

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

Date: 7/7/2010

Time: 15:07 Commenced

Location: Metropolitan Colliery Administration Office (Boardroom)

Attendees:

- Adam Hatfield (HCPL)
- Anthony Barnes (Wollongong City Council)
- Gary Eastment
- John Collins (CFMEU)
- Margaret MacDonald-Hill (Independent Chairperson)
- Michelle Durant Chambers
- Patricia Gauci
- Peter Baker (HCPL)
- Ryan Pascoe (HCPL)
- Robert Scullion
- Robert Young

Absent:

- Allan House

Welcome

Margaret MacDonald-Hill welcomed all to the CCC meeting.

Apologies

- Lorraine Rodden
- Kerrie Belter
- Amanda Reilly
- Sophie Perry (WCC)

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:

Margaret MacDonald-Hill noted Sophie Perry was a late apology to the May meeting. The previous minutes were moved by *Bob Scullion* and seconded by *Bob Young* subsequent to the following changes;

At the request of Bob Young the following sentence:

“Peter Baker also reiterated an invitation to CCC members for a tour of the underground operations”

Will be altered to say:

“Peter Baker also reiterated an invitation to CCC members for a tour of the underground and surface operations, as well as an inspection of the Waratah Rivulet”

Business Arising:

Bob Young: Have dates of inspections to the Underground operations and Waratah Rivulet been established?

Ryan Pascoe: We are flexible on the dates and would like to have input from the CCC regarding a date / time.

Peter Baker: The trip would be non-compulsory, as not everyone may want to attend an underground inspection.

John Collins: Following on from last meeting's question about how many locals work at the mine - 65 locals work in the pit, approximately 25-30% in the whole mine (including SADA etc.)

Margaret MacDonald-Hill: Action items from previous CCC meeting

All actions from the previous meeting were carried out:

- An overview of the Traffic Management Plan has been included in the Metropolitan Coal presentation as requested at the previous CCC meeting.
- Ryan Pascoe spoke to Belter family and changed times of road watering.
- Open day – dates are still flexible and open to CCC recommendation.
- Ryan Pascoe supplied Patricia Gauci with the Planning Assessment Commission (PAC) report on the Metropolitan Coal Project

Correspondence Tabled

IN

- 14/6/10
 - E-mail from Patricia Gauci to Margaret MacDonald-Hill advising of the name of the document that she referred to at previous CCC meeting

Out

- 15/6/10
 - E-mail from Margaret MacDonald-Hill to Patricia Gauci advising where PAC report can be found online
 - E-mail from MMH to RP about providing a copy of the document to Patricia Gauci

Overview of the Mining Operation (Management Plan Overview – Noise, Air Quality and Greenhouse, Surface Facilities, Waste Management and Traffic, Complaints Overview, Part 3A Modification – New Drift and Associated Works) – Presentation by Ryan Pascoe

Action: Ryan Pascoe to send out Traffic Management Plan to CCC members for consideration ahead of a detailed discussion at the next CCC meeting.

Options for future meetings:

Ryan Pascoe: Are there any suggestions on the format of the presentations or the meetings or any topics that CCC members would like covered?

Bob Scullion: I would like to see timelines for implementation of the various projects.

Bob Scullion: Will the new drift affect production?

Peter Baker: No it shouldn't, the drift will be a complete independent project and run by contractors, there will be more dirt coming out however the paste plant will be ramping up and that way we will be able to put more reject underground.

Patricia Gauci: Have there been any Air Quality studies done comparing our air quality to neighbouring suburbs? Are Helensburgh residents any more likely to develop respiratory problems?

Ryan Pascoe: I am not aware of any studies that specifically compare Helensburgh with other suburbs. The Mine monitors air quality currently and these results could be compared with other regions where the information is available. Mine dust gauges have results below the 4g/m²/month level. Additional monitoring will be conducted to further analyse air quality in Helensburgh.

Action: Ryan Pascoe to conduct internal review of depositional dust levels for Metropolitan Coal and provide information back to the CCC on how these results compare with other areas.

Dates for inspections:

Action: Ryan Pascoe will provide a range of possible inspection dates to the Independent Chair to seek feedback from CCC members concerning their availability to visit the rock bar remediation and the underground.

General Business:

Bob Scullion: Has the company looked at using alternate electrical generation such as solar power?

Ryan Pascoe: This technology is suitable for some applications on site. A range of solar powered monitoring equipment has been earmarked for installation.

Peter Baker: The underground operations run on 11 kV making the use of solar power problematic.

Bob Scullion: There appears that there will be a change of government next year, do you perceive any problems with this?

Peter Baker: The Part 3A approval is a significant improvement and a more efficient system of approval.

Anthony Barnes: It is likely that the opposition would alter the Part 3A planning system.

Ryan Pascoe: The Mine is focusing on meeting all the conditions of its approval and this is the most important issue to focus on.

Gary Eastment: A bit of feedback from people I have been talking to about the fact that the trucks going through town will be reduced, not a lot of people knew about this – and they replied with a delighted surprise. A few people who live on the upper part of Parkes St are not happy with the speed of some trucks going through town.

Peter Baker: Thank you for the feedback. At this stage only trials are being run on the paste plant and we don't expect to see a reduced number of trucks off the road as yet. We don't want to create a public perception that we're taking trucks off the road immediately, it is a

process that will take a considerable amount of time however, we are committed to having reject trucks off the road by 2014.

Ryan Pascoe: Please, if you do see any trucks that appear to be speeding through town let us know via the complaints hotline and if possible record their number plate. That way we can identify the offender and manage the situation.

Meeting closed:

- 4:14pm on 7th July 2010.
- An Inspection of the surface facilities was conducted after the meeting concluded. All members present at the CCC meeting attended (except for Gary Eastment). The pit top area was toured. Areas of interest pointed out included the Water Treatment Plant, the location of Camp Creek, the sedimentation ponds, the reject stockpile, the run of mine stockpile, the reject loading point, the truck wash, the truck water fill point, the product stockpile and conveyor, the product stockpile and conveyor sprays and the paste fill plant location.
- The surface inspection concluded at 16:55pm.

Next meeting: Tentatively 6th October at 3pm. The meeting is scheduled to fall within the school holiday period and as a result some members may be affected. **Action:** Margaret MacDonald-Hill to check with Amanda Reilly and Kerrie Belter as to suitability and confirm with other members.