

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

**Date:** 25/02/2015

**Time:** Commenced – 5.02pm

**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
- Suzanne Cryle (SC) - Peabody Energy Australia
- Chris Meikle (CM) - Golder Associates
- Peter Turner (PT) - CCC Member
- Kerrie Belter (KB) - CCC Member
- Robert Scullion (RS) - CCC Member
- Lorraine Rodden (LR) - CCC Member
- Michelle Durant Chambers (MDC) - CCC Member
- Anthony Barnes (AB) - Wollongong City Council

**Apologies:**

- Brad Staggs (BS) - Wollondilly Shire Council
- John Collins (JC) - Peabody Metropolitan Coal / CFMEU
- Michelle Durant Chambers (MDC) - CCC Member
- Melody Innes (MI) - CCC Member
- Amanda Reilly (AR) - CCC Member
- Patricia Gauci (PG) - CCC Member
- Allan House (AH) - CCC Member

**Welcome and Introductions:**

**LA:** Welcomed everyone to the meeting. Chris Meikle from Golder Associates is a guest at the meeting tonight to discuss some of the projects Metropolitan Coal is currently undertaking.

**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.

**PT:** Declared position as Environmental Group Representative for National Parks Association.

**Confirmation of Draft December 2014 Minutes:**

- Confirmed by LR, Seconded by KB.

**Business Arising:**

- AH requested details of Metropolitan's expected mine life. RP outlined that the current mine plan as approved in 2009 entailed production for 16 years, but the project approval is granted for a period of 21 years.
- KB enquired regarding noise monitoring consultant on Oxley Place. SL confirmed that person was from SLR Consulting, conducting the quarterly noise monitoring program in accordance with the Metropolitan Coal Noise Management Plan.
- KB requested an update on the intersection upgrade at the entrance to the mine. RP confirmed that Metropolitan has drafted a letter to the DP&E seeking directions on how the current land ownership impasse with Wollongong City Council can be resolved. Metropolitan hopes to have some resolution in the next couple of months.

**Action items from previous meeting:**

- **No actions**

**Correspondence Tabled:**

**Out:** 11/12/14 – Letter from Margaret MacDonald-Hill to DP&E stepping down as Independent Chair of the Metropolitan Community Consultative Committee.

**Out:** 29/12/14 – Email to CCC members with draft minutes of the December 2014 meeting.

**Out:** 9/2/15 – Email to CCC members with the meeting notice and agenda for this evening's meeting.

**In:** 22/2/15 – Email from Peter Turner with queries on employee numbers contained on Metropolitan's website.

**Out:** 23/2/15 – Email to CCC members forwarding a copy of Peter's email and advising that Metropolitan will be in a position to answer the questions raised.

**Peabody Energy Response to questions from PT**

SC advised current employee numbers were 320 employees and 87 contractors. She had yet to confirm the exact source of the number of indirect employees but wasn't certain it was a multiplier. Advised Metropolitan supports employment in other parts of Peabody (eg shared services like HR, IT, Finance, Procurement, Marketing), as well as through spend with other businesses and government services. Advised that she would seek further information on indirect employment figure quoted.

**Golder Associates Projects Summary – Chris Meikle, Engineer**

- CM outlined Golder Associates involvement with Metropolitan Coal's Coal Wash Reject Project and rock bar remediation. Explained Golder's recommended improvements to the rock bar remediation project which have resulted in a faster process at lower costs, and the benefits to the mine and the community of the CWR project.

**Metropolitan Coal Results 2014 – Stephen Love, Environment & Community Coordinator**

- SL outlined air quality results in 2014. Air quality remains very good with results consistently well below the EPA criteria in both particulate matter under 10 micron (PM10) and depositional dust results. The Backfill plant and CWR project have continued to deliver reductions in truck numbers through town and in conjunction with cessation of trucking of product coal to Illawarra Coke Company, trucks have been reduced by 40% since 2011. SL also summarised Metropolitan Coal's community programs in 2014 and invited CCC members to continue to suggest programs which the mine can support in Helensburgh.

**General Business:**

- KB noted that her name and photo appears in the online Metropolitan Coal newsletters on the Peabody Energy website. Requested to be removed for privacy reasons. SC confirmed that Peabody would explore options to have this removed from the website.
- KB raised recent meeting between EPA, Metropolitan Coal and concerned residents on Parkes Street, north of the coal stockpile. KB was happy with how the meeting was conducted and the response from all parties. RP thanked KB for being present at the meeting to present her view as a member of the CCC.
- LR raised concerns with PT's agenda for the CCC and the mine. PT outlined his concerns with Metropolitan Coal's activities in the catchment and that these are representative of a part of the broader community. LA outlined need for CCC to remember the terms of reference of the committee.
- BS enquired how the Metropolitan Coal backfill plant has been operating. RP explained that plant now has a dedicated manager and workforce who work to emplace CWR full time. Approximately 20,000 tonnes of CWR were emplaced in 2014 and the plant will continue to operate in 2015. RP will obtain exact numbers and report back to BS.

**Meeting closed:**

6:40pm

**Next meeting:**

20 May 2015, 17:00, (Metropolitan Coal Meeting Room, Upper Admin Building, Helensburgh)