding on information from Peabody, providing an update on the proposed sale of Metropolitan mine to South32 and postponing the meeting previously set down for 22/3/17
- 17/3/17 – Email to CCC members reminding them that the meeting for 22 March was postponed
- 20/3/17 – Email to CCC members with a save the date for this meeting
- 21/3/17 – Email from Lorraine Rodden with an apology for this meeting
- 4/4/17 – Email to CCC members forwarding on the press release regarding Peabody US's Chapter 11 status
- 4/4/17 – Email to CCC members confirming that this meeting would proceed
- 19/4/17 – Email to CCC members forwarding on information from Peabody that its sale of Metropolitan to South 32 would not be proceeding.

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

- SL provided an update on recent events at Metropolitan including the now terminated proposed purchase of Metropolitan by South32, LW301-303 Extraction Plan and anticipated commencement of extraction in June, Eastern Tributary Incident update, a summary of 2016 air quality results and surface facilities vegetation works.
- PT asked if MCPL had received approval for LW301-303. AH stated that DP&E had verbally approved plans but MCPL was still waiting on approval documents.
- AH asked at what altitude the aerial survey of ET was undertaken. JD confirmed he would obtain and provide this information
- PT requested aerial survey imagery of ET. JD confirmed that this could be made available once received.
- PT asked if there were any groundwater piezometers on Eastern Tributary, SL confirmed that there are 2 at the lower end of ET, and no impacts to groundwater levels have been observed. PT also suggested need for deeper groundwater piezo ahead of LW301-303. JD confirmed that a deep groundwater piezo was being planned for installation above LW302

**General business:**

- BS suggested that the CCC meeting minutes should be more widely advertised publicly. SL confirmed that the CCC minutes are published on the Metropolitan Coal website, but their availability could be advertised in the next community newsletter.
- KB updated the CCC on a recent meeting between mine staff, the EPA, KB and local neighbours to the north of the product stockpile. KB stated that the meeting was respectful and a good exchange of information even if not all parties were completely satisfied. LA and SL thanked KB for representing the CCC at the meeting and providing mediation.

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- AH asked for an update regarding the proposed landfill capping using Metropolitan coal wash reject (CWR). AH explained that WCC remains committed to the project, but it has been delayed until 2018 due to other issues identified by Council. AH expressed his disappointment that the capping has been delayed, as this will result in further leachate release into local waterways.
- AH thanked Metropolitan for not extracting water from the railway tunnel during the recent heavy rains, thus keeping the northern end inundated for sufficient time to drown and kill a Trad (*Tradescantia fluminensis*) weed infestation.
- AH explained that Metropolitan is in the process of hiring additional personnel for underground. Peabody has committed to hiring half of them from Helensburgh township
- PT requested a change to the commencement time for the meeting; suggesting 6pm. Following discussion on this matter, it was agreed to trial a 5.30pm start.

### Meeting closed:

5:55pm

### Next meeting:

Wednesday 9 August 2017 - 5:30pm, (Metropolitan Coal Meeting Room, Upper Admin Building, Helensburgh)

### Action Items:

ITEM	ISSUE	BY WHOM
1	Provide information about Aerial Survey of ET	JD
2	Provide imagery of Aerial Survey of ET	JD
3	CCC Minutes to be advertised in the next community newsletter	SL