

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

Date: 15/02/2012

Time: Commenced – 5.16pm

Location: Metropolitan Coal Community Consultative Centre, Walker St, Helensburgh

Attendees:

- Allan House (AH) - CCC Member
- Kerrie Belter (KB) - CCC Member
- Amanda Reilly (AR) - CCC Member
- Lorraine Rodden (LR) - CCC Member
- Michelle Durant Chambers (MDC) - CCC Member
- Robert Scullion (RS) - CCC Member
- Anthony Barnes (AB) - Wollongong City Council
- Margaret MacDonald-Hill (MMH) - Independent Chairperson
- Ryan Pascoe (RP) - Peabody Metropolitan Coal
- John Collins (JC) - Peabody Metropolitan Coal
- Josh Daniel (JD) - Peabody Metropolitan Coal
- Suzanne Cryle (SC) - Peabody Energy Australia
- Angela Fagerstrom (AF) - (Community Website Developer)

Apologies:

- Melody Innes (MI) - CCC Member
- Patricia Gauci (PG) - CCC Member
- Sophie Perry (SP) - Wollondilly Shire Council

Welcome:

RP welcomed everyone to the new Community Consultative Centre.

Declarations of Interest:

MMH declared her position as independent chair for the CCC approved by the Director General of DP&I, member of the Mine Subsidence Board and Ministers' Arbitration Panel.

Confirmation of Previous Minutes:

Previous minutes confirmed by RS and seconded by AR.

Correspondence Tabled:

In: 19 December 2011 – Robert Young email resignation from CCC to MMH.

Out: 19 December 2011 – MMH email response to Robert Young thanking him for his efforts on the Metropolitan CCC.

13 January 2012 – MMH report to Director-General, DP&I, on the activities of the CCC for inclusion in the AEMR.

Business Arising:

- AH advised of upcoming leave and sought and was granted leave of absence.

RP presentation: Community Website Development

AF: Community website presentation/demonstration:

- Background to community website/newsletter – includes local news, sports, classifieds, local businesses.
- The Metropolitan community website idea had a similar theme to AF's existing website, with a community focus and strong base, in caretaker mode for last 12 months.
- AF's existing website has proven popular (3,000 hits/month) and has capacity for social networking connections, e.g. Facebook.
- Metropolitan community website (new website) still in its development phase
- Demonstration of proposed template for new website, including scope to include content from CCC members and broader community.
- Description of website logo symbolism. The '2508' postcode included as identity.

Discussion regarding content management

AH: Who is able to upload content?

AF: I (AF) would be the moderator but would rely on the community and CCC to provide material for input.

AH: Are you (AF) being paid?

AF: No.

AH: Concerns that website will not be regularly updated if it's run on a voluntary basis, and worried about the longevity of the website (used examples of several organisations/agencies with out-dated websites due to no funding).

AF: Will need website content to be updated, so relying on CCC and community in this regard for sources of material.

Discussion regarding moderation of comments/public discussion and posts discussion

Note: Helensburgh online 'cheers and jeers' is unrelated and not in the style of the website.

AH: Will there be any guidance as to suitable content?

AF: 'House rules' listed on website.

AH: Important to note what the guidelines are and to restrict political content.

AF: Suggestion that AH may assist in formulating guidance.

LR: Can you moderate everything, including Facebook content?

AF: Yes. Helensburgh website has a good track record (in terms of appropriateness of feedback and comments), which is set by the website.

AH: Important that there is a forum to talk about issues, but it should not be personalised.

RP: The website generates traffic from Facebook, so it's an important link.

AF: A large number of companies operate on Facebook, and the public forum is difficult, but possible to manage.

<General discussion regarding website features and potential>

AF: The website can grow as needed to meet the community's and Peabody's needs. Features will include:

- A web-portal to other sites in the 'Community Groups' section of the website.
- A calendar to show upcoming events
- Details of community groups

- Free 'community notice board'
- 'News from the mine' section including and a sub category for 'CCC news'
- Related documents link

AF: Website timeframes:

- No timeframe for completion - the website will continue to grow
- The launch is the first stage – expected to be in first week of April

Other feedback

AH: Suggestion that 'Upcoming events' need to be really pronounced – and the site guidelines / 'house rules'.

MMH: The website has great potential. Congratulations to AF.

RP: The website can also be populated using Ipad so it is versatile.

SC: The website content will be driven from the local community.

RP presentation (continued): Electrical Project Update

About the project

LR: Comment that there will be increased energy costs but not attributable to the mine.

AH: Will Metropolitan Coal have back-up generators?

RP: No, the existing diesel generators will be removed offsite once they are no longer necessary.

Traffic detours in Helensburgh

MDC: Will any residents be blocked in Hume Drive during the roadworks?

RP: No residents will be blocked in at any times.

SC: Detours will be sign posted.

KB: Concerned that Hume Drive will be used as more of a thoroughfare.

SC: That may be the case for the 5 hour period of the works.

RP: The substation transportation will be past Hume Drive early morning so there should not be much impact in other streets at that time.

LR: For residents leaving Helensburgh around 8am, should they use Parkes Street or Walker Street?

RP: Suggested Parkes Street should be ok at that time.

AH: Potential issue with section of Parkes Street that only has one route.

RP: Traffic engineers have assessed all possible haulage routes.

LR: Are the works weather dependant?

RP: If it rains on the day works will be postponed. However, once trucks enter Parkes Street they will be committed to the process.

AH: How many trucks?

RP: Four plus their support vehicles.

RP: Dust and safety improvements are expected once the buildings are erected, and roads sealed.

Community updates and consultation

KB: Regarding community notification of trenching works, it is important to have a door knock in addition to the letter drop.

RP: Agreed that this is important as it has the benefit of building a relationship between residents and the Metropolitan Coal representative assigned to manage the project.

JC: Suggested that it would be good to notify the community regarding any inconvenience associated with the upcoming road works.

SC: Reiterated that flyers had gone out and more to follow. Outlined three main notifications:

1. Notification of heavy vehicle movement;
2. Specific communications to residents along the haul route;
3. Door-knock to residents along trench route.

JC: Suggestion to put details in local newspapers and reasons behind it.

RP: Suggestion to RS that information could be included at the Helensburgh forum.

RS: Advised that he would talk to colleagues.

Project status and delivery timeframe

RS: What is the issue with delays?

RP: Delays with approvals from Endeavour Energy (EE) which owns the asset and they are consent authority. Metropolitan Coal is working to ensure the works are completed and as soon as possible due to the current costs of running the diesel generators.

AH: How long will work take to install the items being delivered?

RP: One day to install substation – then likely to be several months for minute internal works to fit everything (electrical wiring, etc).

<General discussion regarding Rail Corp track outage>

RP presentation (continued): Community Support YTD 2012

KB: Very exciting news regarding Helensburgh Public School oval upgrade to the value of \$30,000. It will be a huge asset to school, wonderful.

RP: Metropolitan Coal will also approach Holy Cross School to ensure equity in assistance between the schools.

RP presentation (continued): Property Purchase – 59 Parkes Street

LR: Good idea regarding property purchase, I think your visitors will love it.

RP presentation (continued): Funding Approval for Dam Augmentation Project / Catchment Works Update

* **ACTION:** RP to provide further details of helicopter drop when available e.g. Ecotox samples, etc.

General Business:

Sutherland Shire Leader article, 'Icons Under Threat'

AH: Comment regarding article in Sutherland Shire Leader on 29 November 2011 (referring to a Nature Conservation Council report 'Icons Under Threat') calling for commission of inquiry into longwall mining near Lake Woronora. AH identified numerous fallacies in the article/report regarding Great Burrowing Frog migration, Aboriginal sacred sites, and water loss.

AB: Requested a copy/link to the abovementioned report.

MMH: Referred to another publication mentioning mining companies, including Metropolitan Coal, 'Dirty Money', containing some mis-information.

AH: Would it be worthwhile to have factsheet to send out in response to issues around Woronora River/catchment area?

SC: Do correct misinformation when we can. Peabody Energy does undertake media monitoring of many news sources. Our responses need to be targeted as it is not possible to correct every story.

Questions regarding Waratah Rivulet

MMH: Referred to email questions from PG (absent from meeting) to Metropolitan Coal (RP).

RP: Responses to questions:

1. *Are they aware of a surface crack in the Waratah Rivulet in the immediate vicinity of longwall 20?*
Longwall 20 has re-activated some cracking near Flat Rock Crossing as anticipated in our Environmental Assessment.
2. *When does Peabody expect longwall 21 to complete its passage under the Waratah?*
Currently 75m to go so another 2 weeks.
3. *Would Peabody make its monthly water pumping records available on e.g. on their website?*
[Referring to the PUR remediation pumping] it would not be helpful to publish these results as they do not directly relate to the progress of the remediation activities. The pumping rates are highly variable depending on the voids being filled. We may inject a large amount of PUR into a single remediation hole or complete a number of holes with relatively less PUR.

Metropolitan site visit

RS: When can a mine tour be arranged for members of the CCC who have not been underground?

JC: We do not yet have a definite date - some remediation needs to be done beforehand in the horse stables area (roof bolting).

AB: Wollongong Council Heritage Officer would also like to attend tour.

Scottish film crew visit

AH: Can film crew from Helensborough, (Scotland) visiting Monday access site for footage?

SC: Peabody has plenty of footage, however there are some safety and induction issues to having full access on site for a camera crew, and can be a major drain on resources. Keen to participate and share footage. An interview can also be arranged with Al Phillips (former Mine Manager).

ACTION: SC forward existing footage to AH.

Parking arrangements at the Old Mine Surgery during site works

MDC: Aware of a community member being advised by Metropolitan Coal security that he was not allowed to park on this land.

RP: Advised security to direct Metropolitan employees to fill the mine site parking area first and that the Mine Surgery area would be for overflow so that community members could continue to park there.

ACTION: RP to reiterate to security that this area can be used by community and parents parking for school (to drop-off children).

AH: The Historical Society manages the land – it is crown land. Sydney Water also has access rights.

MDC: Commented that it was poor timing of the changed mine access arrangements to coincide with the return to school.

RP: This was unfortunate and was due to the wet weather and efforts to avoid impacts to neighbours at Oxley Place.

MMH: Advised that SP is not able to attend future CCC meetings due to Wollondilly Shire Council sanctions regarding working outside of normal working hours. SP requested that any information be forwarded to her relating to Wollondilly area. Interested in the progress of the paste plant.

Meeting closed:

7.55pm, 15/02/2012

Next meeting:

5.00pm, 02/05/2012 (Metropolitan Coal Community Consultative Centre, Walker Street, Helensburgh)