

Minutes of the Wilpinjong Community Consultative Committee held at Wilpinjong Coal

Thiess Meeting Room 1 - Monday 20 June 2011

Committee Members Present:

Bev Smiles (BS)
Col Bailey (CB)
Brian McDermott (BM)
Bruce Hughes (BH)
John Webb (JW) – Alternate
Keith Downham (KD)
Kim Peach (KP)
Margaret MacDonald-Hill (MMH)
Shaun Cleary (SC)
Esme Martens (EM)

Invited Guests Kieren Bennetts (KB) – Senior Environment & Community Advisor - Peabody Energy Aust Pty Ltd

Ian Livingstone-Blevins (ILB) – General Manager –Wilpinjong Coal Pty Ltd

Absent: Victoria Tapp

Apologies: Nil

Scribe: Linda Atkins (LA)

Meeting: Commenced: 4.20 PM

Chair: MMH

1	<p>Welcome:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Margaret MacDonald-Hill welcomed everyone to the meeting.2. Keith Downham welcomed Ian Livingstone-Blevins (ILB) appointed as new General Manager for Wilpinjong Coal Pty Ltd, commenced 23 May 2011. KD - Leaving WCPL and has been appointed Peabody Energy – Singapore his role is Vice President Asset Develop in Indonesia.3. On behalf of all committee members and staff of Wilpinjong Coal welcome on board - Ian Livingstone-Blevins.
2	<p>Declarations of Interest</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. MMH – Independent chairperson approved by DoP, 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 Group & EPA Board Member for Nature Conservation Councilor Representative4. EM – Mid Western Regional Council Committee Member, also on Ulan, Moolarben and Charbon CCCs as Council/community representative. Mid Western Joint Regional Planning Committee.5. JW – Mid Western Regional Council Alternate Committee Member
3	<p>Confirmation of Previous Minutes – 06 December 2010</p> <p>Page 3 – General Business point 3 – Statement rather than a question – Mine rates are higher than farm rates <i>JW moved the minutes as true record, BM 2nd the minutes as true records</i></p>
4	<p>Business Arising:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. BH – Community newsletter. The section about Wollar Service Centre, owners are not pleased with the way it's worded.2. BS – conversation with the current owner, uncertain of Wollar Service Centre's future, cannot be maintained, if they keep losing customers. Community will experience isolation if and when the shop closes. Many employees will tend to live close to Mudgee.3. SC - Eight landholders have decided to remain in the general area. Wollar Village, Barrigan Valley, Cumbo Valley, six are quite comfortable to live in the area. New tenants, there are some houses that need to be demolished due to condition.4. JW – Due to new tenants and the lack of community & local knowledge, if a fire broke out new tenants would be uncertain of the area to fight fires, training would be an option. Fire management control, if scrub & grasslands are not under control Wollar and surrounding areas will eventually go back to scrub. A Fire Truck would be advisable for Wilpinjong mine as time management can be a real issue if houses or grassland well lit, Cooyal Fire Brigade is too far away. Wollar Fire Brigade would need twelve members, and other fire brigades in the area may assist in time of need.

	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 5. SC –The Bush Fire Management Plan map shown to all members of the committee. Ulan and Moolarben Coal mines, National Parks came up with visual plan to read the information as they needed, i.e. different fire brigades, house location's, access to tracks and watering points. Shows high and low risk areas, this is all relevant information for the plan. Ulan and Moolarben Coal Mines have developed their own Management Plans. 6. BH – Bush Fire Training at Wollar, new trainees to be appointed and if interested they may go ahead and join. SC – Jason McWhirter (Environmental Technician) is training manager for the Mudgee Headquarters-Mudgee Fire Brigade. 7. BS – Every landholder has in the past helped each other to control a fire. SC -Terry Rhienberger will remain as the Fire Captain for the Wollar Fire Brigade. 8. MMH – Received a phone call from Bruce Marshall, questioning the existence of a Fire Management plan in place for these areas. 9. SC – Stage 1 Of the Wilpinjong Coal Mine Bush Fire Management Plan has been completed as presented in the meeting. Stage 2 is currently under development and will be completed around August. 10. SC – Spiny Bur Grass Weeds are spreading and growing rapidly, this is due to fire brigade trucks and personnel who don't check their tyres for the weed before entering and leaving areas of fire controlled area. 11. KD - Ron Bush met with the community at Barrigan Road and council village meeting; land owners attended these meetings for their own interest. KD spoke to land owners, Barrigan Valley which is owned by Peabody Energy and other properties are to be sourced. Expanding the noise buffer zone, southern end of Pit 3, getting closer to few properties, which Peabody doesn't own. Higher mining rate is the main reason for increased noise level, 75W approval. 12. SC – the noise buffer zone has been extended to the south and east which will be affected when mining commences in the southern area of Pit 3. KD – Land owners approach us with various issues, noise and dust levels. Rural land east of mine Peabody doesn't own. 75W showed that noise levels may increase. 13. BS – Newsletter stating that process of discussion by Peabody Energy purchasing houses in Wollar, rumors are few land owners were given 24 hrs by Peabody to take up the offer taken or sale may decline. Owner valuations and other options given one day to accept an offer. Different experiences and one person definitely not happy with contracts – renting back and sign a license agreement not to make any disparaging statements about mine. SC – Land owners are prepared to make a move, wish to either rent back for 3 months up to 2 to more years, it's an individual lease. 14. MMH - Negotiation is between parties and could include rent free arrangement or peppercorn rent. 15. SC - different sales, land owners are prepared to sell with mine on door step. People want to sell because of impacts from the mine. Some wish to stay around. It is their choice to sell or stay. 16. KD – 70 purchases. People left with an option to move on or stay.
5	<p>Correspondence Out:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Nil <p>Correspondence In:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Nil
6	<p>Report KD</p> <p>Keith Downham's Report</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. KD expansion is on target going ahead as planned beginning of Aug due to complete in Dec 2011. 2. Contractors to repair roads around Bylong, roads are unacceptable with unsealed sections. Taggart have the responsibility to assess the road. 3. Noise complaints hot line has reduced from the commencement of the mine, receiving less complaints. 4. Loss time due to noise, not many closing down due to the weather. 5. Temporary inversion, complaints should drop down, tenants to sign a lease for noise levels agreements. Some residents can handle noise and some are unable. 6. ILB – Market rate is lower than the current rental rate for Mudgee area.
7	<p>Report – KB – Presentation of Dust, Noise and Water - Jan to June 2011</p> <p>Dust results</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Deposition dust gauges continuously monitor – samples collected each month, high volume air samplers run for one 24 hour period every six days • TEOM dust monitors - below 24hour average limits, • Depositional gauges - those monitoring Aboriginal Rock Art site have had human health criteria removed, these criteria not applicable in this situation

	<p>Noise Results</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Real Time monitors currently located at Araulan Road, the main street of Wollar and on Slate Gully Road Attended noise monitor occurs at five locations around the mine every two months – most recently 19 & 28 April 2011. Attended Noise monitoring to the West of the Mine on Ulan Coal Owned land registered 38 dB. Exceeding relevant criterion by 2 dB. Department of Planning & Office of Environment and Heritage notified No real time noise monitors located to the west of Wilpinjong Coal, as there are no residences <p>Rainfall</p> <p>Since 2006 received steady rainfall over five years – dry start to 2011</p> <p>Rehabilitation</p> <p>Targeted Rehabilitation for this year is approximately 120 hectares</p> <p>Donations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mudgee Hockey Bylong Mouse Races Wollar Progress Association Gulgong Primary School Gulgong Folk Royal Flying Doctors Ulan Primary School Wollar Firewood for Queens Birthday bash at Wollar Grass Roots Football at Mudgee
8	<p>General Business:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> KD – Goodbye to all. My commitment with WCPL over 5 ½ years, committee forums have been valuable. Wish you all well for the future. MMH – On behalf of CCC, thank you for your commitment, frankness, honesty and being approachable. Welcomed ILB to the committee. KD – Indonesian employment will be involved with various interest groups. Population of Indonesia approximately 230 Million BH – Many thanks for the donation to Wollar Progress Association BS – Traffic issue, newsletter from the council, many people from the mine daily increase traffic volumes. Large number of movements, what would be current traffic? KD - Extra equipment to resurface Ulan Road, three mines are working with the council, agreement will be reached by end of the year. Cope & Ulan Roads are the main arterial roads. Lithgow mines are using Ulan Road to travel to Hunter Valley to repair mining equipment. Regional roads are an issue; other mines may have to pay for roads resurfacing if used by other mining companies. MMH – DoP under new Government is reviewing mine strategies and impact on agricultural land. All government agencies involved. Recognition that it, has to be triple bottom line; social, economic and environment. They should rank equal status. EM – without mining in the regional area, roads may have lasted for the next 30 yrs. Impact statements are all under estimated for volumes effect, including diverting traffic from original destination study. CB – Result of Ulan Road has stood up better compared to the whole shire. EM - quality control process, pavement testing its better and drainage system process. MMH – Thank you to Kim Peach for providing pumpkin scones and jam
9	Next meetings for 2011 - 5 th September and 7 th November 2011.
10	Meeting Closed: 5.55 PM

Action Items List

Agreed Action Items/Outcome	Who	When
Publication of previous minutes to be placed on Peabody's web site	LA	June 2011
traffic movements for next meeting-presentation study versus predicted	ILB	Sept 2011
KB to get a summary of traffic movements to and from Mudgee to mines	KB	Sept 2011