

## MINUTES

Meeting No. 13  
Wongawilli Colliery Community Consultative Committee  
Tuesday, 24 October 2017

Held at Wongawilli Community Hall, Wongawilli

ATTENDANCE	
NAME	ROLE
<b>Committee Members</b>	
Col Gellatly (CG)	Chair
Ann Brown (AB)	Community Representative
Peter Turner (PT)	Community Representative
Ron Zwicker (RZ)	Wollongong City Council
Mat Campbell (MC)	Community Relations & Corporate HR Manager – WCL
Paul Coxhead (PC)	Wongawilli Colliery Mine Manager - WCL
Kerry Mudge (KM)	Group Environment & Approvals Manager – WCL
John Ross (JR)	Environment Manager, Wongawilli – WCL
<b>Guests</b>	
Chris Schultz (CS)	NSW Department of Planning & Environment
<b>Apologies</b>	
Nil.	

AGENDA	
1	Welcome and Introductions
2	Apologies
3	Declaration of Interests
4	Endorsement of Minutes and Correspondence from Previous Meeting
5	Matters Arising from Previous Meeting
6	Company Report and Overview of Activities 6.1 Company Overview 6.2 Environmental Management Overview 6.3 Approvals Overview
7	Community Issues
8	General Business
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1. Welcome and Introductions	NOTES
<p>1.1 The chair welcomed all, including Kerry Mudge, WCL's new Group Environment and Approvals Manager, and John Ross, WCL's new Wongawilli Environment Manager.</p> <p>1.2 The meeting was declared open at 6.13 pm.</p>	
2. Apologies	
<p>2.1 As per attendance table.</p>	
3. Declaration of Interests	
<p>3.1 Col Gellatly is remunerated by the company as chair of this committee. All in attendance completed a <i>Code of Conduct Agreement</i> and a <i>Declaration of Pecuniary and Non-pecuniary Interests</i>.</p>	
4. Endorsement of Minutes and Correspondence from Previous Meeting	
<p>4.1 The minutes of the meeting held on 13 September 2016 were accepted as a true and correct record.</p> <p>4.2 Penalty Notice Issued to Wollongong Coal (WCL) from the Department of Planning &amp; Environment (DPE) regarding frequency of CCC meetings.</p> <p>KM: Show-cause notice received as the CCC did not meet three times during year. WCL made representations to DPE. Two meeting were held in 2016. A third meeting was scheduled for December 2016 but was postponed due to a member's illness. Attempted to schedule meetings in June, July and August 2017 but not possible due to unavailability of members. WCL will ensure three meetings are held per year.</p> <p>CG: Wrote to DPE in March 2017 with two CCC membership nominations. Followed up in August, however, no response to date.</p> <p>MC: Expressions of interest in committee membership were received after the mail-out in late 2016. Details were passed to DPE in March. Delta SBD went into administration in May. Various issues contributed to the delays in the process.</p> <p>CS: Will follow up.</p> <p>AB: sent various questions to the chair. KM advised her issues would be addressed throughout this meeting.</p>	
5. Matters Arising from Previous Meeting	
<p>5.1 MC to organise a joint RVC and WWC CCC swamp tour.</p> <p>MC: Yet to be organised. Previous attempt postponed due to wet weather. A joint tour will not be conducted. Only the active areas will be included in the tour. PT questioned this as he believes current activities will affect other parts of the mine.</p>	

<p>AB: In her three years on the committee there has not been a mine inspection. Guidelines allow for inspection with 48 hours' notice. PC: Will organise an inspection of both the pit-top and underground.</p> <p><b>5.2</b> <i>Provide rainfall graph on same graph as piezometers.</i> PT: Confirmed that the information was provided.</p> <p><b>5.3</b> <i>PT to re-send to DC his earlier question relating to ground water.</i> PT: Will re-send to MC.</p> <p><b>5.4</b> <i>Organise underground visit to Wongawilli Colliery for the CCC members.</i> MC: As per 5.1.</p> <p><b>5.5</b> <i>Send AB a link to the IEA report once submitted.</i> AB has accessed the information on the web.</p> <p><b>5.6</b> <i>Provide air monitoring results to the public.</i> Available on web.</p> <p><b>5.7</b> <i>Provide information to Council to assist with its planned bridge and road works.</i> MC: This is ongoing. WCL is in communication with Wollongong City Council (WCC) about this.</p>	<p><b>ACTION 5.1:</b> Organise tour of Wongawilli Colliery for committee members.</p>
<b>6. Company Reports and Overview of Activities</b>	
<b>6.1 Company Overview</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>MC reported that Delta SBD went into voluntary administration on 31 May 2017, hence stalling mining activities. WCL became the operator of Wongawilli Colliery on 6 July 2017 and mining activities recommenced on 14 August 2017. PC provided information on the history and current status of operations at the mine, including various issues faced prior to and since Delta's management of operations.</li> <li>Full production estimated to start mid-November 2017. Trains to haul twice a day, six days per week.</li> <li>PT asked whether the bord and pillar mining would be in the footprint of the longwall plan. PC confirmed this and presented a mine plan with details of the areas to be worked. PT questioned the approval process for the new areas. KM advised that the focus is on operations and there are no current approval/modification applications.</li> <li>Mine plan is to operate for 30 years. PT questioned whether monitoring is taking place. MC said it was done earlier for the Wonga South Project and that data would be used.</li> <li>Mentioned the sudden passing of Dave Clarkson due to natural causes in June. As his death occurred on a mining lease, investigation is required by the Resources Regulator. AB: Expressed her great respect for Dave and was happy to have worked with him. PT concurred.</li> </ul>	<p><b>ACTION 6.1:</b> Send copy of mine plan to PT.</p>
<b>6.2 Environmental Management</b>	
<p>Kerry Mudge and John Ross introduced themselves and gave a brief background of their working history.</p>	

Kerry talked through the following items relating to environmental management.

#### 6.2.1 Air Quality

No incidents/complaints during the reporting period.

#### 6.2.2 Biodiversity & Heritage

No incidents/complaints during the reporting period.

#### 6.2.3 Chemical/Hydrocarbons

Hydrocarbon spill at No. 1 and No. 3 shafts during the theft of copper from transformers.

- Regulators notified of spill.
- Contaminated land assessment completed.
- Contaminated soil removed from site and transported to Wongawilli.
- Temporary bioremediation facility constructed to treat material (12-24 months).
- Awaiting final contaminated land validation results.

#### 6.2.4 Mineral Waste

No incidents/complaints during the reporting period.

#### 6.2.5 Non-mineral Waste

No incidents/complaints during the reporting period.

#### 6.2.6 Groundwater

No incidents/complaints during the reporting period.

#### 6.2.7 Noise

No incidents during the reporting period.

One complaint received during the reporting period.

- Noise complaint received in regard to noise generated from colliery.
- Origin determined to be issue with the stockpile area's screen and sizer.
- Vibrating screen repaired.

CG asked whether it is likely that noise complaints will increase due to the new residential areas close to the mine site.

MC advised that WCL raised objections with WCC to development in the near vicinity. WCC's DA consents for properties near the railway line contain noise attenuation and build conditions. The railway line was clearly signposted by WCL indicating the presence of an operating coal mine.

KM and CG suggested another mail-out to the new residential areas in order to attract additional members.

JR mentioned that WCL has donated old mining equipment to the developers for inclusion in a local park. CG suggested organising a community information/open day in the park.

#### 6.2.8 Surface Water

LDP2 discharge of turbid water into tributary of Robins Creek (Nov 2016).

- Incident occurred 29 November 2016.
- The risk of environmental harm was likely to be low due to the short period of the discharge.
- Official caution issued – "pollution of waters."

ACTION 6.2.7:  
i) Advertise for new committee members.  
ii) Organise community information for new residents.

<p>Pollution Reduction Program 12 added following regulator site inspection (Mar 2017).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Stormwater infrastructure at the site was observed to have maintained its integrity during the event (195 mm over four days) but was in need of maintenance to restore capacity.</li> <li>• Site stormwater assessment by third party consultant.</li> <li>• Removing sediment from dams.</li> <li>• Stabilising drainage and flow arresting device(s) along decline conveyor drain.</li> </ul>	
<b>6.3 Audits and Reports</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Independent Environmental Audit - September 2016</li> <li>✓ Annual Return - February 2017</li> <li>✓ NPI - October 2017</li> <li>✓ NGER - October 2017</li> <li>• AS1940:2017 Hydrocarbon Audit - November 2017</li> <li>• Annual Review - November 2017</li> <li>• Annual Report - November 2017</li> <li>• Annual Review site visit - December 2017</li> </ul> <p>Discussion took place about the absence of an “end of panel” report. KM advised he understood that the current approval does not require an end-of-panel report as it is not a longwall panel; rather this information is included in the annual report. AB stated that N4 was originally approved as a longwall panel. KM will check on this.</p>	<p><b>ACTION 6.3:</b> Update committee on requirement to provide end-of-panel reports.</p>
<b>6.4 Approvals Overview</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Environmental Protection Licence 1087 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ Pollution Reduction Program 12 added 24/04/2017.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Nebo Area Project Approval 09_0161 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ Extraction Plan Variation approved 01/09/2017.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Nebo Longwalls 1 – 6 SMP Variation Approval Conditions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ Annual Report to be provided with the Annual Review (Nov 2017).</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Consolidated Coal Lease 766, Mining Lease 1565 &amp; 1596</li> <li>• No current approval variations or applications. The current approval, which was an extension, is valid to December 2020.</li> </ul>	
<b>7. Community Issues</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Complaint regarding slow moving trains across Shone Avenue crossing. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ Extreme hot weather caused rail to buckle.</li> <li>◦ Rail line was repaired in April.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Show-Cause Notice – Frequency of CCC meetings. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ DPE received a complaint regarding frequency of CCC meetings.</li> <li>◦ Show-cause notice issued to WCL.</li> <li>◦ Representations provided to DPE regarding show-cause notice.</li> <li>◦ Penalty notice issued.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• AB: In terms of the new local community, the air monitoring in place only covers PM10. She believes PM2.5 would be more desirable. KM: Monitoring requirements is determined through the Environmental</li> </ul>	

<p>Assessment process and PM2.5 is currently not required. CS: DPE cannot modify an approval but the EPA can issue a licence variation.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>AB questioned the lack of reference to groundwater. KM advised he is cautious about providing raw data without expert interpretation and context. The annual report will contain the information in detail.</li> </ul> <p>PT said he would like the underlying data behind the graphs and instruments. KM is concerned that the presentation of one variable in a graph without context could be misinterpreted. PT would rather have the information. CG suggested that KM and PT hold a separate discussion on the matter. AB is also interested in the information.</p> <p>PT would like a list of all piezometers used with details of location and depth of instruments across the board and a GPS location. He will send an e-mail to MC detailing his request.</p>	<p><b>ACTION 7:</b> Discuss the availability of monitoring data with CCC members</p>
<b>8. General Business</b>	
<p><b>8.1</b> PC: There is concern about trespassers entering WCL property. RZ suggested a letter drop providing information on the mine's status.</p> <p><b>8.2</b> MC: The Little School Pre-School will be using the old miner's cottage located on WCL's land as its new premises. It is heritage listed.</p>	
<b>9. Next Meeting</b>	
<p>The next meeting is to be held on Wednesday, 13 December at 6.00 pm at the Wongawilli Colliery.</p> <p>The meeting closed at 7.40 pm.</p>	

Ends