



Wilpinjong Coal Mine Community Consultative Committee



Meeting Minutes

1. PRESENT

Chairperson:	Lisa Andrews (LA)	Time:	1.05 pm, Monday 15 June 2015
Venue:	Wollar General Store	Minute Taker:	Kellie Smith (KS)
Committee Members:	Bruce Hughes (BH), Bev Smiles (BS), Kieren Bennetts (KB), Blair Jackson (BJ), Scott Lillis (SL)		
Invited Guests:	Clark Potter (CP) - Senior Environmental Advisor, Peabody Energy, Wilpinjong Ian Flood (IF) - Manager Project Development and Approvals, Peabody Energy, Wilpinjong Karin Fogarty (KF) – Environmental Advisor, Peabody Energy, Wilpinjong Tanietta de Launey (TD) – Wilpinjong Coal Native Title Liaison Officer		
Observers:	Susan Schneider, Helen Barnes who arrived at 1.20 pm		

2. APOLOGIES/ABSENT

Apologies:	David Crust (DC), Kim Peach (KP), Brian McDermott (BM)
Absent:	Col Bailey (CB), Cr Max Walker (MW).

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Lisa Andrews - Chair approved by Director General of DP&E, paid by Peabody Energy
Bruce Hughes – Resident
Bev Smiles – Resident
Kieren Bennetts – Environment & Community Manager, Wilpinjong Coal
Blair Jackson – General Manager, Wilpinjong Coal
Scott Lillis – Local Business Owner

4. CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES – 16 MARCH 2015

BS requested the following amendments to the minutes be made:

- Page 1 under “Presentations by Jamie Lees providing an update on the Wilpinjong Extension Project (WEP).”
Add “JL stated that exact numbers were not yet available in the predictions of impact on individual private resident properties as the noise model was still being calibrated, however it is possible that an incremental increase in noise levels associated with the Project could occur but this increase would not be discernible to the average listener. However, some community members were informed during the Social Impact Assessment interviews that a possible 2dbA increase could occur. Questions were asked and answered throughout the presentation.”
- Page 3 under heading “Land valuer formally approaching community members”, point 1 amend to read *“BS raised a concern about a land valuer approaching landowners in the Wollar village before Christmas and more formally in the New Year and asked if Peabody was offering to purchase these properties at this point of time.”*

Amend point 3 to read “BS stated that she believes that Peabody is attempting to buy out the village before the EIS for the extension was put out on public exhibition and before landholders were possibly granted acquisition rights through conditions of consent”.

BS moved previous minutes, BH seconded.

5. ACTION ITEMS

- Waste Management from demolition program to be addressed at every CCC meeting.
Ongoing Action. No demolition has occurred as yet as Waste Management Plan is not approved. Currently waiting on approval from Department of Planning & Environment.
Note: SL raised the issue of the rubbish on the property adjacent to the catholic church and was it from the demolition of a house. IF inspected the site following the meeting and confirmed the rubbish was not from the demolition of a house. The rubbish was generated from the clean-up of a yard and removal of a dilapidated iron shed, this ‘rubbish’ will be removed in the next few weeks. Iron and steel will be recycled and the remainder will be stored until the waste management plan is approved by Department of Planning and Environment allowing for onsite disposal at Wilpinjong Coal. This property is owned by Peabody.
- Include the location of the 330kv power line on the Wilpinjong Extension Project map contained in the next Community Factsheet.
Complete.
- KB to request an answer to BM’s query regarding mitigation of highway noise from Glen Thomas.
Complete. Refer to the hand out/letter tabled by KB.
- KB to include information regarding location of operating machinery at the time of noise monitoring in presentation each meeting.
Complete. Refer to KB’s report.
- KB to correct the date for noise monitoring occurring on page 15 of the presentation prior to distributing.
Complete.
- KB to include a line on the dust gauge graph to show compliance in presentation each meeting.
Complete. Refer to KB’s report.
- KB provide BS with information regarding disturbance of land in 2014.

Complete. Refer to KB's report (116 hectares).

- KB provide all CCC members with a USB containing all completed Management Plans.
Incomplete – carry over to next meeting as management plans yet to be approved by Department of Planning and Environment.
- JL review the system for posting WEP information to community members.
Complete. IF confirmed he had collected a list from KP with everyone that held a mailbox at the store. BS had spoken to IF at Have a Chat regarding the issue as it appears the issue was with delivery to the actual property mailbox.
- BS to email JL and IF names and contact details of community members who did not receive the WEP newsletter.
Incomplete – carry over to next meeting. BS confirmed she is working on creating a list of all residents.
- JL advise BS the term of the current coal sale contract with AGL.
Incomplete – carry over to next meeting. BJ will confirm the date and provide it to BS asap.

6. BUSINESS ARISING

Letter from Glen Thomas – SLR regarding mitigation of noise

- BS queried whether any mitigating actions had been undertaken in relation to noise inside of dwellings.
- Confirmed none - as the properties have been purchased.

7. CORRESPONDENCE IN AND OUT

- 17/3/15 – Email to all CCC members, with a copy of a letter to the Wollar Progress Association.
- 31/3/15 – Email to all CCC members with the draft minutes of March CCC meeting, together with the SLR Noise Presentation
- 31/3/15 - Letter to BH with draft CCC minutes & presentation
- 20/4/15 – Email from BS, with some proposed changes to the draft March minutes
- 18/5/15 - Email from IF with the Community Factsheet No. 2 (Expansion Project) as well as link to find the factsheet on the website.
- 19/5/15 – Email to all CCC members forwarding on the new factsheet and providing the link to its location on the website.
- 19/5/15 – Letter to BH with the new factsheet
- 29/5/15 – Email from KB requesting email be forwarded to CCC members with the link to the 2014 Wilpinjong Coal Annual Environment Management Report (AEMR) on Peabody Energy's website.
- 31/5/15 – Email to CCC Members with the link to the AEMR
- 1/6/15 – Email to CCC Members with the Meeting Notice & Agenda for the June 2015 meeting.
- 1/6/15 – Letter to BH with the Meeting Notice & Agenda for the June meeting
- 10/6/15 – Email from BS to KB regarding the road closure (copy to Chair)
- 11/6/15 – Email from Chair forwarding Kieren's reply, to the CCC Members.
- 12/6/15 – Email to Cr Walker & Mid-Western Regional Council asking if he is able to bring any update to the meeting on the road closure.

LA moved that the correspondence be received. Seconded by BH.

8. REPORT BY KIEREN BENNETTS

An update on operations and an overview of activities was provided to the CCC via presentation. The presentation has been provided to the CCC members electronically.

Various questions answered and actions raised throughout delivery of the report.

BS requested the map showing attended noise monitoring locations be extended to the south.

9. PRESENTATIONS

- Presentation by IF providing an update on the Wilpinjong Extension Project (WEP).

Various questions answered throughout delivery of the report.

10. GENERAL BUSINESS

Tidying up of properties around Wollar

- BH requested the property at the Munghorn be cleaned up as there is insulation paper lying around.
- SL queried the demolition of the house next to the Lynch property in the Village as had been advised no demolition had taken place. IF confirmed that no demolition had taken place and would confirm the status of the property in question.

Signage displayed along Mogo Road when demolition commences

- BH requested signage be displayed along Mogo Road for safety reasons - to raise awareness of the fact the road is very narrow – to assist contractors undertaking the demolition and the tourists travelling the road.
- IF confirmed he would follow up what could be done in that regard.

Alternative access to Wilpinjong

- BH requested Wilpinjong give notification by phone in the event of other road closures.
- KB confirmed notification was given to BS via phone of the road closure on Monday 8 June.
- Wollar Progress Association to follow up issue of notification with Council.

Format of next Community Consultation Committee (CCC) Meeting

- IF tabled that the next CCC meeting be wholly dedicated to the WEP and all other updates held over until December 2015.
- SL and BH wished it be recorded that any meeting in relation to the WEP be a public meeting. LA reminded the committee of Peabody Energy's position regarding a public meeting as discussed at the previous two CCC meetings.
- LA suggested that the meeting commence at 9.00 am on 21 September 2015 with the presentation to the CCC by the invited consultants. A break for lunch, then reconvene for the afternoon session where the meeting room will be open to the community for viewing of maps/information and individual discussions with consultants. CCC agreed to hold over normal business of the CCC until December. This format will be confirmed once consultants' availability and completion of reports are known. SL wished it noted again that in his opinion the community should be presented the information as one.

Stock Management

- BH raised his concern regarding management of the goats on Mogo Road properties.
- BJ noted that once the matter was brought to Peabody's attention, it was addressed.

Complaints Line

- Wollar Progress Association requested BS raise the issue of the complaints line.
- Callers are being left on hold for long periods of time.
- BS to provide KB with further information. KB will follow up with the service provider.

Cooks Gap Fire Brigade

- BS requested confirmation that RFS trained Wilpinjong employees will be made available to assist with fires on private property if required.
- BJ confirmed the normal RFS policy applies, and they will be made available.

Wollar Progress Association Public Meeting

- BS on behalf of the Wollar Progress Association wished to express their disappointment in Peabody Energy declining to accept the invitation to attend the public meeting on 21 June 2015.

Community Factsheets

- BS requested that the front cover of the newsletters factsheets look different to avoid confusion.
- IF noted the request and will take the comments on board in the preparation of the next newsletter.

Employment at Wilpinjong

- BS queried the rumour of job reductions at Wilpinjong and how it would affect the job numbers advised in the Community Factsheet regarding the WEP.
- BJ confirmed reductions had occurred, with many being open positions that were not filled. Between 420 and 440 workers - depending on maintenance schedules, where more workers are on site.
- BS raised concern that the Social Impact Assessment information was based on there being 625 workers and believed the community was being misinformed. IF confirmed that this figure is the peak number and is correct.

Letter to BS in 2014 regarding Coal Allocation Guidelines

- BS queried whether with the downturn of the industry that the information provided in the letter was still valid.
- BJ confirmed it was still valid.

Meeting Closed:	2.43 pm
Next Meetings:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Monday, 21 September 2015 – Wollar General Store at 9.00 am • Monday, 7 December 2015

ACTION LIST

Number	Action	Whom	By When
1.	Waste Management from demolition program to be addressed at every CCC meeting.	KB	Ongoing
2.	Provide CCC members with a USB containing DP&E approved Management Plans.	KB	Next meeting, if approved
3.	Email IF names and contact details of all community members for the purpose of receiving newsletters.	BS	Prior to next meeting
4.	Advise BS the term (end date) of the current coal sale contract with AGL.	BJ	ASAP
5.	Follow query regarding demolition of Peabody owned house in Wollar Village (next to the Lynch property) and provide feedback.	IF	Prior to next meeting
6.	Follow up BH request regarding signage along Mogo Road once demolition of the properties commence.	IF	Prior to next meeting
7.	Provide large scale map showing all attended noise monitoring locations and Peabody land ownership in the noise monitoring section of presentation.	KB	Ongoing from next meeting.
8.	Once new shift times approved by DP&E, advise CCC members	KB	ASAP
9.	Time and schedule of next CCC meeting to be confirmed.	LA/KB/IF	ASAP
10.	Contact service provider of complaints line regarding callers being left on hold for long periods of time.	KB	ASAP
11.	Request the front cover the Community factsheets be amended to each look different.	IF	Prior to next newsletter being published