

Minutes of the Wilpinjong Community Consultative Committee held at Wilpinjong Coal

Venue: Wollar General Store

Date: 18 March 2013

Committee Members Present

Brian McDermott (BM)

Margaret MacDonald-Hill (MMH)

Kim Peach (KP)

Bruce Hughes (BH)

Bev Smiles (BS)

Kieren Bennetts (KB) – Environment & Community Manager – Peabody Energy Aust Pty Ltd - WCPL

Jamie Lees (JL) – Manager Project Development & Approvals – Peabody Energy Aust Pty Ltd – WCPL

Invited Guests: Clark Potter (CP) _ Senior Environmental Advisor– Peabody Energy Aust Pty Ltd – WCPL

Absent: Col Bailey (CB)

Apologies: Ian Livingstone-Blevins (ILB) – General Manager – Peabody Energy Aust Pty Ltd - WCPL

John Webb (JW)

David Crust (DC)

Observers: Bruce Marshall – Wollar Resident

John Jakes – Wollar Resident

Helen Barnes - Wollar Resident

Scribe: Catherine Lunn (CL)

Commenced: 2.10 PM

Chair: MMH

1.	Welcome: Margaret MacDonald-Hill welcomed everyone to the CCC meeting and sought Committee's agreement to allow Bruce Marshall to address the meeting.
2.	BM <ul style="list-style-type: none">• BM raised concern over the affects of the spontaneous combustion (spon com) in Wollar which the EIS predicts to be a non-disturbance area.• KB explained that air quality monitors are in place and alarms are raised if levels start to rise. This is a new temporary monitoring network which has been installed after discussions with the EPA. Community will be notified if levels are out of compliance.• BM requested that the Chair bring this to the attention of the Director General, DP&I regarding Dust Exposure and Spon Com in a non-disturbance area.
3.	Declarations of Interest <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. MMH – Independent chairperson approved by DP&I, Member of the Mine Subsidence Board and Ministers Arbitration Panel2. BS – Declared to be a member of Mine Watch and Mudgee District Environment Group3. KP – Proprietor - Wollar General Store
4.	Confirmation of Previous Minutes – Monday 26 November 2012 <p>BM moved the minutes, seconded by BH with the following amendment to Item 7 General Business:</p> <p><i>Insert BS- Raised the issue of Peabody Ownership in the Bylong tenement in response to Peabody's purchase zones prior to MMH comment on exploration licenses in the Bylong Valley not applicable to Peabody.</i></p>
5.	Business Arising: <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Requested that JL present 'Landownership Update' at the next meeting.2. Community concern regarding land management and ownership. JL confirmed that the Minnamurra lease includes Wandoona. There is extensive weed control undertaken on these areas and a rotational grazing program in place. There is currently no public tender process for vacant land as Peabody is consolidating grazing land into large Licensed holding (with existing lessees and Licencee's to make the landholdings more viable for agricultural enterprises.3. RFS Bushfire volunteer program training has been delayed due to a long administration process required by the RFS for new volunteers. Wollar community concern that more people are supporting Cooks Gap Fire Brigade. JL stated that new Wilpinjong

	<p>volunteers are joining Cooks Gap due to advice from NSW RFS that the Wollar brigade was closing and becoming an Annexure brigade of Cooks Gap. If things change, Wilpinjong will work with NSW RF to resolve issues, but will not become involved with internal brigade politics..</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Railway line- Mudgee to Kandos - MMH advised that she had confirmed with John Holland, the company managing line for State Rail that there are no current plans to re-open the line. Progress on Mudgee-Ulan Road. The three mines will be meeting with the Minister of DP&I on the 10 April 2013. Cumbo Road- Peabody currently grading the road due to short term heavy vehicle movements. MWRC are preparing to upgrade and reseal the 2km at the Wilpinjong entrance onwards. The remainder of the road will be sealed within 2 years. Cumbo Creek - Design for realignment of Cumbo Creek is still to be finalised, presentation on the realignment at the next CCC meeting.
6.	<p>Correspondence Out: 12/12/2012 – Colin Bailey absence. Colin is still interested in being part of the Committee. 12/12/2012 – Esme Martin- Thank you letter from the CCC. 17/12/2012 – Scott Lillis – expression of interest in being part of the committee.</p> <p>Correspondence In: 18/12/2012- Email acknowledgement to Scott Lillis 18/3/13 - questions tabled through Chair from John Jakes on behalf of Barigan Valley residents</p>
7.	<p>Report Jamie Lees</p> <p>75W Update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Only change in s75W since when the project was presented to the CCC is the inclusion of a new elevated waste dump in the already disturbed footprint of the mine. Committee raised the question of how many train movements there were per day. JL explained that there were approximately 6-7 movements per day, with a maximum of 10. JL also updated the Committee on Cobbora Mines recent proposal for use of the tracks. Committee raised concern over the track availability and the actual space on the line. JL provided an update on the specialist studies <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Noise and Blasting (SLR Consulting) background field work in complete with analysis now being completed. Air Quality and Greenhouse Gas (TAS consulting)- development of emissions inventory/modeling being completed. Flora- site fauna surveys complete and data analysis underway. Potential biodiversity offset requirements being evaluated. Groundwater- modeling of any incremental groundwater impacts and data analysis underway. Surface Water- Site inspection complete and modeling and data analysis is underway. Road Transport traffic surveys complete (GTA Consultants) Agricultural Resources fieldwork complete and analysis is underway. 75W Modification timing is looking at EA lodgement in 3rd Quarter 2013. <p>Land Management</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cumbo Valley sprayed for St Johns Wort (Spring 2012) Large areas of Blackberry to be sprayed along the Munghorn Nature Reserve boundary, Wilpinjong Creek within Environmental Conservation Area and on property owned in the Barrigan Valley (Summer/Autumn 2013) Discussions with NPWS regarding the Goulburn River Willow control program to occur on the 22 March 2013 Feral Animal Control- Wild Dog Association dog aerial baiting program 1st – 2nd May 2013, Incorporates the Goulburn River catchment. Ground Baiting program along Wilpinjong Creek and NPWS Boundary – May 2013. Current activities focused on property maintenance and targeted cleanups on structures that pose a community hazard. Property demolitions have been suspended due to significant waste volume issues. Wilpinjong is undertaking a major Surface Water and Ground Water installation and licensing review.
	<p>Report Kieren Bennetts</p> <p>Dust Monitoring</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> All dust monitoring results have been compliant. 51.6 lost production hours for dust management since 26th November 2012. <p>Spontaneous Combustion- Stockpile 11</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Stockpile 11 rehandled through CHPP on Thursday 14th March and finished Saturday 16th March. Recent activity conducted without community complaint. It was questioned if there was a current spon com management plan as the last one was developed in 2006. JL explained that a new management plan is currently being updated. <p>Real Time Noise</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 25.78 production hours were lost for noise management since 26th November 2012. <p>Community Update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A number of donations have been made to the local community including- Mudgee Playgroup, Wollar Progress Association and Ride for Jade. Community Consultation Days have had positive turn out after 4 sessions. Sessions are being held on the first Thursday of the

	Month at the Wollar General Store. Enquiries have included- expansions, rental property concerns, , future projects and Peabody Operations.
8.	General Business: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Scott Lillis has formally approached and applied to be part of the CCC. Committee approves Scott's application. • Committee agreed to have contact numbers displayed at Wollar Store for Community queries. • Group discussion over what to do in case of a fire. Committee advised on calling 000 first and using precaution around fires.
9.	Next meetings: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Monday 24 June 2013 – 2.00pm • Monday 23 Sept 2013 - TBA • Monday 25 Nov 2013 - TBA
10.	Meeting Closed: 4:05 PM

Action Items List

Agreed Action Items/Outcome	Who	When
BM to email MMH details required for letter to DG. MMH to forward letter from committee to DG	BM MMH	Prior to next meeting
CCC Committee to advise preferred contact details for display at Wollar Store	KB JL	Prior to next meeting
Cumbo Creek realignment Presentation	KB	Next meeting
JL to present 'Landownership Update'	JL	Next meeting
JL response to questions submitted on behalf of Barigan Valley residents	JL	Next meeting