

Minutes of the Wilpinjong Community Consultative Committee held at Wilpinjong Coal

Venue: Wollar General Store - 26 November 2012

Committee Members Present

Brian McDermott (BM)
John Webb (JW)
Margaret MacDonald-Hill (MMH)
Kim Peach (KP)
Bruce Hughes (BH)
Bev Smiles (BS)
Ian Livingstone-Blevins (ILB) – General Manager – Peabody Energy Aust Pty Ltd - WCPL
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 _ Senior Environmental Advisor– Peabody Energy Aust Pty Ltd – WCPL
Suzanne Cryle – Community Relations Manager – Peabody Energy – Corporate- Brisbane
David Crust - Mudgee National Parks Wildlife Service, OEH

Absent: Col Bailey (CB)

Apologies: Nil

Observers: Mick Fetch – Wollar Resident
Brad O'Hara – Wollar Resident
Bruce Marshall – Wollar Resident
Colin Faulkner – Wollar Resident

Scribe: Linda Atkins (LA)

Commenced: 12.15 PM

Chair: MMH

1.	Welcome: Margaret MacDonald-Hill welcomed everyone to the CCC meeting and welcomed the observers & David Crust
2.	Declarations of Interest <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. MMH – Independent chairperson approved by DoP&I, Member of the Mine Subsidence Board and Ministers Arbitration Panel2. BM – Declared he is a casual contractor for Wilpinjong Coal Pty Ltd3. BS – Declared to be a member of Mine Watch and Mudgee District Environment Group4. JW – Mid Western Regional Councilor & Committee Member5. KP – Proprietor - Wollar General Store
3.	Confirmation of Previous Minutes – Monday 24 September 2012 JW moved the previous minutes and BM 2 nd the motion
4.	Business Arising: <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. BH - raised concerns about road behavior of contractors and employees - discussed in KB report.2. MMH invited National Parks Representative3. JL – Landownership Map distributed to CCC members
5.	Correspondence Out: 2/10/12 email to ARTC on Kandos Mudgee line 12/11/12 - email to Transport NSW on rail line Correspondence In: 16/10/12 - letter from KB on ROM Stockpile 11 19/10/12 - Response from ARTC Handed out at meeting -Flyer - Summary Assessment of results from Stream Health Monitoring 2012 Handed out at meeting - Flyer – Wilpinjong 75W Modification November 2012
6.	Report Jamie Lees – Wilpinjong Coal Extension Briefing <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Overview Wilpinjong are proposing to modify the current Part 3A approval in the next 12 months and prepare for an extension to the mine within the current Exploration Licence areas which will be a State Significant Development under Part 4.

	<p>2. Section 75W Modification</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minor incremental extensions to existing open cuts pits within ML 1573; • Minor increase in waste rock production, from 28Mbcm pa to 33.3 Mbcm pa; • Investigating the potential to allow for the disposal of Inert building waste disposal in waste rock which has been generated from outside the project area; • Tailings belt press filter added at CHPP; • Minor increase to current workforce; • Remove the CHPP feed approval limit • No changes to other approved production and railing limits • Timing EA lodgment 3rd Quarter 2013. <p>3. Wilpinjong Extension Project Key Elements</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2 new open cut pits in Slate Gully • Extension of existing pits within ML 1573 & EL's • Maintain existing approved ROM & saleable production rates • Extension to supporting infrastructure of haul road, up-catchment diversions and water management • Closure and de-gazettal of Slate Gully Road • Augment of site mobile fleet, utilize existing mine infrastructure and increasing work force • Extension to approved 21 Life of Mine • Additional mining lease EL 6169 & EL 7091 • Future high wall mining activities to maximum resource recovery • Environmental Assessment Studies to commence Mid 2013 • EIS Prepared under Part 4 of EP&A Act • EIS Lodgment late 2014 to early 2015 <p>4. Relocation of the 330kV transmission line in Slate Gully</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Required for mining in Slate Gully • Will require modification of the Transgrid Part 3A approval • Will occur concurrently to the Extension Project <p>5. Landownership Update JL provided an overview on the status of land ownership in the local area.</p> <p>6. RFS Bushfire Volunteer Program – Wilpinjong, Moolarben, Ulan and Cockatoo Coal Mines to recruit volunteers</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wilpinjong RFS volunteers will become members of Cooks Gaps Brigade, training is scheduled for Dec 2012 through to Feb 2013 • JW - Cooks Gap cover approximately 50 km radius, meeting held recently new volunteers joined Moolarben Coal Fire Brigade • Observer: BM: Previously Wollar RFS had 60 volunteers with no concerns of them assisting in bush fires, now down to 4 with concerns of not increasing. • JL Wilpinjong is encouraging people that lease Wilpinjong houses and land to become RFS volunteers • JW - Every land holder has a responsibility to control fire on their land
	<p>Report – KB – Presentation – 26 November 2012</p> <p>Blast Notifications</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Blast notification hotline – Date & time of upcoming blast, also weekly blasting schedule (subject to change) – 1800 649 783 – Free Call Service <p>Community Update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wilpinjong have changed how they attend meetings in Wollar to become more accessible to the community. This will be achieved by having a staff member at the Wollar Store on the first Thursday of each month, hours are 1:30 to 4:30 PM. • Peabody Energy will be owner operator from 1st April 2013. • Conduct of people parking adjacent to the front gate to smoke. Raised at Wilpinjong's Health Safety & Environment Committee meeting 3rd Oct 2012. Wilpinjong maintains off road smoking area approximately 1 Klm west of the mine site entry – personnel encouraged to utilise facility <p>Donations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rylstone Street Feast • Mudgee High School • Mudgee Junior Softball • Gulgong Public School

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gulgong Business Awards • Red Hill Tree Day • Mudgee Men's Shed <p>Upcoming Donations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rural Fire Service • Rotary Christmas Carols <p>Dust Monitoring</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 140 Hours of lost production for dust management since 24th Sept 2012 • Depositional Gust Gauges – Complaint • Hi Volume Air Samplers – Compliant • TEOM's – One non compliant event – 25th Oct 2012 <p>Dust Exceedance – 25th Oct 2012</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A 24 hour PM 10 dust level of 60.3 µg/m3 was recorded at the Slate Gully TEOM • Above Air Quality Management Plan limit of 50 µg/m3. • Dust from Stockpile 11 (spontaneous combustion management) – captured by strong temperature inversion layer in the early morning. • Regional dust event - contributed to recorded dust concentrations <p>Control Measures implemented:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stop all work on stockpile 11, • Modify pit activities:- Utilise all water carts. • All operations stopped at 11:30am for the remainder of the day. <p>Environmental Incidents</p> <p>Spontaneous Combustion 9th October 2012</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stockpile 11 identified as heating 25th Sept 2012. • Managed by progressively washing coal through CHPP. • Issues with train load out at Macquarie Generation • 9th October 2012 Spontaneous Combustion outbreak. • Controlled through dozer push - compaction of stockpile & reduction of working face • Approval from DP&I to increase coal processing through CHPP <p>Noise</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Noise monitors location – No changes • Attended Noise Monitoring – Conducted 23rd & 24th October 2012, mine was audible and compliant. • 87.75 hours lost production for noise management since last meeting on 24th September <p>Rainfall</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Below average rainfall since last CCC meeting. <p>Rehabilitation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 43 ha completed for 2012 <p>Water</p> <p>Results from Summary Assessment of results from Stream Health Monitoring 2012</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Slight improvement in quality of Wilpinjong Creek compared to previous years • No improvement, and perhaps even a decline, in environmental quality upstream of the Wilpinjong lease. • Little change in environmental quality in Wollar Creek or Cumbo Creek.
7.	<p>General Business:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • JW – Recognition of participation at Gulgong Small Business Awards – presentations made by Lloyd Coleman from Peabody Energy Aust; • Observer - BM – on behalf of the Wollar Progress Association, Requested financial assistance from Peabody for the payment of insurances etc for the Wollar Hall • JL – Scott Lillis from SJ Landscaping would like to apply for position on CCC Committee and requested MMH to contact him regarding the process; • BS – Had been contacted by Barrigan Valley Landholders regarding land purchase issues, • JL/ILB – These properties are not within Peabody's property purchase zones and there is no budget provisions. This position has been communicated to these landholders. • MMH - referred to ICAC investigation into exploration licenses in the Bylong Valley. Licence goes with the land, not the individual even if one person has corrupted the process. • BS – Wollar main road still in progress? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ JW – council has no resources;

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> BH – Ulan-Wollar Road is the road being repaired? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> JW – Council is overdue by four months, approvals to go ahead soon, ILB – two independent reports have been prepared to support the Ulan Road Strategy, however council still not accepting approvals which is delaying work on the road; BM – Requested a Thank you letter to Esme Martens for being part of CCC Committee for a long period. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> MMH confirmed JW is now the CCC Committee representative and MWRC Councillor; JW – Drew attention to bad behavior on local roads mostly from the public, contractors or employees of the mines. Multiple overtaking on single lane roads, driver education required on country roads and need to provide other times for large haulage; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> KB explained the bad driver reporting program that is in operation between the 3 mines. BS – Other mines are busing their workers and options to cut down with traffic, Narrabri Shire employees are busing workers into the mines. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ILB – Previously WCPL bused with an excess of \$250K per year to bus employees, not all employees are located in Mudgee, it is difficult to get numbers up when workforce live in other directions. Observer – BM – Wollar RFS – Tanker, Cat 9 & two vehicles have been relocated to other brigades due to current manning numbers, Cooks Gap may merge with Wollar RFS.
8.	Next meetings: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Monday 18 March 2013-3.00 PM-Wollar General Store Monday 24 June 2013 - TBA Monday 23 Sept 2013 - TBA Monday 25 Nov 2013 - TBA
9.	Meeting Closed: 1.40 PM

Action Items List

Agreed Action Items/Outcome	Who	When
Publication of previous minutes to be placed on Peabody's web site	LA	Dec 2012
Thank you letter to Esme Martens	MMH	Dec 2012
Contact Scott Lillis to discuss process of becoming a CCC member	MMH	Dec 2012