



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

FINAL MINUTES

DATE: Tuesday 7 July 2015

ATTENDEES:

Lisa Andrews	Chairperson
Stephen Schmidt	Community Member
Ron Fenwick	Community Member
Janet Fenwick	Community Member
Bob Keown	Singleton Councillor
David Thelander	Community Member
Ernest Johnson	Wambo Coal – General Manager
Steve Peart	Wambo Coal – Environment and Community Manager
Micheal Alexander	Wambo Coal - Director Projects and Technical Services
Suzanne Cryle	Peabody Energy - Manager, Community Relations
Trish Searle	Wambo Coal – Assistant to GM (Minute Secretary)

OPENING

Commenced at 9.04am

Lisa: Welcomed everyone to the meeting and advised that the meeting is being recorded.

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

Lisa provided an attendance sheet and asked the CCC members to confirm their contact details.

Lisa then went on to welcome Ernest Johnson and Steve Peart then advised the committee that Micheal Alexander was attending the meeting to provide an update on the Joint Venture. Ernest and Steve then briefly introduced themselves and outlined a little of their background experience.

APOLOGIES

Shane Gee

CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES:

Previous minutes moved, Steve Schmidt, seconded Ron Fenwick.

BUSINESS ARISING:

A hardcopy of the minutes is to be sent to Ron.

Lisa did not receive any objections to the proposal to have three CCC meetings per year.

Steve Peart will now take responsibility for developing a board with details of CCC members to be displayed at Jerry's Plains Information Sessions. Steve offered to distribute a template to the CCC members for approval before the next Information Session.

Advertising was undertaken for the last Information Session.

Re: the bats in Burdekin Park. Singleton Council has engaged consultants specializing in this field and it is now up to Council's planning team to decide next steps with the colony.

Steve P will follow up on an air quality speaker for a future meeting.

Dave Thelander arrived at 9.15am

CORRESPONDENCE

- 2/12/15 – Letter from Peabody Energy (Wambo) to CCC members with an update on the blast event from May 2014
- 24/12/15 – Email to all CCC members with the draft minutes from the December CCC
- 13/1/15 – Letter to CCC with proposed meeting dates for 2015 (3 meetings).
- 2/3/15 - Email from Troy Favell (ex-Wambo E&C Manager) regarding the Hunter Valley Coal Festival, which was forwarded on to all CCC members the same day.
- 2/3/15 – Email from Troy regarding the appointment of a new General Manager (Ernest Johnston) at Wambo, which was forwarded on to all CCC members the same day.
- 23/3/15 – Annual Environmental Management Report (2014) sent to all CCC members

- 9/4/15 – Email from Troy to the CCC advising of his resignation from Peabody Energy.
- 13/4/15 – Email to CCC members postponing the meeting to 30 June 2015 due to Troy's resignation.
- 20/4/15 – Letter from Peabody Energy regarding the North Wambo Underground Mine Application and the Extraction Plans for Longwalls 8 to 10A
- 15/6/15 – Email from Suzanne Cryle advising that Michael Alexander was unavailable to attend the CCC meeting scheduled for 30/6/15 and requesting a one week deferral to enable him to deliver an update on the United Joint Venture.
- 18/6/15 – Email to CCC members deferring the meeting date to 7th July.
- 26/6/15 – Email to CCC members with Meeting Notice and Agenda for this meeting.

Moved as accepted Lisa, Seconded Bob K

United JV update presented by Micheal Alexander

PRESENTATION – Steve P. Presented general update on:

- Status of current operations
- Mine development status
- Regulatory approvals
- Exploration activities
- Annual Environmental Monitoring Report 2014
- Environmental incidents
- Sixth consecutive Hunter Valley Mines Rescue Competition.

Dave T raised a concern regarding Jerry's Plains community perception that there is a contradiction between the increased workforce mentioned at the (recent United Joint Venture) Information Sessions and current staff cutbacks at Wambo. This has caused confusion and distrust. Micheal explained that the cutbacks are in response to the current market conditions and it was Wambo underground and staff positions that were affected. Wambo underground will not be part of the United JV project, and the JV project is currently only in the early stages.

JV approval is expected mid-late 2017. Micheal outlined the JV structure which will remain separate until the transition of the open cut workforce to Glencore. Production will increase so therefore additional operators will be required for the JV but the increase is not imminent. This will be reiterated in the next community newsletter.

Steve S enquired about the possibility of traineeships to have trainees with some experience for the start of the JV. Micheal explained that Wambo open cut operators will transfer to Glencore. Ernest explained that it is not possible to pre-empt what Glencore will decide with obtaining sufficient operators for their needs and it will also depend how the market is at that time. However, Ernest said that the idea will be tabled at meetings with Glencore.

Dave T then asked what will happen with the CCC. Micheal said that they have considered how that might operate. Currently the Wambo complex operates an open cut, underground and CHPP. The United Project will operate the open cut however Wambo will be responsible for washing and railing the coal. There are two development consents.

At this stage it is not known whether the CCC will be combined or two separate committees and the decision could also be influenced by the Department of Planning. Lisa mentioned that Regional

committees are being considered by the Department however there has been no decision on how this will work. Lisa considers there should be a holistic approach especially with community engagement. She can see value in (perhaps an annual) regional meeting in addition to local community CCCs.

Janet asked about other JV projects planned with Glencore. Micheal outlined the exploration areas and JV tenements with the United Project having an anticipated 20 year life.

Dave T asked about future mining in the Montrose pit and a timeframe for the road relocation. Ernest said that there are lots of factors to consider and it is not possible to foresee Glencore's intention. The open cut mine planning will be Glencore's responsibility under the Project.

Ron asked about dust sampling and mentioned the depositional monitor on his property which he said has not been checked for a long time. Steve to check the monitor.

Action

Steve P to send Lisa link to Department of Planning website for United/Wambo JV PEA summary document.

Action

Steve P to check the depositional monitor on Ron's property.

Meeting adjourned at 10:15 and reconvened at 10:36am.

FURTHER BUSINESS

Steve then outlined his involvement in the Upper Hunter Mining Dialogue Air Quality Working Group. The Upper Hunter Mining Dialogue was discussed and Steve S expressed an interest in receiving further information.

Bob feels that Singleton needs tourism. He thinks it would be mutually beneficial for tourism and coal companies for Peabody and other coal companies in the area to do mine tours. Dave T suggested that the heritage aspect could be included. Ernest committed to Wambo Coal considering this in the future.

Dave asked that an agenda item for the next meeting should be an update on Wallaby Scrub Road. The condition of the intersection is dangerous. It is unclear who is responsible – RMS, Mt Thorley Warkworth Wambo, Singleton Council and Ausgrid would all have a stake in the intersection. Steve will look into the matter before the next meeting.

Steve asked what the committee wants from a site visit– Bob suggested that he would like to see a blast.

Lisa asked that if there is anything the committee wants or wants to be informed about they should contact Lisa.

No further business.

Action

Steve to provide details to Steve S on the Upper Hunter Mining Dialogue and where/how to obtain further details.

Action

Steve P to investigate the Wallaby Scrub Road intersection and report back at next CCC meeting.

NEXT MEETING

Proposed dates for the next meetings are:

Tuesday 29th September at 9:00am

Tuesday 8th December at 9:00am

The meeting closed at:

Before leaving Bob commented that this meeting was the best and most productive that he has attended.

Action Items:

Trish S	Trish to send a hardcopy of the minutes to Ron and Janet after each meeting via mail.	On a continuing basis
Steve P	A Board with CCC committee member photo, name (and phone number if agreed) to be displayed at the Jerry's Plains Information Sessions in future. Steve to distribute template for approval.	Before next Information Session
Steve P	Steve to investigate the possibility of a speaker from the Upper Hunter Air Quality Monitoring Network Advisory Committee	Prior to final meeting of 2015.
Steve P	Steve to send Lisa the link to the Department of Planning website	Before the next meeting
Steve P	Steve to check the depositional monitor on Ron's property.	Before the next meeting
Steve P	Steve to provide details to Steve S on the Upper Hunter Mining Dialogue and where/how to obtain further details.	Before the next meeting
Steve P	To investigate the Wallaby Scrub Road intersection	Report back at next CCC meeting