



WAMBO COAL PTY LTD
COMMUNITY CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

Minutes

Location:	Wambo Coal – Lakes Room
Date:	7 December 2016

ATTENDEES:

Lisa Andrews (LA)	Chairperson
Ron Fenwick (RF)	Community member
Janet Fenwick (JF)	Community member
Shane Gee (SG)	Community member
Dave Thelander (DT)	Community Member
Cr Godfrey Adamthwaite (GA)	Singleton Council Representative
Albert Scheepers (AS)	Wambo Coal – General Manager
Steve Peart (SP)	Wambo Coal – Environment and Community Manager
Lachlan Baxter (LB)	Wambo Coal – Environmental Student
Trish Searle (TS)	Wambo Coal – Assistant to GM (minute secretary)

OPENING:

The meeting commenced at 9:08am

LA welcomed committee members to the last meeting for 2016 and advised that there would be an inspection of some of the rehabilitated areas of the mine site at 10:00am.

LA welcomed Cr Godfrey Adamthwaite, Singleton Council delegate and Singleton’s Deputy Mayor. GA introduced himself, and provided some background.

LA then welcomed Albert Scheepers to his first CCC meeting since taking on the role of General Manager (GM) at Wambo. AS introduced himself and also provided some background.

LA declared that she has been approved by the Department of Planning and Environment and is engaged by Peabody Energy to chair the meeting.

LA distributed an attendance sheet and asked the CCC to note any changes to their contact details on the sheet.

APOLOGIES:

Steve Schmidt sent his apologies along with his best regards for Christmas and the New Year to the CCC.

CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES:

The previous minutes were moved by JF and seconded by DT.

BUSINESS ARISING:

1. Bushfire Management Plan – SP still needs to meet with RF and JF to discuss Wambo’s Bushfire Management Plan. SP mentioned that there has been a recent audit of the plans and an update was included in the presentation.
2. The link to the Joint Venture EIS was distributed to the CCC on 5.9.2016
3. Lisa personally telephoned Bob Keown (instead of writing) to thank him on behalf of the CCC for his contribution.

CORRESPONDENCE IN & OUT:

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| 5.9.16 | Email from Steven P with information about the Joint Venture being placed on exhibition |
| 5.9.16 | Email from Chair to CCC members forwarding through the information from Steve P. |
| 15.11.16 | Email from Chair to CCC members seeking a change to the proposed meeting date due to a Planning Assessment Commission Public Hearing for Wilpinjong mine. |
| 17.11.16 | Email from Chair to CCC members with a copy of the Department of Planning’s newly released Community Consultative Committee Guidelines for State Significant Projects (further discussion on this matter moved to General Business) |
| 17.11.16 | Letter from Chair to Singleton Council seeking a replacement representative on the CCC |
| 22.11.16 | Email from Singleton Council to advise that Cr Godfrey Adamthwaite is the new delegate to the CCC |
| 23.11.16 | Email from Chair to Cr Adamthwaite with an introduction |
| 23.11.16 | Email from Deputy Mayor Adamthwaite advising that he was looking forward to attending and meeting members |
| 23.11.16 | Email from Chair to CCC members with the Meeting Notice & Agenda for this meeting and reminding members to provide their shoe size. |

Moved that correspondence be accepted by LA, seconded by DT.

PRESENTATION

SP commenced the presentation by outlining the SafeStart Program that has been rolled out across Peabody Energy.

Steve provided a poster of the Mine Operating Plan (MOP) plan as a guide and presented a general update on:

- Current operations summary
- Mine progression
 - Longwall12
- Longwall 11 subsidence inspection
- Montrose East/Glen Munro Pits
 - Including Montrose East operating procedure
- Rehabilitation progress
- Regulatory approvals and development
 - South Wambo Underground Mine Modification (Mod 12)
 - Reporting and audits

DT raised the issue of dust at his home. SP. provided an explanation on what is being done to reduce dust in Montrose East in the short term and the planned timeframe to get the area shaped and rehabilitated. Wambo is making every effort to reduce the impact as soon as possible. The dump will become an effective barrier between the operation and the community. As work progresses the mining activity will move deeper into the pit so the lighting plants won't be visible and dust (currently from the fine, top layers of dirt) impacts will be reduced.

DT also mentioned the current influences on the Jerrys Plains township and his disappointment that (for reasons unrelated to mining) the owner of the Jerrys Plains Tavern has decided to close. DT considers the closure will have a major impact on the feeling of 'community' at Jerrys Plains.

There was general discussion about community complaints to the DP&E and EPA, Wambo's Community Hotline as well as the approvals and compliance process.

RF enquired about the dam failure incident from January 2016. SP advised that no response has been received to date.

Bushfire Management Plan – an independent, specialist bushfire consultant recently reviewed Wambo's Bush Management Plan. Access tracks and fire trails were inspected. The consultant's report provides recommendations including re-establishment of a North Wambo creek crossing, infrastructure shielding, removal of branches over tracks and access through gates that are currently locked. SP is following up on the recommendations included in the report. SP will also speak to the Rural Fire Service and will provide information to people renting Wambo owned properties on what to do in case of fire.

This led to further discussion on access through RF & JF's property (whether the consultant accessed and included those tracks in the report) and the 'Pikes Estate' track maintenance and its suitability to be accessed by tracked vehicles only. SP will discuss with the consultant and provide a report to the CCC once finalised. RF commented, that if their property was accessed by the consultant; this was done without prior consultation and consent.

The North East Tailings Dam rehabilitation strategy was explained. Work will commence in 2017 with a new approach in an effort to find a workable solution to capping the dam.

The South Bates Underground Extended mine was presented by SP with discussion around the potential impacts on North Wambo Creek in the future. This will be closely monitored.

SP provided a slide on the Joint Venture (JV) EIS submissions and the key issues identified by those submissions. RF stated that they were receiving damage from the blasting and that the 4 km barrier offers no protection to their property or on the impact to aquifers. SP suggested RF speak to United regarding potential impacts to his property under the JV.

The meeting was suspended at 10:40am so the Committee members could inspect the some of the rehabilitation areas.

The meeting resumed at 11:30am for General Business

GENERAL BUSINESS

LA tabled the new Community Consultative Committee guidelines. The new guidelines were distributed by DP&E last month. LA some of the more notable changes. All committees already running under the old guidelines will continue; however the new guidelines are effective immediately. LA has emailed the document to all CCC members.

Discussions were held about the requirement for an independent minute taker, a quicker turnaround of draft minutes and that minutes should be uploaded to the project website as final and not confirmed at the next meeting. It was agreed by the CCC that there were no concerns with the existing arrangement of Wambo providing the minute taker.

Lachlan Baxter is a student spending three months with the Environment and Community Department for work experience. LB thanked the CCC for having him along to see how the committee works.

SP asked for feedback on the presentation, the level of information and content. The CCC is happy with the format of the current presentation. SP advised that the committee members can email him at any time if there is anything they would like included in a future presentation.

SP advised that he has an amount of money raised by the sale of excess furniture and drink machine takings and that Wambo would like to donate these funds to a charity in the local community. This will be raised at the next meeting to give the CCC an opportunity to think about a worthwhile cause.

On behalf of the committee LA thanked Peabody Energy, SP & TS for organising the luncheon and also thanked CCC members for their contribution throughout 2016 and wished them a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

MEETING SCHEDULE FOR 2017

The committee members expressed their agreement with continuing holding three meetings for 2017.

Dates for 2017:

- Tuesday 11 April (at Wambo at 9:00am)
- Tuesday 8 August; and
- Tuesday 12 December

The meeting closed at 11:55am

ACTION ITEMS

1. Bushfire Management Plan – SP to meet with RF and JF to discuss Wambo’s Bushfire Management Plan.
2. Consideration of appropriate Charity for distribution of money
3. Feedback to SP on potential presentation topics (ongoing)