



Wilpinjong Coal Mine Community Consultative Committee



Meeting Minutes

1. PRESENT

Chairperson:	Lisa Andrews (LA)	Time:	3:15 pm, Monday 7 December 2015
Venue:	Downstairs Boardroom, Parklands Resort	Minute Taker:	Kellie Smith (KS)
Committee Members:	Bev Smiles (BS), Kieren Bennetts (KB), Blair Jackson (BJ), Brian McDermott (BM)		
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 (TdeL) – Native Title Liaison Officer, North Eastern Wiradjuri Wilpinjong Community Fund		
Observers:	Nil		

2. APOLOGIES/ABSENT

Apologies:	Bruce Hughes (BH), Kim Peach (KP), Jamie Lees (JL), Scott Lillis (SL), Cr Max Walker (MW).
Absent:	Col Bailey (CB), David Crust (DC).

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Lisa Andrews - Chair approved by Director General of Department of Planning and Environment (DP&E), paid by Peabody Energy
Bev Smiles – Resident
Kieren Bennetts – Environment & Community Manager, Wilpinjong Coal
Blair Jackson – General Manager, Wilpinjong Coal
Brian McDermott – Leases country from Wilpinjong

4. CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES – 28 SEPTEMBER 2015

Amend typo on page 5, heading “Rehabilitation security bond” point 1 from “BA” to “BS”.
BS moved previous minutes, BM seconded.

5. WELCOME TO COUNTRY

- TdeL welcomed everyone on behalf of the Traditional Owners.
- IF welcomed everyone on behalf of Peabody Energy, Wilpinjong Coal.

6. ACTION ITEMS

- KB to address waste management from demolition program at every CCC meeting. Information provided in presentation. Ongoing action.
- KB to provide CCC members with a USB containing DP&E approved management plans. Hold over to next meeting. Only 1 management plan approved at date of meeting.
- BS to email IF names and contact details of all community members for the purposes of receiving newsletters. Hold over to next meeting. BS waiting on information from absent landholders.
- LA to send out Declaration of Interest form to all CCC members for completion. Complete.

7. BUSINESS ARISING

- Nil

8. CORRESPONDENCE IN AND OUT

- 12/10/15 – Draft minutes sent to CCC with a copy of the presentations from the consultants regarding the WEP
- 23/11/15 – Email to CCC Members with Meeting Notice & Agenda for December meeting with an invitation to attend the dinner at the conclusion. Also attached was a draft “Declaration of Interest” form
- 23/11/15 – Letters to Bruce Hughes and Collin Bailey with the meeting notice for the December meeting
- 23/11/15 – Email from BS, requesting that “site water balance” information be provided to the CCC meeting.
- 24/11/15 – Email from KB that he would provide the information from the 2014/2015 water year at the December meeting.
- Emails back and forth with RSVP’s for the meeting and dinner invitation.

Receipt of correspondence moved by LA, seconded by BM.

9. DECLARATION OF INTEREST FORM

The Chair presented a newly-created Declaration of Interest form, prepared in line with a similar document from the NSW Department of Industry in accordance with the NSW Government Boards and Committees Guidelines (2013). LA explained that it is standard procedure for members of committees and boards to complete the declaration form to demonstrate openness, transparency and good governance. This practice is designed to protect members from any perception of misconduct, whilst undertaking their duties as a committee member. Completed forms will be kept by the chair and will not appear on the project website.

Hard copy forms were handed out and returned at the end of the meeting, duly completed. (Other members will be reminded to fill in their forms for submission by the next meeting.)

9. REPORT BY KIEREN BENNETTS

An update on operations and an overview of activities was provided to the CCC via presentation. Various questions answered and actions were raised throughout delivery of the report, including:

- Request from BS for access to the monthly EPL reports. KB to send link.
- Discussion around ‘Have A Chat’ schedule for 2016. It was agreed to commence Wollar Have A Chat sessions on a bi-monthly schedule commencing February 2016. KB to send proposed schedule to BS. BS to discuss with Wollar Progress Association and provide response/feedback.
- Discussion regarding groundwater draw-down at Wilpinjong Creek and Jim Smith’s spring. IF to look at the hydrographs at the bores and provide information to BM.

10. REPORT BY IAN FLOOD

An update of the Wilpinjong Extension Project (WEP) was provided to the CCC via presentation. Various questions were answered and actions raised throughout delivery of the report, including:

- KF raised on behalf of BH a query regarding inadequate signage along Mogo Road whilst the house demolition was occurring. IF provided an overview of the incident, and advised he had spoken to the contractors. IF to phone BH and discuss directly.
- BS raised a query regarding Ponton’s house burning down and was advised there was no fire, but an accidental fire at Peach’s house.

11. GENERAL BUSINESS

New contact when attended noise monitoring to occur

- KB advised SL no longer wished to be the contact person when attended noise monitoring was to occur and therefore another community member should be nominated. BS to take to the next Wollar Progress Association meeting in January 2016 and advise LA. In the meantime, no contact will be made by the noise monitoring contractors.

Article in newspaper – Cattle on Rehabilitation

- BS asked questions in relation to the rehabilitated area where the cattle are located.
- IF and BJ confirmed that it is a trial and results of the study will be published in the AEMR.
- BS queried the cost per hectare of rehabilitation and was advised cost not available.

Membership to CCC

- LA raised the issue of membership as it has been some time since some members have attended.
- LA queried whether there were any objections to asking Susan Schneider or Helen Barnes if they were interested in becoming members, as they had often attended as observers. No objections were received. LA to contact DP&E on the replacement process.
- LA will also write to Mid-Western Regional Council seeking an alternate representative.

Domestic Powerline Relocation

- BM queried where the domestic powerline would be relocated to.
- IF confirmed he is meeting with Essential Energy and will provide an update at next meeting.

Schedule for 2016

- Schedule was confirmed as per below. LA to send out an Expression of Interest regarding start time.

WEP - public consultation during exhibition period

- BS queried whether there will be an opportunity for a public consultation day during the exhibition period.
- IF confirmed that there are no plans for that to occur.

Meeting Closed:

4:51 pm with all present invited to stay for Christmas dinner, which was catered by Parklands Resort and sponsored by Wilpinjong Coal.

Next Meetings:

- Monday, 22 February 2016
- Monday, 16 May 2016
- Monday, 15 August 2016
- Monday, 5 December 2016

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 all completed management plans.	KB	Next meeting
3.	Email IF names and contact details of all community members for the purpose of receiving newsletters.	BS	Prior to next meeting
4.	Advise LA and of the contact for when attended noise monitoring is to occur.	BS	Prior to next meeting
5.	Send link of where monthly EPL reports can be accessed.	KB	Prior to next meeting
6.	Send proposed 2016 Have a Chat schedule to BS for tabling at Wollar Progress Association meeting.	KB	ASAP
7.	Provide feedback regarding 2016 Have a Chat schedule.	BS	ASAP
8.	Look at the hydrographs for the bores at Wilpinjong Creek and Jim Smith's spring and provide information to BM.	IF	ASAP
9.	Phone BH and discuss the incident regarding inadequate signage along Mogo Road whilst houses being demolished.	IF	ASAP
10.	Write to Mid-Western Regional Council seeking an alternate representative for 2016 and also contact the DP&E on replacing a member on the CCC	LA	Prior to next meeting
11.	Update regarding relocation of domestic powerline.	IF	Next meeting
12.	Send out expression of interest regarding start time of meetings next year.	LA	ASAP
13.	Complete and send back Declaration of Interests forms to LA.	All	ASAP