

## Minutes of the Wilpinjong Community Consultative Committee held at Wilpinjong Coal

Peabody Boardroom Monday 25 June 2012

### Committee Members Present

Margaret MacDonald-Hill (MMH)  
Bruce Hughes (BH)  
Bev Smiles (BS)  
Ian Livingstone-Blevins (ILB) – General Manager  
Kieren Bennetts (KB) –Environment & Community Manager  
Esme Martens (EM)

**Invited Guests**     *Robyn Williams (RW) – Native Title Liaison Officer – Wilpinjong Coal Pty Ltd*

**Absent:**             *Col Bailey (CB)*  
                         *John Webb (JW)*

**Apologies:**        *Kim Peach (KP)*  
                         *Brian McDermott (BM)*

**Scribe:**             *Linda Atkins (LA)*

**Commenced:**     3.00 PM

**Chair:**              *MMH*

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>1. MMH – Independent chairperson approved by DoP&amp;I, Member of the Mine Subsidence Board and Ministers Arbitration Panel</li><li>2. BS – Declared to be a member of Mine Watch and Mudgee District Environment Group</li><li>3. EM – Mid-Western Regional Council Committee Member, also on Ulan, Moolarben Coal and Charbon Coal CCC's as Council/Community Representative. Mid-Western Regional Planning Committee</li></ol>
3.	<b>Confirmation of Previous Minutes – 26 March 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. KB - Modification 4 – still with DoP &amp; I for assessment. Notification due shortly;</li><li>2. ILB - MacGen - Contracted to receive seven million tones, exporting coal of 5.5 Mil tones. Coal extract varies with some years, i.e. (not able to produce 12 million tones due to weather condition and mining sequence);</li><li>3. ILB - Road Study – Referred back to DoP&amp;I, WCPL forwarded recommendations based on consultants report for approval to receive funds this was rejected by MWRC, WCPL then forwarded the request back to arbitration. Consultant visited Wilpinjong, approved by DoP&amp;I to review conditions of the road leading to WCPL; recommendations were put forward for the upgrade. Report and recommendations were forwarded to the MWRC to provide funds in turn the MWRC rejected this request;</li><li>4. ILB - Slate Gully Proposal – CCC to be informed from Peabody Communications, members to receive Communications Package;</li><li>5. ILB - Train Movements – DoP&amp;I reviewing Mod 4, Total train capacity from all mines in this region either 20-40 trains per day depending on loading times and scheduling from other mines. Ten trains peak will not exceed 6 trains daily average, WCPL average is six trains per day; MMH followed up on contact numbers for ARTC (tabled emails);</li><li>6. KB - Rehabilitation – 2011 65ha, 2012 proposing 41ha, 2013 proposing 80ha, depending on where haul roads and dumps will be situated on site, official target for the mine is to rehabilitate 90% of available lands;</li><li>7. ILB - Ulan-Wollar Road – 5.5 Klm from the mine to Wollar Village are impacted by light &amp; heavy vehicles movements per day, council should be maintaining the road.</li></ol>
5.	<b>Correspondence Out:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 5,12 &amp; 19 June 2012 – Emailed – ARTC on safety issues</li><li>• 12 June 2012 – Emailed reply to Vicki Tapp, wishing her well.</li></ul> <b>Correspondence In:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 11, 19 June 2012 - Response from ARTC</li><li>• 12 June 2012 – Email CCC resignation from Vicki Tapp Vicki wishes to thank all members of the committee</li></ul>

6.	<p><b>Report – ILB</b></p> <p>1. Covered in Section 4</p>
7.	<p><b>Report – KB – Presentation – Environmental, Dust, Noise, Donations Water - Sept to Dec 2011</b></p> <p><b><u>Rainfall</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Above average rainfall for Feb &amp; March. YTD wettest year since operations began in 2006.</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 March 2012</li> </ul> <p><b><u>Dust Monitoring</u></b></p> <p><b>Depositional Dust Gauges</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Compliant</li> </ul> <p><b><u>Hi Volume Air Samplers</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Complaint</li> </ul> <p><b><u>Teom's (Real Time Dust Monitors)</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Compliant</li> </ul> <p>77 Hours lost production for dust management since 1<sup>st</sup> January 2012</p> <p><b><u>Attended &amp; Real Time Noise Monitoring</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Noise Monitor Location – No changes – Slate Gully, Wollar Central, Araluen Road;</li> <li>Attended Noise Monitoring – Wollar - Conducted on 17th &amp; 19th April 2012, mine was audible and compliant;</li> <li>551 hours lost production for noise management since 1st January 2012.</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 Feb &amp; March 2012</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mudgee Angus Breeders Assoc.</li> <li>Gulgong Eisteddfod</li> <li>Bylong Mouse Races</li> <li>Mudgee Veterans Golfers Assoc.</li> <li>Rotary Clock Awards</li> <li>Mudgee Hospital – New electronic bed</li> <li>Mudgee Readers Festival</li> <li>Cudgegong Public School</li> <li>Mudgee Grass Roots Rugby</li> <li>Gulgong Turf Club</li> </ul> <p><b><u>Pollution Reduction Program</u></b></p> <p>PAE Holmes commissioned to Audit activities.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Initial site visit in December 2011 &amp; desktop analysis and follow up site visit in May 2012.</li> <li>Initial findings show Top 4 dust producing activities as: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Hauling on unsealed roads</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Wind erosion of active coal stockpiles</li> <li>○ Loading and unloading of coal</li> <li>○ Wind erosion of exposed areas and overburden.</li> <li>○ Audit to be submitted by 29th June 2012</li> </ul> <p><b><u>Reverse Osmosis Plant</u></b></p> <p>Water quality for first six months of operation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● EC <math>\leq</math> 1500<math>\mu</math>S/cm, monitored continuously;</li> <li>● pH = between 6.5 – 8.5, monitored continuously;</li> <li>● TSS <math>\leq</math> 50mg/L, monitored with a grab sample;</li> <li>● Oil &amp; Grease <math>\leq</math> 10gm/L monitored with a grab sample; and</li> <li>● Discharge of no more than 5ML/day to Wilpinjong Creek.</li> <li>● Long Term water quality changes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ EC <math>\leq</math> 500<math>\mu</math>S/cm,</li> <li>○ Discharge at a flow regime that is variable and consistent with the ephemeral nature of the flows in Wilpinjong and Cumbo Creeks</li> </ul> </li> <li>● Commenced discharge 20th June 2012 &amp; to midday Friday Wilpinjong had discharged 7.2ML</li> </ul> <p>Water sampling occurs downstream of Reverse Osmosis Plant on a monthly basis;</p> <p>BH – Discharges from Wilpinjong, Moolarben and Ulan to Goulburn river. Rivers flood and dissipates very quickly and will impact on rivers Wilpinjong, Cumbo and Goulburn;</p> <p>2014 – If WCPL becomes low in water, may need to construct a pipe line from Moolarben and Ulan, endeavor to be self-efficient and hold water in storage. Recycling water would better option for the mine.</p> <p><b><u>5 Year Mine Plan</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Pit 5 expand out to West, North &amp; South of the mine, Pit 2 moving towards the south</li> <li>● Pit 1- Largely on hold</li> </ul>
8.	<p><b>General Business:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. EM – Reported rumours received of reopening train line from Lue to Kandos and mines using the line and to by-pass Mudgee;</li> <li>2. KB – Purchased a fire truck from the Lawson Fire Brigade, carries 2K litres of water. RFS from Mudgee and WCPL employees are trained to operate;</li> <li>3. MMH – KP thanked MMH for donating books to Kidzcare offered use of dining area for CCC meetings and reported community concern re large number of foxes around the village, WCPL to supply fox baits.</li> </ol>
9.	<p><b>Next meetings:</b></p> <p><b>Monday 24 September 2012 - 2.00PM – Wollar General Store (Projector required-Bev Smiles to provide)</b></p> <p><b>Monday 26 November 2012 – 3 PM TBA</b></p>
	<b>Meeting Closed:</b> 3.55 PM

## Action Items List

Agreed Action Items/Outcome	Who	When
Publication of previous minutes to be placed on Peabody's web site	LA	June 2012
Copy of ARTC information to be distributed with minutes	MMH	JUNE 2012