

**Minutes of the Wilpinjong Community Consultative Committee held at Wilpinjong Coal
Thiess Meeting Room 1 - Monday 07 March 2011**

Committee Members Present:

Bev Smiles (BS)
 Brian McDermott (BM)
 Bruce Hughes (BH)
 John Webb (JW) – Alternate
 Keith Downham (KD)
 Kim Peach (KP)
 Margaret MacDonald-Hill (MMH)
 Victoria Tapp (VT)
 Shaun Cleary (SC)

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: *Nil*

Apologies: *Col Bailey (CB), Esme Martens (EM)*

Scribe: *Linda Atkins (LA)*

Meeting: *Commenced: 5.47 PM*

Chair: *MMH*

1	<p>Welcome:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Margaret MacDonald-Hill welcomed everyone to the meeting. 2. The committee assembled for a site tour of Wilpinjong Coal with Keith, Shaun & Ron prior to the commencement of the meeting
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 Panel 2. BM – Declared he is a casual contractor for Wilpinjong Coal Pty Ltd 3. BS – Declared to be a member of Mine Watch and Mudgee District Environment Group & EPA Board Member for Nature Conservation Councilor Representative 4. JW – Mid Western Regional Council Committee Member
3	<p>Confirmation of Previous Minutes – 06 December 2010</p> <p>John Webb moved the minutes as true record, Brian McDermott 2nd the motion.</p>
	<p>Business Arising:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. BH asked about community forum. 2. RB – Land holders who wish to sell to the mines would rather contact Ron on a one on one basis and discuss their intentions, rather than do so publicly at a Community Forum. Peabody Energy will provide all landholders with a newsletter on what the processes of Peabody's intentions to purchase properties, instead of a community forum. Community and landholders feel uneasy to attend Community Forum. December 2010 community forum was cancelled due to floods in the region 3. RB – Rentals - Peabody Energy owned properties, Thiess employees will have the first preference of renting 4. BH – Wollar Bush Fire Brigade is diminishing. Wilpinjong Staff need to understand what Barrigan Valley is capable of during bush fire season, not enough resources left in Wollar to prevent total decimation from bush fire. Potentially hazardous situation with year's growth of fuel in the region. New members in the region, would be an advantage to keep the bush fire brigade alive 5. BS – Before mining started many members were involved and trained at Wollar Bush Fire Brigade. Wilpinjong work force has taken over and has no knowledge of the area. 6. SC - Fire Brigade Management plan has been finalized, a copy has been issued to the Fire Services in Mudgee. Gary of fire services has correlated the management plan, contact details are available for Ulan & Moolarben Coal 7. BS – Many fires are started from trains on the lines applying the breaks 8. MMH – There has not been any announcement or commitment given by political parties on Gulgong Hospital.

	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 9. BS - Land ownership requested. KD in the presentation 10. BM - Lawn Mower position has been filled, two employees are mowing Wollar areas 11. KD –Wollar will experience higher average noise levels, levels will stay around 35 dBL over night. Pits 3 & 4 will be mined, heading towards Wollar & Cumbo, noise levels will definitely increase 12. BS – What is the reasoning why landowners wish to sell? RB – A range of reasons to why they want to leave Wollar and Cumbo Valley, some landowners live in Sydney, it's their choice to sell either to Peabody. 13. SC – Few houses are not habitable they will be destroyed, if the house is built from asbestos, a licensed Asbestos Tradesmen will be notified for removal 14. BS – If landowners chose not to sell and affected by noise, this would trigger different acquisition process. People would sign a contract not to complain about anything in regards to mines, it is a different process. 15. MMH – It is up to the individual to sell their property and to whom. 16. RB – Consolidating parcels of land, which would be logical to improve the land. Minnamurra Pastoral Co are working with Peabody to create future land parcels to sell back to the community, some may go back as agricultural land or lease to farmers in larger proportion of land parcels 17. KD – Currently Peabody Energy is purchasing properties that are affected or expected to be affected by noise, in the future Peabody will sale some of this land. 18. BS – There is a sense of no future for Wollar or Cumbo Valley,
5	<p>Correspondence Out:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Email 2/3/11 response to Linda Lewis and thanking her for her contribution on behalf of CCC <p>Correspondence In:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Letter from KB forwarding Compliance audit report from DECCW - Dec 2010 2. Email 2/3/11 from Linda Lewis Resignation from CCC committee
6	<p>Report RB / KD</p> <p>Ron Bush Report</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Thirty-two (32) properties have so far been purchased, including Wollar Service Centre 2. Discussions with twenty-five (25) landowners and exchanges in March. 3. Five rental properties are ready for leasing, three were taken by Thiess employees, and additional properties will be available in the foreseeable future. First preferences for properties are leased to Thiess employees. 4. Ten (10) houses to be demolished. Aged houses are not within the current standards of housing legislation, an increase of renovation cost would not be viable, will take approximately six months to receive approval from Mid-Western Regional Council to demolish and Asbestos Proposal License is required if houses are built from Asbestos 5. If landowners are concerned and wish to clarify further status they may contact Ron Bush. Up to 50% properties will be finalised by end of March 2011. Araluen Road & Mogo Road Landowners are approaching Peabody to discuss purchasing their land. 6. BS – Wish to know how many properties are in the village? RB - Confidentiality agreement no plans can be shown for the residential area owned by Peabody Energy. <p>Keith Downham Report</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. There will be issues in regards to the potential closure of Wollar Service Centre, will review in twelve months whether it is viable to keep the centre open. 2. Thirteen Hectares of land is owned by Peabody Energy 3. Hauling of gravel and rock material from the Bylong quarry to the new crusher, the rock from this quarry has the correct engineering characteristics. Sub contractor for Ulan–Wollar road being maintained, water sprayed on the road.
lk	<p>Report – KB – Presentation of Dust, Noise and Water</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Sept to Feb, cumulative rainfall within four years from 2006 to 2010. 1057 ml of rain in this time. 2. Before summer of 2010 was good dry season guidelines from Met station 3. Between August 2010 and beginning March 2011, received 2500 mega litres of water, total capacity to hold is 3200 mega litres. Below Pit 2 the level of water is high, 40Kilo T of coal is lost due to water 4. Currently at 700Megs on site, Unable to take water off the site and use for road spraying this would breach our mining lease consent, using bore instead. 5. WCPL received licence from DECCW for an Emergency Discharge Licence, dates during 9th December 2010 to 31st December 2010. 387.3Megs of water was released from site. Discharge of water is now complete, DECCW have been notified. DECCW are

	<p>monitoring the site daily a Annual Report and update the condition of the environmental license</p> <p>Dust results</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Real Time Dust Monitors are in Mittaville and Slate Gully. Mittaville Dust Monitor is not compliant as to Slate Gully's 2. High Vols Air Sampler – uses paper filters and analyzed. We were unable to visit some of the High Vols due to safety issues & high rainfall 3. Depositional Dust Gauges are exposed to the elements. Teom's are not to measure the health impact, dust only <p>Noise Results</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 4. Between 12th & 13th December 2010 audible noise monitor still within compliance 5. Real Time Noise Monitoring situated at Slate Gully (Francis Maher), (Harkin) Cumbo Valley and (Williams) 6. Received newly approved Environmental Protection Licence on the 22-02-2011 7. Update on the rehab for 2011, Peabody own approximately 120 Hectares. Pit 2 & Pit 5 was seeded last year 8. Land filled and Graded the tailings dam near the main entrance, it takes years to rehab but Peabody managed to do in between 30 August 2010 to 9 November 2010 9. Peabody Energy were awarded with Leading Reclamation Award in February 2011 <p>Donations</p> <p>Grass Roots Rugby, Pioneer House for the 100 Mile Picnic, Gulgong Primary, Ulan Primary and Wollar Primary Schools</p>
9	<p>General Business:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. BS – asked MMH experience on other CCC's where the entire community have disappeared. EA's don't reflect social impacts. 2. MMH – Had not witnessed this, only boom and bust situation in other areas. It is sad to hear of diminishing populations. Agreed there is a need for a better balance in EA's on social, economic and environmental factors, and not one at the expense of the other. May be a better recognition of this with a change of government. At the end of the day it is a political decision. 3. JW – Farm Rates are they higher than mine rates, mine pay rates for their land, how many cents in the dollar. KD - Agricultural leases are paid by mine. MMH The council sets the rate and the category. 4. BS – Are there any changes to Slate Gully. I.e. drilling and exploration? 5. KD – No changes, one hole drilled before Christmas, the drill rig unable to be removed from the area due to high rainfall over Dec 2010 & Jan 2011. Very unstable ground and unsafe for the crew. Re-drilling in the same location approximately in two years. WCPL are aware of coal in this area, unsure of quality and quantity 6. KD - Gas pipeline commencing at Narrabri to Wellington then onto Mudgee
10	Next three meetings for 2011 - 6 th June, 5 th September and 7 th November 2011.
11	Meeting Closed: 7 : 15 PM

Action Items List

Agreed Action Items/Outcome	Who	When
Publication of previous minutes to be placed on Peabody's web site	LA	March 2011
Map of total hectares area of properties purchased over 2010 & 2011 and possible noise contours. – BS	KD/RB	June 2011
Strategic Plan for Post Mined Land-	KD	June 2011