



**WAMBO COAL PTY LTD
COMMUNITY CONSULTATIVE
COMMITTEE MEETING**

DATE: Tuesday 8 December 2015

ATTENDEES:

Lisa Andrews	Chairperson
Stephen Schmidt	Community member
Ron Fenwick	Community member
Janet Fenwick	Community member
David Thelander	Community member
Shane Gee	Community member
Suzanne Cryle	Peabody Energy Community Relations Manager
Ernest Johnson	Wambo Coal - General Manager
Steve Peart	Wambo Coal – Environment and Community Manager
Trish Searle	Wambo Coal – Assistant to GM
Scott Brooks	Department of Planning and Environment and Upper Hunter Air Quality Monitoring Committee representative.

OPENING

Commenced at 10:02am

Lisa welcomed committee members and Peabody representatives to the meeting at the Upper Hunter Mining Dialogue conference room in Singleton. Lisa then welcomed Scott Brooks, Inspector with Department of Planning and Environment, attending the meeting in his capacity as a representative of the Upper Hunter Air Quality Monitoring Committee.

Lisa declared that she has been engaged by Peabody Energy to chair the meeting.

An attendance sheet was provided and Lisa asked the CCC members to sign and mark any changes to contact details.

APOLOGIES

Bob Keown

CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES:

The previous minutes were moved by Dave Thelander and seconded by Shane Gee.

BUSINESS ARISING:

There was a review of actions from the previous meeting.

Wallaby Scrub Road intersection

One of Wambo's DA conditions includes works on the intersection of Wallaby Scrub Road and the Golden Highway.

Steve P advised that there has been a delay with finalising works and intersection arrangements as a result of delays to the Rio Tinto Mt Thorley Warkworth (MTW) expansion approval process. This is because part of the (MTW) project proposal and approval is to relocate/close Wallaby Scrub Road.

RMS hasn't pushed for Wambo to carry out the works, with work deferred pending the outcome of the MTW approval.

Following Rio Tinto's recent MTW approval, they have now advised that the Wallaby Scrub Road closure will occur in 2017. At this stage the pre-work including planning and road closure process will be undertaken in 2016. As a result, there is no push from the RMS for Wambo to address the original DA condition.

Scott suggested that in the interim would be helpful for Wambo to keep dirt smooth and without holes. Dave mentioned that he has noticed the road being surveyed during the past six weeks or so. No one at the meeting knew about the surveying however the surveyors did not appear to be from a local company.

Steve P will check with Department of Planning on requirements on the Wallaby Scrub Road intersection for Wambo going forward.

Community Board information

Lisa advised she has information for everyone except Dave and Steve Schmidt, who both undertook to provide the information to Lisa.

CORRESPONDENCE

- 15.10.15 Letter from Harry Egan, Environmental Advisor at Wambo with a digital copy of the South Bates (Whybrow Seam) Underground Mine Extraction Plan Longwalls 11 to 13.
- 25.10.15 Email to CCC Members with the draft minutes of the September 2015 meeting, as well as the draft Community Board template.

24.11.15 Email to CCC Members with Meeting Notice & Agenda for December's meeting and also requesting RSVP numbers for luncheon.

*Emails backwards and forwards for RSVP's.

Moved as accepted Lisa, Seconded, Dave

Lisa provided the committee members with the new Declaration of Interest Form. The Form is to be reviewed, completed and provided to Lisa by all committee members who have a Pecuniary Interest to declare. Lisa will keep a copy of all completed forms, however they will not be made publically-available. Potential conflict questions can be addressed more easily once all interests are known.

PRESENTATION – Steve P

Presented a general update on:

- Regulatory approvals and development
 - Modification 15
 - Modification 12-South Wambo
 - MOP amendment
- Exploration activities
- General activities
 - Rehabilitation
 - Environmental Management Plans
 - Environmental monitoring

FURTHER BUSINESS

Bushfire Management

Ron Fenwick passed comment in relation to Wambo's Bushfire Management Plan. Ron mentioned there are errors associated with the map which have the potential to cause confusion. Steve P has spoken to National Parks and Wildlife Service (NPWS) regarding Bushfire requirements and he and his team are currently reviewing and updating the Mine's Bushfire Management Plan. The process will include consultation neighbouring landholders. There is also a proposed fire trail inspection with NPWS prior to Christmas.

Subsidence monitoring for South Bates Underground

There was discussion around the South Bates Underground Mine and the impact the panels could have on the Wollemi escarpment. Steve P explained a subsidence monitoring program is being undertaken with the use of drone technology to map and monitor the cliff lines. Ron also asked about the management of subsidence impacts on the creeks. Steve P said that these are currently being reviewed as part of the South Bates (Whybrow) Extraction Plan with a range management options being investigated and tested.

Access to Aboriginal artefacts found at Wambo

Steve S asked about whether the Wambo Aboriginal artefacts could be put on display for the broader community to inspect. Steve P commented that the Mine manages all artefacts collected across the site in accordance with an approved Care Agreement issued by Office of Environment and Heritage (OEH).

There was broad Committee discussion regarding the regional benefits of a publically available cultural centre, or facility such as the local library or Council in which artefacts could be stored and displayed. Whilst all members generally agreed the idea was positive, there remained uncertainty as to the entity or group best paced progress such an idea.

There was further discussion as to the long term plans for all artefacts collected across Wambo during the life of Mine. Steve P commented that the long term strategy for management of artefacts would have to be negotiated with relevant Aboriginal Parties and government agencies.

Site visit and inspection

The Committee members agreed that a site inspection of the North Wambo Creek Diversion or CHPP would be beneficial in 2016.

Upper Hunter Air Quality Monitoring Network

Scott explained the role and operation of the Upper Hunter Air Quality Monitoring Network and system. Scott provided a detailed overview of the web-based system and how publically available information on the region's air quality can be accessed and interpreted.

NEXT MEETING

Lisa suggested the following dates for next year's meetings.

12 April 9am at Wambo
16 August
6 December

Tentative dates for next year with the possibility of a Homestead or CHPP tour. Lisa reminded the committee that an extraordinary meeting can be called if needed.

The meeting closed at: 12:10pm

Action Items:

Steve P to check with Department of Planning about requirements for the Wallaby Scrub Road intersection for Wambo

Dave and Steve Schmidt to provide community board information to Lisa

Members to complete Declaration of Interest Forms and return to Lisa