

**METROPOLITAN COAL
COMMUNITY CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE (CCC) - MEETING MINUTES**

Date: Wednesday 5th May 2010

Time: Meeting commenced at 6:10pm

Location: Metropolitan Coal Administration Office (Boardroom)

Attendees:

Adam Hatfield	Metropolitan Coal Environmental Graduate
Allan House	CCC Member
Amanda Reilly	CCC Member
Gary Eastment	CCC Member
John Collins	Metropolitan Colliery Check Inspector / CCC Member
Kerrie Belter	CCC Member
Lorraine Rodden	CCC Member
Margaret MacDonald-Hill	CCC Independent Chairperson
Patricia Gauci	CCC Member (alternate)
Peter Baker	Metropolitan Colliery General Manager / CCC Member
Robert (Bob) Scullion	CCC Member
Robert (Bob) Young	CCC Member
Ryan Pascoe	Metropolitan Colliery Environment and Community Manager / CCC Member

Absent:

- Sophie Perry (Wollondilly Council Representative)
- David Whitfield (Wollongong Council Representative)

Welcome and Introduction by Metropolitan Coal General Manager:

Peter Baker introduced himself, welcomed members to the inaugural meeting of the Metropolitan Coal CCC and invited members to become familiar with the operation through tours of the surface facilities and underground operations.

Welcome and Introduction of Committee Members:

Margaret MacDonald-Hill welcomed all to the inaugural meeting of the Metropolitan Coal CCC.

Apologies:

- Michelle Durant-Chambers (alternate)

Declarations of Interest:

Margaret MacDonald-Hill declared her position as Independent Chair of the CCC approved by the Director General of the Department of Planning, and stated her position as the Executive Officer of Mining Related Councils, a member of the Mine Subsidence Board and the Minister's Arbitration Panel.

Margaret MacDonald-Hill declared the position of the Alternates and the CCC agreed that Alternates should be welcome to attend regular meetings. The process for apologies was discussed.

The purpose of the committee was outlined by Margaret MacDonald-Hill. It was noted that the CCC is an advisory / consultation committee. All CCC members were provided with a copy of the *Guidelines for Establishing and Operating Community Consultative Committees for Mining Projects (June 2007)*. Margaret MacDonald-Hill explained that the CCC was to operate in accordance with the *Guidelines for Establishing and Operating Community Consultative Committees for Mining Projects (June 2007)*.

Confirmation of Previous Minutes:

n/a

Correspondence Tabled:

n/a

General Business:

A presentation was provided by Ryan Pascoe and Peter Baker. The following topics were covered:

- History of Metropolitan Coal
- Current Operations
- Project Approval 08_0149
- Environmental performance including water, air quality and noise management activities and performance
- An overview of waste management include the paste fill plant trial
- Overview of mining process
- A DVD explaining subsidence was shown
- Activities for 2010

Questions:

- Bob Scullion: How is the mine going to distribute news, updates and progress? A lot of the residents don't know anything about the mine or a miner's lifestyle.
 - Allan House: Discussed the production of a website to distribute news.
 - Ryan Pascoe: Project Approval 08_0149 established key pathways for communication including the establishment of the CCC and a requirement to provide certain information on the Peabody Energy Australia / Metropolitan Coal website. CCC members have an important role to play in facilitating communication between the Metropolitan Coal and the community. Members of the Metropolitan Coal Environment and Community Department visit members

of the community on a regular basis to provide information and receive feedback.

- Amanda Reilly: The intersection of Parkes Street into the mine - has there been any developments, it was discussed in the previous Community Reference Group (CRG)?
 - Ryan Pascoe: Project Approval 08_0149 requires the development of a Traffic Management Plan. A draft has been prepared and has been earmarked for consultation with the CCC. **Action** - It is anticipated that this draft Traffic Management Plan will be presented at the next meeting of the CCC and feedback will be sought from members.
- Kerry Belter: There have been a few issues with noise gradual changes at the mine over time. We can hear security talking at the gate, there have also been trucks coming onto site outside of operating hours and the water truck can be disruptive.
 - Ryan Pascoe: The presence of security guards has been required over the past few weeks due to a long-wall relocation and hence a heavier presence of cars and contractors on site. Security will only be required for the next couple of weeks. **Action** - change the times that the Metropolitan Coal entrance road is washed and move this forward from 6pm in the evenings to 5:30pm. **Action** – Ryan Pascoe to meet with Belter family to discuss ways to minimise the effects of operations. We have conditions that set times for reject and product trucking, which we abide with. We dissuade deliveries outside of these hours.
- Lorraine Rodden: Are there any handouts of positive work that the mine is doing that I can handout to people I associate with?
 - Ryan Pascoe: No formal information is produced to promote the good work of Metropolitan Coal. It is difficult to promote the positive actions undertaken by a mining operation. However, we are happy to provide presentations on the activities of the Metropolitan Coal for parties that are interested and have done so in the past. We can also develop information packages on particular aspects of the operation for those that are interested.
- Point was raised about hosting an open day at the mine; it would be beneficial to the community. Everyone was supportive. **Action** - This matter should be investigated further. Peter Baker also reiterated an invitation to CCC members for a tour of the underground, *surface operations, as well as an inspection of the Waratah Rivulet (amendment made and adopted by CCC during meeting on 7 July 2010)*.
- Trish Gauci: requested a copy of a Special Commission Report? (unsure of the the correct name of the document).
 - Margaret MacDonald-Hill: If you can find out what the correct name of the document is I can help you locate it; most documents should be on the Department of Planning's website.

- Kerrie Belter – Well done on footpath maintenance and grass mowing. Has there been any tree lopping on site? I have seen trucks leaving site with timber.
 - Ryan Pascoe: There has not been any tree lopping on site. We conduct weed maintenance and remove trees when they fall over. Any vegetation removal on site goes through an internal and external approval process and is consistent with regulatory guidelines. A tree recently fell over and was removed and a limb which fell from a tree was cut into shorter lengths to allow its removal.

Time of Meetings:

- The 1st Wednesday of the month was supported as the preferred time.
- It was agreed that the next meeting be scheduled for the first Wednesday of July (7/7/2010).

Underground Tour:

- It was agreed that the tour would have to be held during the day.
- At least three hours would be required.
- It was agreed that the tour would be coordinated at a later date.
- **Action** – work with CCC to organise a time for an underground tour of the mine.

Meeting Closed: Wednesday 5 May 2010 at 8:10pm

Next Meeting: Wednesday 7 July 2010 at 6pm