

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

Thiess Meeting Rooms 1 & 2 Monday 05 September 2011

### Committee Members Present:

Bev Smiles (BS)  
Col Bailey (CB)  
Brian McDermott (BM)  
John Webb (JW) – Alternate  
Margaret MacDonald-Hill (MMH)  
Shaun Cleary (SC)  
Esme Martens (EM)  
Ian Livingstone-Blevins (ILB)

**Invited Guests**     *Kieren Bennetts (KB) – Senior Environment & Community Advisor – Peabody Energy Aust Pty Ltd*  
                              *Ron Bush (RB) – Project Development Manager – Peabody Energy Aust Pty Ltd*  
                              *Jason McWhirter (JM) – Environmental Technician – Peabody Energy Aust Pty Ltd*

**Absent:**                *Nil*

**Apologies:**         *Kim Peach (KP)*  
                              *Bruce Hughes (BH)*  
                              *Vicky Tapp (VT)*

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

**Commenced:**      *4.07 PM*

**Chair:**                *MMH*

1	<p><b>Welcome:</b></p> <p>1. Margaret MacDonald-Hill welcomed everyone to the meeting and introduced Jason to the CCC meeting</p>
2	<p><b>Declarations of Interest</b></p> <p>1. MMH – Independent chairperson approved by DoP, Member of the Mine Subsidence Board and Ministers Arbitration Panel</p> <p>2. BM – Declared he is a casual contractor for Wilpinjong Coal Pty Ltd</p> <p>3. BS – Declared to be a member of Mine Watch and Mudgee District Environment Group &amp; EPA Board Member for Nature Conservation Councilor Representative</p> <p>4. EM – Mid Western Regional Council Committee Member, also on Ulan, Moolarben, Charbon &amp; Inglenook CCCs as Council/community representative. Mid-Western Joint Regional Planning Committee.</p> <p>5. JW – Mid Western Regional Council Alternate Committee Member</p>
3	<p><b>Confirmation of Previous Minutes – 20 June 2011</b></p> <p>CB Moved the previous minutes and BM 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion with the following amendments</p> <p>Business Arising: Item 6: Comment made should be BH, not BS</p> <p>Keith Downham's Report: Item 6 - Delete</p>
4	<p><b>Business Arising:</b></p> <p>1. MMH - Traffic Movements is a report to this meeting</p>
5	<p><b>Correspondence Out:</b></p> <p>1. Nil</p> <p><b>Correspondence In:</b></p> <p>1. Nil</p>

6	<p><b>Report ILB</b></p> <p><b>Ian Livingstone-Blevins</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. New consent conditions are that three mines to commence a joint venture, upgrading Ulan Road, this is take place from the commencement of Moolarben Coal Stage Two approval, management plan were submitted to DoP November 2010.</li> <li>2. DoP, Roads Management, MWRC and three mines have correlated plans for the upgrade of Ulan Road.</li> <li>3. Initial cost is \$38Mil to repair, Wilpinjong Coal to fund their portion of costs, life of the mine Wilpinjong to maintain the road on continuous basis.</li> <li>4. Mid-Western Regional Council to submit funds, and are responsible for continuous upgrade and maintenance of Ulan Road from Mudgee to Ulan.</li> <li>5. Substantial amount of damage has occurred to Ulan &amp; Ulan-Wollar Roads due to semi-trailers and additional traffic to Wilpinjong, Moolarben and Ulan Coal Mines and ARTC-Ulan+ Compound. Currently buses from Mudgee are transporting commuters to Wilpinjong which is quite viable to lower costs of fuel and damaging the roads with extra traffic flow.</li> <li>6. CB – Cooyal Road not many mine employees would travel through Cooyal to their place of work.</li> <li>7. EM – How would traffic surveys be distributed between Mudgee and Ulan? Beginning of Ulan Road at Mudgee readings are at 8,000 vehicles per day. Commuters travel at different directions around Mudgee, Gulgong and regional areas, would these readings be included as mine traffic?</li> <li>8. ILB – Meeting with the General Manager from MWRC to discuss what proportions of roads and directions of traffic flow travelling towards the three mines.</li> <li>9. BM – Approximately when would Ulan-Wollar Road be moved, ILB – Many years to come to be moved near Pit 6 with Pit 3.</li> </ol>
7	<p><b>Report – KB – Presentation – Traffic Study, Environmental, Dust, Noise, Donations and Water - June – Sept 2011</b></p> <p><b>Kieren Bennetts</b></p> <p><b>Traffic Study Ulan Road</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. A comparison of EIS and Section 75W predictions against actual survey results. Results presented are in daily average of single vehicle movements per day, traffic counter was located at the front gate</li> <li>2. WCPL-EIS predicted a traffic flow of 236 vehicle movements per day of which 6.8 % are heavy vehicles or eight trucks to site.</li> <li>3. Feb 2010 an actual survey was conducted over a week, daily average was 426 vehicles to the mine site, 3.75 % were heavy vehicle movements which equate to 16 movements. This constitutes to WCPL contributing 93% of vehicle movements between Moolarben and Wilpinjong.</li> <li>4. WCPL Section 75W predictions by Halcrow May 2010, they predicted a peak of 988 vehicles movements per day during the expansion. Additional 66 operational and 496 construction vehicle movements per day.</li> <li>5. Feb 2011, eleven week survey conducted, daily average of 790 vehicles movements per day at the mine entry. 18% were heavy vehicles of (142 movements).</li> <li>6. Average Vehicle Movements Mon-Fri 25-02-2011 to 06-05-2011, this map provided to CCC members, summary of traffic flow from Mudgee to mine site.</li> </ol> <p><b>Environmental Incidents</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● 1st August 2011 – Inpit Tyre Burial Incident <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Environmental Protection Licence allows for the burial of 60 tonnes of tyres inpit.</li> <li>– Thiess buried greater than 60 tonnes.</li> <li>– Excess tyres removed from pit.</li> </ul> </li> <li>● 19th August 2011 – Airblast Overpressure Incident <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Environmental Protection Licence and Project Approval state no blast shall create airblast overpressure greater than 120dBL at any noise sensitive location.</li> <li>– Blast created an airblast overpressure of 124.6dBL.</li> </ul> </li> <li>● Both Office of Environment and Heritage and Department of Planning and Infrastructure notified of incidents and provided incident investigation reports.</li> </ul> <p><b>Dust results</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Depositional Dust Gauges - Compliant</li> <li>● Hi Volume Air Samplers - Complaint</li> <li>● TEOM's (Real Time Dust Monitors) – Compliant</li> </ul>

	<p><b>Noise</b></p> <p><i>Attended &amp; Real Time Noise Monitoring Locations</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Slate Gully</li> <li>• Araluen Road</li> <li>• Wollar Central</li> </ul> <p><i>Conducted on 7th &amp; 9th June 2011</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mine site audible during monitoring, including: Exhaust, Reversing alarms, Engines, Fans &amp; Dozer, tracks and general mine continuum</li> <li>• Neighbouring mine auditable at location N12</li> </ul> <p><b>Rainfall</b></p> <p>Over eight months' it's been quite dry. Pit 2 – Plenty of water - 2800 Mega L in Pit 2</p> <p><b>Rehabilitation</b></p> <p>Presented proposed rehabilitation areas to be complete by end of 2011. Autumn and spring are the optimal time of the year to do rehabilitation.</p> <p><b>Temperature Inversion Monitoring</b></p> <p>Centre of the rail loop, a 60 Metre Tower which monitors Temperature Inversions, this monitoring is a condition in our project approval. Designed to monitor when temperature inversion occur (air warming with height above ground level). Temperature inversions affect the dispersion of noise into the atmosphere and typically occur during winter.</p> <p><b>Donations</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Gulgong High School</li> <li>• Gulgong Polocrosse</li> <li>• Gulgong Show Society</li> <li>• International Day of People with Disabilities</li> <li>• Kanandah Nursing Home</li> <li>• Mudgee High School – special Education department</li> <li>• Mudgee Historical Society</li> <li>• Mudgee Scout Group</li> <li>• Mudgee Show Society</li> <li>• Mudgee Valley Writers</li> <li>• Pioneer House</li> </ul>
8	<p><b>General Business:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Mining sequence of life of mine to be an agenda item for next meeting.</li> <li>2. RB - Mining lease – fees paid on ML.</li> <li>3. RB - Slate Gully Exploration – further exploration will be done next year.</li> <li>4. ILB - Process and handling of unwashed coal. Unwashed is domestic type and washed is for export. At times it may be 30 to 70 % depending on quality and grade.</li> <li>5. RB - Community Newsletter, no news currently, once there is news to print and advertised, community will be informed.</li> <li>6. JW – Fire Management Plan, any more thought, for extra trucks, funds for vehicles. SC – Management Plans are correlated and implemented.</li> <li>7. JW - Weed Management Plan, Spiny Bur Grass, Blackberry Bushes and other noxious weeds seeds spread, and difficult to control. Fire Brigade trucks are able to spread seeds to other properties, seeds attach on tyres and under carriage while driving from property to property.</li> <li>8. BS – Wollar Service Centre – Weekly mail, how will this affect the community and shop? RB – RB is reviewing operators to lease the shop after the current operators term expires in December..</li> <li>9. SC – Discharging water a specified volume needs to be treated. Submitted modification for 6 to 10 trains to run per day, this would increase from existing 12mt to 12.5mt per year. Modification was submitted to DoP last week will be placed on website for public viewing.</li> </ol>
9	<b>Next meetings:</b> 7th November 2011 – 2.00PM
10	<b>Meeting Closed:</b> 5 15 PM

## Action Items List

Agreed Action Items/Outcome	Who	When
Publication of previous minutes to be placed on Peabody's web site	LA	Nov 2011
MOP Plan Oct 2012	SC	Nov 2011
Mining Sequence, Life of Mine	SC	Nov 2011
Map of Exploration of Slate Gully	RB	Nov 2011
Grab Sample Results - Water	KB	Nov 2011