

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

Peabody Boardroom Monday 07 November 2011

### Committee Members Present

Brian McDermott (BM)  
John Webb (JW) – Alternate  
Margaret MacDonald-Hill (MMH)  
Shaun Cleary (SC)  
Kim Peach (KP)  
Bruce Hughes (BH)

**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*

**Absent:**            *Bev Smiles (BS)*  
                          *Col Bailey (CB)*  
                          *Victoria Tapp (VT)*

**Apologies:**      Ian Livingstone-Blevins (ILB)  
                          Esme Martens (EM)

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

**Commenced:**    *2.00 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, Member of the Mine Subsidence Board and Ministers Arbitration Panel</li><li>2. BM – Declared he is a casual contractor for Wilpinjong Coal Pty Ltd</li><li>3. JW – Mid Western Regional Council Alternate Committee Member</li></ol>
3.	<b>Confirmation of Previous Minutes – 05 September 2011</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. JW moved the previous minutes and BM 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion with the following amendments</li><li>2. JW - Page 3 Item 7 – 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></ol>
4.	<b>Business Arising:</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. SC – Ulan Road Strategy – Three mines have been meeting with MWRC to discuss strategy plan to upgrade Ulan Road. Company has been selected AARB to draft the Strategy Plan – which will be submitted to MWRC 8<sup>th</sup> Nov and to DoP by end of Dec 2011. AARB's vehicles using cameras have performed a visual assessment on roads and pavements. Traffic Assessment Studies of Ulan Road to be done, three mines will negotiate on portions of payments.</li></ol>
5.	<b>Correspondence Out:</b> Nil <b>Correspondence In:</b> Nil
6.	<b>Report Shaun Cleary</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Mining Sequence –Current Five Year Plan 2012 to 2016, mining will be carried out in Pit's 1, 2, 4 &amp; 5. This may change as mining progresses</li><li>2. Pit 5 - This pit will develop to north and south predominantly with some extension to the west as well</li><li>3. Pit 1 – Near offices this won't be mined until 2016, due to coal quality</li><li>4. After 2012 moving to Pit 4 and then onto Pit 3, Year 2013 moving towards to Cumbo Creek, High Level Plan to divert the creek as mining towards Wilpinjong Creek, no net loss of water is allowed during the diversion of the creek.</li></ol>

	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2013 - Five pits out of six will have had some degree of mining. Last pit mined around 2020, will move towards Wollar Village.</li> <li>Modification – Lodged with DoP last week to increase maximum daily number of trains, increase railings by 0.5 tonnes pa and to treat and discharge water passed the adequacy test and on exhibition for two weeks.</li> <li>Increase of train numbers from 6 to 10. This is based on advice given by Hunter Valley Coal Chain Coordinator, Wilpinjong to Port Waratah, increasing from 12Mt to 12.5Mt per year.</li> <li>SC – to notify local community of extended blockages on rail loop eastern side Mogo Road crossing.</li> </ol>
7.	<p><b>Report – Ron Bush</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Wollar Service Station - Negotiated with interested parties and an agreement is in place. Successful person is Ms Kim Peach. Fuel, grocery, takes away foods, mail service, but no mechanical service available. Current arrangement due to cease 8th December 2011. Kim Peach to commence on the 9th December 2011. Major renovations to service station this will involve internal, external building and petrol/diesel bowsers to commence 9th December 2011. No liquor license available on these premises.</li> <li>Slate Gully further exploration and environmental assessment and feasibility study to take place in 2012.</li> <li>Transgrid tower to be relocated.</li> </ol>
8.	<p><b>Report –Kieren Bennetts – Presentation – Traffic Study, Environmental, Dust, Noise, Donations and Water - June – Sept 2011</b></p> <p><b>Grab Samples</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>When water was released from site during the emergency water discharge from December 2010 to January 2011 daily grab samples were taken at each discharge point. Each sample was tested for pH, Electrical Conductivity, Total Suspended Solids and Oils &amp; Grease concentrations.</li> <li>BH – request phone call to inform the community if and when the mine is letting out water into the creek.</li> </ul> <p><b>Community Update</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Peabody Energy will be owner operator from 31st March 2013, replacing current mine operator Thiess</li> <li>Wilpinjong Bush Fire Management Plan presented to National Parks and Wildlife, Rural Fire Services – Cooks Gap, Cooyal and Wollar on the 20th October 2011.</li> </ul> <p><b>Environmental Incidents</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Nil</li> </ul> <p><b>Dust Monitoring</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Depositional Dust Gauges, Hi Volume Air Samplers, TEOM's are all complaint</li> <li>14.3 hrs lost production for dust management since 1st September 2011</li> </ul> <p><b>Attended Noise Monitoring</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Conducted on the 24th, 25th &amp; 26th August. During the evening and night at five sites, fifteen (15) minute intervals. Wilpinjong compliant.,</li> <li>484.7 hrs lost production for noise management since 1st September 2011.</li> </ul> <p><b>Rainfall</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Wetter September compared to last year. Currently more than 3000 megalitres onsite.</li> </ul> <p><b>Rehabilitation</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Approximatley 90 hectares to be rehabilitated by end of 2011, the majority in Pits 5 &amp; 2</li> </ul> <p><b>Donations – Sept &amp; Oct 2011</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mudgee RSL – ANZAC Display upgrade</li> <li>Gulgong Show</li> <li>Mudgee Scouts</li> <li>Mudgee Valley Writers</li> <li>Cooks Gap RFS – new pagers</li> <li>Mudgee Hospital – New electronic bed</li> <li>Mudgee Rotary &amp; Combined Churches of Mudgee – Christmas Carols</li> </ul>

9.	<b>General Business:</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. SC - Fire Truck planned for 2012, upgrade fire trails and tracks</li> <li>2. JW – Lloyd Coleman attended Bush Fire Committee at Wollar, he represented Peabody Energy</li> <li>3. BH – KD mentioned in a previous meeting that Mogo road landowners are able to approach the mine if they wish to sell</li> <li>4. RB - offer still current</li> <li>5. KP – Books required, new or pre-loved books for PCYC Kidzcare - Mudgee 5 to 12 years</li> <li>6. KP – Fund raiser for PCYC Kidzcare - Mudgee – Games were purchased</li> <li>7. JW – Freight Trains 2 per every two days. Update on Weeds Management Plan</li> <li>8. MMH – Have safe Christmas and prosperous 2012.</li> </ol>
10.	<b>Next meetings: Monday 26 March 2012 – 3 PM at the mine site.</b>
11.	<b>Meeting Closed:</b> 3.15 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
Bush Fire Plan available to land holders	KB/JM	Feb 2012
Newsletter to Wollar Service Centre	KB	Feb 2012