

## Minutes of the Wilpinjong Community Consultative Committee held at Wollar General Store – Wollar NSW

Monday 24 September 2012

### **Committee Members Present:**

Margaret MacDonald-Hill (MMH) (Chair)  
Bruce Hughes (BH)  
Bev Smiles (BS)  
Esme Martens (EM)  
Brian McDermott (BM)  
Kim Peach (KP)  
John Webb (JW)  
Kieren Bennetts (KB) – Environment & Community Manager, Peabody Wilpinjong

**Invited Guests** Jamie Lees (JL) – Manager of Project Development & Approvals, Peabody Wilpinjong  
Clark Potter (CP) – Senior Environmental Advisor, Peabody Wilpinjong

**Absent:** Col Bailey (CB)

**Apologies:** Ian Livingstone-Blevins (ILB)

**Scribe:** Cheryl Ferguson (CF)

**Commenced:** 2.05 PM

**Chair:** MMH

1.	<b>Welcome:</b> MMH welcomed everyone to the CCC meeting.
2.	<b>Declarations of Interest</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. BH – Peabody purchased block of land from Bruce Hughes</li><li>2. MMH – Independent chairperson approved by DoP&amp;I, Members of the Mine Subsidence Board and Ministers' Arbitration Panel</li><li>3. EM – Mid-Western Regional Council Committee Member, also on Ulan, Moolarben &amp; Charbon Coal CCC's as Council/Community member</li><li>4. BS – Member of Mine Watch and Mudgee District Environment Group</li><li>5. BM – Casual contractor for Wilpinjong Coal Pty Ltd</li><li>6. KP – Proprietor of Wollar General Store</li></ol>
3.	<b>Confirmation of Previous Minutes – 25 June 2012</b> <p>BS moved the previous minutes and BH 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion</p>
4.	<b>Business Arising:</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. BH – Raised issue of contractors parking near mine entrance and making u-turns without looking properly. KB to follow up with site.</li><li>2. BH – Ulan-Wollar Road closures from blasting activities: Can the times be advertised in the <i>Mudgee Guardian</i>? KB: Times vary depending on railway activities and granted track possessions from ARTC. Will investigate possibility with site personnel.</li><li>3. BH – Enquired about the water discharge. KB: Will be address in the presentation to follow.</li><li>4. BM – Wollar Creek: Is there anymore testing and is it getting better? Is it possible to provide a report to see if insects and fish are on the increase? KB: Will present report at the next CCC meeting</li><li>5. BM – Slate Gully update: Will more information be released when available? KB: Yes</li><li>6. EM – Ulan Road: Raised concerns about the cost, re-analysis to be done.</li><li>7. BS – Thanked MMH for forwarding information on ARTC.</li><li>8. MMH – Advised of sponsorship of Mudgee House by Peabody, Moolarben, Council and Club Mudgee providing accommodation for medical students during their internship in the Mudgee area acknowledging a positive from mining.</li></ol>

5.	<p><b>Correspondence Out:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Nil</li> </ul> <p><b>Correspondence In:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Nil</li> </ul>
6.	<p><b>Presentation – Environmental, Dust, Noise, Donations, Water – Jul to Sep 2012 (KB)</b></p> <p><b><u>Rainfall</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• July 60mm, August 15mm.</li> </ul> <p><b><u>Water Balance</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 3,600 mega litres on site as of August 2012</li> </ul> <p><b><u>Dust Monitoring</u></b></p> <p><b><i>Depositional Dust Gauges</i></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Compliant</li> </ul> <p><b><i>Hi Volume Air Samplers</i></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Complaint</li> </ul> <p><b><i>Team's (Real Time Dust Monitors)</i></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Compliant</li> </ul> <p>15.2 Hours lost production for dust management since last meeting</p> <p><b><u>Attended &amp; Real Time Noise Monitoring</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Noise Monitor Location – Slate Gully, Wollar Central, Conradt Property</li> <li>• 406 hours lost production for noise management since last meeting.</li> </ul> <p><b><u>Rehabilitation</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Up to 2010 – Rehabilitated 95 Ha,</li> <li>• 2011 – Rehabilitated 65 Ha.</li> <li>• 2012 - Proposed 41 Ha.</li> <li>• Rehabilitated 160 Ha to date. Peabody endeavors to rehabilitate 90% of available mined land per year</li> </ul> <p><b><u>Community Update – Donations Jul - Sep 2012</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pioneer House</li> <li>• NSW Ambulance Service</li> <li>• Regent Honeyeater</li> <li>• Wollar &amp; Gulgong Primary School – Stewart House</li> <li>• Watershed Landcare – Greenday</li> <li>• University of Wollongong – Doctors accommodation</li> <li>• Gulgong Pre-school</li> <li>• Gulgong Folk Festival</li> <li>• Rylstone Street Feast</li> <li>• Cudgegong Jump Club</li> <li>• Mudgee Softball</li> </ul> <p><b><u>Reverse Osmosis Plant</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• EC =/ &lt; 1500 monitored continuously</li> <li>• pH = between 6.5-8.5, monitored continuously</li> <li>• TSS = / &lt; 50mg/L</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Oil and grease = /&lt;10gm/L</li> <li>• Since commissioning has discharged 131 ML</li> </ul> <p>Water sampling occurs during discharge into Wilpinjong Creek</p> <p><b><u>5 Year Mine Plan</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pit 3 next year</li> <li>• Continuation of mining in Pets 1, 2 &amp; 5</li> </ul>
7.	<p><b><i>Presentation – Wilpinjong Land Ownership (JL)</i></b></p> <p><b><u>Property Ownership/Management Statistics</u></b></p> <p>Wilpinjong owns / manages approx:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 18,283 Ha freehold</li> <li>• 540 Ha crown land</li> </ul> <p>This land is used for active mining, future mining reserves, biodiversity offset areas, buffer lands and agricultural land owned by the mine.</p> <p><b><u>Crown Land Activities</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The company is current working with Dept Primary Industries on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Crown land consolidated licence</li> <li>- Crown road closures over mining areas</li> <li>- Perpetual lease conversions to freehold</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p>These activities will assist in easing the administration issues between DPI (Catchment &amp; Lands) and Wilpinjong Coal</p> <p><b><u>Property Management</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• During property purchases it may be negotiated with the vendor that the land may be licensed back for a nominated term.</li> <li>• To assist in land management, Wilpinjong consolidates the properties larger landholdings to enable the land (where appropriate) to be operated as commercial agricultural holdings. These landholders manage the rural pests and weeds in accordance with the licence / lease agreement</li> </ul> <p><b><u>Bushfire Management</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Peabody / Thiess are currently investigating the recruitment of employee fire fighting volunteers. These volunteers would: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Be trained and registered with NSW RFS</li> <li>- Work in partnership with MCM &amp; UCML and local RFS brigades during a fire that is on or threatens mine owned land</li> <li>- Assist in primary response to bushfire incident and support NSW RFS in fire fighting on mine-owned land</li> <li>- Respond to fires with NSW RFS assets</li> <li>- Supplement support with Wilpinjong fire fighting truck – if required</li> </ul> </li> <li>• WCM has been undertaking extensive slashing to reduce grass fuel loading around mining operations</li> </ul> <p><b><u>Peabody Dwelling Status</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• As properties have been acquired, Peabody have been assessing residences as to whether:- <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Leased out</li> <li>- Renovated then leased out (if viable)</li> <li>- Demolished</li> </ul> </li> <li>• All properties are leased out and managed by a Mudgee Real Estate Agent <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Properties are leased to mine employees to assist in offsetting the house shortage in the local towns.</li> <li>- For larger blocks, the dwelling yard is reduced and residual land is incorporated into the surrounding agricultural licence.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p><b><u>Key Issues</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cost of renovation is significant</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Some residences are in a state that makes them unviable to renovate due to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- White ants</li> <li>- Non-compliant / approved structures</li> <li>- Non-compliant electrical wiring</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Waste management</li> <li>- Significant volumes of waste have been accumulated on acquired properties <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Waste is segregated and recycled where possible</li> <li>- Inert waste sent to authorized landfill</li> </ul> </li> <li>- Asbestos / hazardous wastes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Significant volumes of hazardous wastes exist</li> <li>- Managed and disposed of by a licensed contractor</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
	<p><b>General Business:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. BS – Reported rumours of land to be offset for future proposals because of damage done to the Munghorn nature reserve – asked if a National Park &amp; Wildlife Representative on the CCC. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• KB advised that this is not the case. An incident with the Munghorn Nature Reserve had occurred a few years ago (under previous management), however this matter had been resolved with the authorities.</li> </ul> </li> <li>2. BS – Has the high wall started yet? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• JL advised that no high wall mining activity had commenced at Wilpinjong.</li> </ul> </li> <li>3. BH – asked about the Wilpinjong newsletter – have not received a copy. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• KB advised that WCM tries to put out a newsletter every 6 months. This next one is due for publication</li> </ul> </li> <li>4. JW – Requested that new contractors and employees, as part of their induction, be advised of the dangers on Cassillis Road, and that their loads need to be strapped down. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• KB advised that this issue has been addressed as part of an ongoing concern by WCM, various tool box talks have been issued on this matter</li> </ul> </li> <li>5. MMH – Thanked KP for providing meeting location</li> </ol>
8.	<p><b>Next meetings:</b></p> <p><b>Monday 26 November 2012 – 3.00 PM Wollar General Store</b></p>
	<p><b>Meeting Closed:</b> 3.40 PM</p>

## Action Items List

Agreed Action Items/Outcome	Who	When
Invite member of National Park & Wildlife to next meeting	MMH	NOV 2012
Copy of land map to be provided to CCC	JL	NOV 2012
Report on Wollar Creek	KB	NOV 2012