

## Wilpinjong Community Consultative Committee Meeting Minutes

Wilpinjong Board Room  
23 September 2013

**Present:** Brian McDermott (BM)  
Margaret MacDonald-Hill (MMH)  
Bev Smiles (BS)  
Bruce Hughes (BH)  
Scott Lillis (SL)  
Col Bailey (CB)  
Kieren Bennetts (KB) –Environment & Community Manager, Peabody Energy, Wilpinjong

**Absent:** Nil

**Apologies:** Kim Peach (KP), John Webb (JW), David Crust (DC),  
Ian Livingstone-Blevins (Group was advised ILB is no longer the general manager of Wilpinjong and Blair Jackson will be taking over his position on the committee).

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

**Observer:** Lisa Andrews .

**Scribe:** Catherine French

**Commenced:** 1.06pm

**Chair:** Margaret MacDonald-Hill (MMH)

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| 1. | <b>Welcome:</b> Margaret MacDonald-Hill welcomed everyone to the CCC meeting.  |
| 2. | <b>Declarations of Interest</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>MMH – Independent chairperson approved by DP&amp;I, Member of the Mine Subsidence Board and Ministers Arbitration Panel</li> <li>BS – Declared to be a member of Mine Watch and Mudgee District Environment Group</li> <li>BM – Leases land from Peabody Pastoral Holdings Pty Ltd.</li> </ol>  |
| 3. | <b>Confirmation of Previous Minutes – 24 June 2013</b><br>The minutes were accepted as a true and accurate record of the meeting. Moved by BM and seconded by SL.  |
| 4. | <b>Business Arising:</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Monitoring Spon Com Report – to be discussed in presentation.</li> <li>S75W Modification – to be discussed in presentation.</li> <li>Slate Gully – to be discussed in presentation.</li> <li>John Jakes (JJ) application to be a member of the CCC. Strong discussion between CCC members, MMH feels that JJ has a specific issue with Peabody Wilpinjong which may not be in his or the best interest of the committee, although she empathises with JJ's situation. JL expressed significant concern as JJ has been aggressive towards Wilpinjong administration employees during blast notification phone calls. Members not present at the meeting have also expressed concern to MMH of JJ involvement in the committee. BS and SL believe that JJ's application should be accepted, as he may become better educated on the mine's issues and can be another representative for the community. BH suggested JJ attending meetings as a visitor. It was noted that the committee already has more than the required number of members. Majority of committee agreed that JJ continue as an observer at the CCC meetings. BS objects to this outcome.</li> </ol> |

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|    | <p>5. Installation of blast monitor – to be discussed in presentation.</p> <p>6. Cumbo Creek Compacted material – to be discussed in presentation.</p> <p>7. JL to provide JJ EIS (Socio Economic Impact Assessment) – Complete.</p> <p>8. Road realignment – to be discussed in presentation.</p>   |
| 5. | <p><b>Correspondence In:</b></p> <p><b>17/06/2013</b> - Letter from DP&amp;I approving Scott Lillis</p> <p><b>19/08/2013</b> – Email from JL on s75 modification public exhibition and links.</p> <p><b>21/8/2013</b> - Email from JL on technical sub-appendices and links</p> <p><b>Correspondence Out:</b></p> <p><b>01/07/2013</b> – forwarding DP&amp;I approval to Scott Lillis</p> <p><b>30/07/2013</b> – additional information on spontaneous combustion management and copy of letter to DP&amp;I</p>  |
| 6. | <p><b>Action List from Previous Meeting</b></p> <p><u>Cumbo Creek Geotechnical Investigation</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Following peer review of the Cumbo Creek Diversion, recommendation made to review construction of Zone 4 material. Zone 4 to be developed in a similar manner to Zone 3 material (compacted), with engineering controls to minimize the potential for settlement and slumping over time. Construction of zones 3 &amp; 4 could take up to 2 years. Alluvial material sourced from other areas in the mine which replicate the characteristics of the current creek alluvial's. Controls will be implemented to avoid sediment contamination into Wilpinjong Creek. A number of KPI's need to be met prior to the project going ahead.</li> </ul> <p><u>Blast Monitoring – Helen Barnes</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A blast monitor was placed at Helen Barnes property for noise monitoring between July and August 2013 and blast monitoring during the month of July 2013. The report, available for distribution to Helen this week, and indicates no impact from mining. Helen Barnes' property is 20km away from the mine site.</li> <li>It was questioned why blasts are undertaken when there is overcast weather as BH recently felt an over pressure wave. It was confirmed that the Drill and Blast team must undertake a checklist and meet a number of criteria's including wind speeds and direction.</li> <li>There are approximately 15 – 20 blasts each month and there are possibilities of two blasts occurring in the one day. Usually, Wilpinjong blasts are at 11.30am.</li> </ul> <p><u>Ulan – Wollar Road Re-alignment</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>CCC was shown the proposed re-alignment of Ulan-Wollar Road.</li> <li>2015 – Detailed design and approval.</li> <li>2016 – Physical re-alignment</li> <li>BS questioned the comparative costs to realign the road and the amount of coal taken from the ground. JL confirmed it is a feasible option.</li> </ul> |
| 7. | <p><b>Report Kieren Bennetts</b></p> <p><u>Attended Noise Monitoring</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Conducted on 17<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup> June 2013.</li> <li>Mine site audible during monitoring, including: Exhaust, gear changes, Brake Squeal, truck loading, horns, engines, fans and dozer tracks and general mine continuum.</li> <li>Summary of compliance: <i>Environmental noise monitoring described in this report was undertaken during the evening periods on 17,18 and 19 June and night periods on 17/18 and 18/19 June 2013. Attended noise monitoring was conducted at five sites. The duration of all measurements was 15 minutes. Wind speed and/or estimated temperature inversion conditions resulted in criteria not always being applicable, as indicated in Table 4.2 and Table 4.3. Wilpinjong Coal Project (WCP) complied with noise limits at the monitoring locations during the May/ June 2013 monitoring period.</i></li> <li>Real time noise monitoring locations are: Araluen Road, Wollar Central, Wandoona.</li> </ul>   |

#### Dust Monitoring

- Depositional Dust Gauges – Compliant
- Hi Volume Air Samplers – Compliant
- TEOM's (Real Time Dust Monitors) – Compliant

#### Operational Downtime

- Total 33 hours lost: 17.9 dust, 2.3 for noise and dust, 12.89 for noise.

#### Ambient Air Monitoring

- Ambient air monitoring remains in place at Wollar until advised by the EPA.
- EPA advised that Cooks Gap monitoring stations could be decommissioned.
- Report available on the Peabody Website or at the Wollar General Store.

#### Complaints

- 39 complaints were received during the period of 24<sup>th</sup> June – 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2013.
- Blast – 18, Property – 3, Dust – 3, Odour – 3, Noise – 12.
- It was identified that the complaints came from half a dozen people.

#### 2013 Rehabilitation Areas

- Satellite map identified areas of rehabilitation for 2013.
- 35 hectares to be rehabilitated this year.

#### Licenses

##### *Environmental Protection License*

- Particulate Matter Control Best Practice Implementation Program.
  - Wilpinjong Coal Pollution Reduction Monitoring Plan – U1 Wheel Generated Dust; and
  - Wilpinjong Coal Pollution Reduction Monitoring Plan – U2 Overburden Handling in adverse weather.

##### *Mine Operations Plan - Review*

- Meeting with Mike Young at DRE
- Request MOP extension until approval of S75W modification areas.
- Submit new MOP (in accordance with new guidelines) on approval of S75W modification.

#### Exploration Drilling Program

- Drilling of four additional holes in current MOP commencing mid-October.
- 1 rig on site
- Exploration crew working Monday to Friday, daylight hours only.
- BS questioned if REF's have been completed, JL confirmed REFs have been completed.
- Slate Gully is complete with the drill holes turning in Piezos for the ground water monitoring program.
- BS requested more documentation. JL confirmed drilling will be an ongoing occurrence to refine the geological model. MMH suggested BS visit DRE website.

#### Donations

- Donations have been made to, NSWERA Central West Endurance Ride, Gulgong Polocrosse Club, Mudgee District Tennis Club, Rotary Club of Mudgee – Christmas Carols.
- 2013 Black Nugget cup was recently held with a total of \$30,000 being raised. Proceedings went to Chris O'Brien-Lifehouse, Pioneer House, Life Skills Plus.

#### Community Consultation

- First Thursday of every month between 1.30pm and 4.30pm.
- Bookings are required; please see Kim at the Wollar General Store.

#### **Report Jamie Lees**

##### Section 75W Modification

##### **Approval Process**

- Public Exhibition held on 19<sup>th</sup> August – 9<sup>th</sup> September 2013.
- 43 submissions received, 5 from government agencies, 38 from the public/NGOs.
- 16 objecting to the modification.
- 22 supporting the modification.

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|     | <p><b>Next Steps</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• WCPL preparing responses to concern raised – these will come from JL and will be complete by the end of the week.</li> <li>• Responses to submissions provided to DP&amp;I website.</li> <li>• WCPL responses published on DP&amp;I</li> <li>• DP&amp;I prepares assessment report</li> <li>• Assessment report provided to the determining authority (e.g. PAC)</li> </ul> <p><b>Wilpinjong Extension Project Prefeasibility Studies</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mine Planning <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Finalisation of disturbance areas, waste strategy and mining sequence.</li> <li>- 2013 exploration bores in Slate Gully completed.</li> <li>- Transgrid 330kV ETL relocation to be integrated in EIS. Originally the Transgrid was going to be part of it's own modification however due to legal advice the relocation is to be incorporated in the part 4 EIS phase.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Agriculture studies now commencing.</li> <li>• Groundwater monitoring network extensions will be completed during October 2013.</li> <li>• SL questioned why monitoring bores in the South of Wollar has not been considered. JL confirmed the current model it isn't showing any groundwater pressurization to the South and the coal seam out crops, however, it will be looked into.</li> <li>• Drill rig is to commence next week.</li> </ul>   |
| 8.  | <p><b>General Business:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• BS questioned the Spon Com monitoring in Cooks Gap. It was confirmed the spon com monitor in Cooks Gap was placed there in response to community complaints and in consultation with the EPA. BS questioned whether there had been combined impact monitoring from both Moolarben and Wilpinjong – CP confirmed that this was not the intent of the monitoring.</li> <li>• BS raised concern regarding the short term spon com monitoring. It was confirmed this monitoring was undertaken over a 3 month period to gain an understanding of the potential impact over the 18 month period of moving the material. BS questioned why during the monitoring period there was nothing moved during the month of June and stated this could be why the results are showing no impact. CP confirmed that spon com will not be moved every day during the proposed 18 month period. The no movement during June was able to show a clear comparison with months when the material moved. These results showed indication there was no difference. BS confirmed she still believes there is an issue with the monitoring.</li> <li>• BH questioned a statement JL made in regards to the Rural Fire Service. JL clarified that any volunteer fire fighters on site will be free to leave site to attend to any fires on Peabody Pastoral Land. If the ERT are to be sent to the fire this necessitates the closure of the mine. A meeting is being held next Tuesday with various stakeholders to review the fire plan.</li> <li>• Slate Gully project assessment reports – community had opportunity to be presented assessment reports prior to public exhibition.</li> <li>• Under the Peabody position cuts there were 2 x positions lost at Wilpinjong.</li> <li>• MMH on behalf of JW questioned the donation request of Gulgong Tennis Club – Donations committee confirmed they had not received a donation request.</li> <li>• MMH on behalf of KP has invited everyone to the art exhibit of David Tooms, oil painter. Being held on the 4<sup>th</sup> October 5pm – 7pm at the Wollar Store.</li> <li>• MMH advised the group of her resignation from the position of Independent Chair and introduced Lisa Andrews as the new chair. MMH thanked committee members for the years of input.</li> </ul> |
| 9.  | <p><b>Next meeting:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Monday 25 November 2013 – 4.00pm – Parklands Resort.</li> </ul>  |
| 10. | <p><b>Meeting Closed:</b> 2:30pm. Committee did a site inspection.</p>  |

### Action Items List

| Agreed Action Items/Outcome                      | Who | When            |
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| DRE link to be sent to BS                        | MMH | By next meeting |
| REFs link to be sent to BS                       | MMH | By next meeting |
| S75W Public Concern and Issues to be sent to CCC | JL  | When submitted  |
| Monitoring bore water in South Wollar            | JL  | By next meeting |