

## MINUTES

Meeting No. 15  
Wongawilli Colliery Community Consultative Committee  
Wednesday, 13 December 2017  
Held at Wongawilli Colliery, Wongawilli

ATTENDANCE	
NAME	ROLE
Committee Members	
Col Gellatly (CG)	Chair
Ann Brown (AB)	Community Representative
Ron Cooper (RC)	Community Represen
Nicki Simonoski (NS)	Community Representative
Peter Turner (PT)	Community Representative
Ron Zwicker (RZ)	Wollongong City Council
Mat Campbell (MC)	Community Relations & Corporate HR Manager – WCL
Kerry Mudge (KM)	Group Environment & Approvals Manager – WCL
John Ross (JR)	Environment Manager, Wongawilli – WCL
Paul Coxhead (PC)	Wongawilli Colliery Mine Manager - WCL
Guests	
Nil.	
Apologies	
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
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<p><b>1.1</b> The chair welcomed all, including two new committee members, Mr Nicki Simonoski and Mr Ron Cooper.</p> <p><b>1.2</b> The meeting was declared open at 6.11 pm.</p>	
<b>2. Apologies</b>	
<p><b>2.1</b> As per attendance table.</p>	
<b>3. Declaration of Interests</b>	
<p><b>3.1</b> Col Gellatly is remunerated by the company as chair of this committee.</p> <p><b>3.2</b> Nicki Simonoski leases land at the rear of Wongawilli Village, which adjoins Wollongong Coal's (WCL) land.</p> <p><b>3.3</b> Ron Cooper leases land at the rear of Wongawilli Village, which adjoins WCL's land.</p>	
<b>4. Endorsement of Minutes and Correspondence from Previous Meeting</b>	
<p><b>4.1</b> The minutes of the meeting held on 24 October 2017 were accepted as a true and correct record.</p> <p>MC advised that under the new guidelines, the minutes will be prepared and distributed for comment within a week.</p>	
<b>5. Matters Arising from Previous Meeting</b>	
<p><b>5.1</b> <i>Organise tour of Wongawilli Colliery for committee members (from 5.1).</i> MC: A surface tour took place earlier this afternoon. Members to be advised of dates for underground and catchment visits (possibly February 2018).</p> <p><b>5.2</b> <i>Send copy of mine plan to Peter Turner (from 6.1).</i> PC provided a map of previous and current workings.</p> <p><b>5.3</b> <i>Advertise for new committee members and organise community information for new residents (from 6.2.7).</i> MC: Scheduled for first quarter of 2018. RC commented that he and NS are members of the residents' committee which is to meet again in the near future. He suggested that the next CCC meeting be held immediately after the residents' meeting. He will provide MC with details.</p> <p><b>5.4</b> <i>Update committee on requirement to provide end-of-panel reports (from 6.3).</i> KM: Condition 18, Schedule 2, ML No. 1596. This information has now gone to an <i>Annual Report</i>.</p> <p><b>5.5</b> <i>Discuss the availability of monitoring data with CCC members (from 7).</i> KM: Information will be appended to the Annual Report, which will be provided to CCC members following regulator feedback.</p>	<p>ACTION 5.1: Organise underground and catchment visits in first quarter of 2018.</p> <p>ACTION 5.3: Schedule community information day for Quarter 1 of 2018.</p> <p>ACTION 5.5: Provide Annual Report to CCC members following regulator feedback (Feb 2018).</p>
<b>6. Company Reports and Overview of Activities</b>	

<h2>6.1 Company Overview</h2>	
<p>MC reported that current mining is development work. Pillar extraction (by continuous miner) scheduled to commence around 25 December.</p> <p>RC questioned the future viability of the mine. MC advised the mine is viable and it has a life of 30-plus years. Due to approval issues at Russell Vale Colliery, the focus is on Wongawilli.</p> <p>KM clarified that WCL is not a subsidiary of JSPL (Jindal Steel and Power) but a stand-alone company that is accountable to its shareholders.</p> <p>AB queried whether JSPL has loaned \$250M to WCL and asked whether WCL is \$680M in debt.</p> <p>KM advised that the figures are in the annual report and that the manner in which companies structure their debts are complex matters.</p> <p>AB expressed concern that the committee was not made aware that there had been a diesel problem at the mine in July which was investigated by the Resources Regulator. It was not mentioned at the October CCC meeting.</p> <p>PC advised the incident occurred whilst the mine was with Delta and its administrators. A diesel engine failed but there was no potential for injury. MC said the department investigated as it was an engine-type that had not failed previously. AB said the cause was that the engine had not been maintained and holds concerns about the maintenance practices at the mine.</p> <p>KM stated that an agenda item on safety will be added to future meetings.</p>	<p>ACTION 6.1: Add “safety” as an agenda item.</p>
<h2>6.2 Environmental Management</h2>	
<p>Kerry talked through the following items relating to environmental management.</p> <p>6.2.1 Air Quality</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No incidents/complaints during the reporting period.</li> </ul> <p>6.2.2 Biodiversity &amp; Heritage</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No incidents/complaints during the reporting period.</li> <li><i>“Analysis of Total Species Richness (TSR) following the recommencement of longwall coal mining does not indicate that the composition of ecological communities has changed, with post-mining results remaining comparable with pre-mining data sets and variability being reflected at the control sites. TSR is typically lower at control sites than at the two creek lines potentially subject to impacts from underground coal mining.”</i> Annual Report – Biosis, 2017.</li> <li>AB questioned the TSR being lower at the control sites. KM advised that the data will be in the annual report.</li> </ul> <p>6.2.3 Chemical/Hydrocarbons</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Hydrocarbon audit completed. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Most items have secondary containment. Sufficient fire extinguishers in the required areas. Minimal flammable items stored on site.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Two minor non-conformances.</li> <li>○ Nine opportunities for improvement in relation to the storage, handling and transportation of flammable and combustible liquids.</li> </ul> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Transformer spill at Shaft No's 1 and 3. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Draft validation report received.</li> <li>○ Majority of contaminated material has been removed.</li> <li>○ Minor excavation required at No. 3 Shaft.</li> <li>○ Joint regulatory audit on 18/12/2017.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• PT questioned how dioxins relates to bushfires. KM said that dioxins are often present in bushfire prone areas and Coffey, the Independent Auditor and WaterNSW were satisfied these were background results and do not pose an issue to public health.</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: center;">6.2.4 Mineral Waste</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No incidents/complaints during the reporting period.</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: center;">6.2.5 Non-mineral Waste</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No incidents/complaints during the reporting period.</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: center;">6.2.6 Groundwater</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No incidents/complaints during the reporting period.</li> <li>• Based on the low levels of ground movement observed as a result of Longwall N2 and Panel N4 extraction, there have been no adverse or unexpected impacts on the groundwater or surface water systems at Nebo.</li> <li>• <i>"The subsidence impacts and consequences from the extraction of Longwall N2 and Panel N4 are within the predicted impacts and comply with the subsidence impact performance measures in Project Approval 09_0161 for surface water and groundwater systems at Nebo."</i> Annual Report – Geoterra, 2017.</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: center;">6.2.7 Noise</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No incidents/complaints during the reporting period.</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: center;">6.2.8 Surface Water</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No incidents/complaints during the reporting period.</li> <li>• Pollution Reduction Program 12. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Decline conveyor drain reinstated.</li> <li>○ Monitoring and maintenance regime established.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	
<b>6.3 Audits and Reports</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Independent Environmental Audit - September 2016</li> <li>✓ NPI - October 2017</li> <li>✓ NGER - October 2017</li> <li>✓ AS1940:2017 Hydrocarbon Audit - November 2017</li> <li>✓ Annual Return - November 2017</li> <li>✓ Annual Review - November 2017</li> <li>✓ Annual Report - November 2017</li> <li>• Joint Agency Shaft Audit - December 2017</li> <li>• Annual Review site visit - Q1 2018</li> </ul>	

<p>KM advised that a site inspection for the drain will be conducted for the regulators. CCC members will be invited to this.</p>	
<p><b>6.4 Approvals Overview</b></p>	
<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>• <b>No current approval variations or applications</b></li> </ul>	
<p><b>7. Community Issues</b></p>	
<p><b>7.1</b> RZ: When is WCL likely to start the next studies?  KM: WCL will look to the future once both mines are producing. The EIS is a three- to five-year process.  AB: If approval runs out in 2020, where is the money coming from?  KM: The next approval will likely look at other resources within WCL current mining area.</p> <p><b>7.2</b> PT stated the company requires at least two-year baseline monitoring. KM replied that an extensive baseline monitoring program had already been established in the area and would be reinstated once an approvals timeline had been identified. PT then asked whether we don't have time to re-start it before the current approval runs out. KM said this would be part of any approvals planning.</p> <p><b>7.3</b> RC said the biggest issue for residents is dust from coal. It has been less of an issue in the recent past due to the lack of production and it was also difficult to distinguish between the dust from the construction works and the mine. Suggests that the trigger for spraying be looked at on a local basis as it is currently based on wind velocity at Port Kembla.</p> <p><b>7.4</b> RC: Another concern is rumours of the sale of mine property for housing.  MC outlined on a map the land in question, which runs along Shone Avenue up to Jersey Farm Road and to the old emplacement area on the southern end of the railway line. This is an area of 120 hectares which is earmarked as land not required for mining and which will be sold for housing. There is no set timetable. The majority of the land has been rezoned to R2.</p> <p><b>7.5</b> RC: What is planned for the mine manager's cottage?  MC: The Little School Pre-School will take over as occupants of the cottage and will abide by all heritage conditions with regard to restorations. The hand-over is at an advanced stage.</p> <p><b>7.6</b> PT had sent MC an e-mail regarding a question he had sent to Dave Clarkson in 2014 about the discrepancies between records from WaterNSW and details of piezometer locations.  KM: Will respond to this.</p>	<p>ACTION 7.3: Provide information of the trigger for dust suppressant sprays at the mine.</p> <p>ACTION 7.6: Respond to PT's outstanding query from 2014 on WaterNSW record discrepancies.</p>

<p><b>7.7</b> PT requests a map that shows underground ponding. KM to provide.</p> <p><b>7.8</b> NS is concerned about drivers speeding through the village at the end of their shift, particularly as employee numbers grow.</p>	<p>ACTION 7.7: Provide map of underground ponding to PT.</p>
<p><b>8. General Business</b></p>	
<p><b>8.1</b> RZ: The Estuaries Management Committee has requested permission to attend the next CCC meeting. CG: After consensus from members, the request was approved.</p>	
<p><b>9. Next Meeting</b></p>	
<p>The next meeting is to be held at 6.00 pm on Wednesday, 7 March 2018 at Wongawilli Community Hall.</p> <p>Dates for catchment and underground visits to be advised. Further CCC meetings are scheduled as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ 27 June 2018;</li> <li>▪ 10 October 2018.</li> </ul> <p>The meeting closed at 7.05 pm.</p>	

Ends