

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

Date:

15/12/2010

Time:

Commencement - 5:10pm

Location:

Metropolitan Colliery Administration Office (Boardroom)

Attendees:

- Kerrie Belter
- Michelle Durant Chambers
- Patricia Gauci
- Robert Scullion
- Robert Young
- Amanda Reilly
- Lorraine Rodden
- Allan House
- Anthony Barnes (Wollongong City Council)
- Margaret MacDonald-Hill (Independent Chairperson)
- Luke McIver (Peabody Energy Australia)
- Jon Degotardi (Metropolitan Coal)
- John Collins (Metropolitan Coal)
- Peter Baker (Metropolitan Coal)
- Ryan Pascoe (Metropolitan Coal)

Apologies

- Sophie Perry (Wollondilly Shire Council (WSC))
- Garry Eastment

Welcome

Margaret MacDonald-Hill welcomed all to the CCC meeting.

Declarations of Interest

Margaret declared her position as independent chair for the CCC, member of the Mine Subsidence Board and Minister's Arbitration Panel.

Confirmation of Previous Minutes:

The previous minutes were moved by Allan House and seconded by Robert Young.

Business Arising:

- Margaret MacDonald-Hill: The Waratah Rivulet inspection was conducted – a date for the underground tour is yet to be set.
- Margaret MacDonald-Hill: Gary Eastment has had to resign from the CCC due to his relocation to another region.
- Robert Scullion: Regarding the power upgrade review of environmental factors, how will the sale of Integral Energy affect this project, and is the approval by integral likely to be in December according to the schedule?
- Jon Degotardi / Peter Baker: We are unsure as to how or if the sale will have any impact. It is likely to be in January.
- Allan House: Have there been any further discussions with Apex Energy regarding their coal seam gas project?
- Peter Baker: There have been no further discussions with Apex Energy. We note that Apex Energy's project was featured in a number of articles in the latest edition of the *Helensburgh and District News* and that Peabody Metropolitan Coal was not mentioned in these articles. It appears as though the separation between the two companies is now better understood. At the request of Otford Protection Society we searched publically available sources (the Internet) for the Apex Energy Environmental Assessment. This information was located and subsequently provided to the Otford Protection Society.
- Allan House: Is it possible to obtain a map showing Metropolitan Coal's landownership at the next CCC meeting?
- **Action:** a map showing landownership and land to which the Colliery has surface rights will be provided at the next CCC meeting.

Action Items from Previous CCC Meeting:

All actions from the previous meeting were carried out:

- The REF study for the Integral Energy power supply upgrade to be made available to CCC members once complete – the REF study was emailed to CCC members.
- A copy of the timeline for the various project expansion activities is to be sent to all CCC members – the timeline was distributed and it was also included in CCC presentation provided by Metropolitan Coal personnel.
- The CCC requested regular updates concerning the Apex Coal Seam Gas proposal – an update was provided by Peter Baker during *Business Arising*.
- It was suggested that photos and a profile of the CCC members should be included in the next community newsletter – a profile and photo has been included in the next edition which is due for distribution in January 2011.
- A meeting will be held between Allan House and Metropolitan Coal to further discuss matters concerning the heritage railway tunnel – the meeting was organised and an inspection was conducted by Ryan Pascoe. A future meeting is required to discuss this matter in greater detail.

Correspondence Tabled

In

29/10/10 - email from Sophie Perry on backfill plant trials
9/11/10 - cc response from Ryan Pascoe to Sophie Perry
13/12/10 email resignation from Gary Eastment

Out

1/11/10 – acknowledged and forward Sophie Perry’s email to Ryan Pascoe to reply
13/12/10 – email acknowledgement and thank you to Gary Eastment
14/12/10 – emails to CCC of REF for power supply

Metropolitan Coal Presentation (*Presentation by Jon Degotardi and Ryan Pascoe*)

- **Overview of the Metropolitan Coal Expansion Project (MEXP) – Drift Upgrade**
- **Community Support Programs**
- **Environmental Data Acquisition Systems**
- **Environmental Incident and Incident Response**
- **Rivulet Remediation DVD Presentation**

Peter Baker: it is possible that some stages of the MEXP will result in elevated noise levels. The operation will monitor this and will endeavour to minimise noise affects. Wherever possible community members will be informed concerning activities which have potential off-site consequences.

General Business:

Patricia Gauci: it has been remarked that there is evidence of a breast cancer cluster in Helensburgh.

Action: Metropolitan Coal to research this issue and provide to the CCC any relevant data.
Ryan Pascoe: as discussed at previous CCC meetings, Helensburgh has relatively low dust levels. Nevertheless we will conduct an investigation to see what information is available concerning this issue.

Action: Ryan Pascoe to review TEOM monitoring data and provide the CCC with information about dust levels in Helensburgh.

Amanda Reilly: I was wondering whether the mine rendered any assistance with respect to the Pike River disaster and if there is anything we can do as a CCC to assist?

Peter Baker: a number of Mine’s Rescue Teams were sent from Australia to assist where possible.

Action: Peter Baker to provide information on if / how the CCC can assist.

Meeting closed:

6:35pm

Next meeting:

9/02/10 at 5pm.