

MINUTES

Meeting No. 15
Wongawilli Colliery Community Consultative Committee
Wednesday, 7 March 2018
Held at Wongawilli Colliery, Wongawilli

ATTENDANCE	
NAME	ROLE
Committee Members	
Col Gellatly (CG)	Chair
Ann Brown (AB)	Community Representative
Peter Turner (PT)	Community Representative
Mat Campbell (MC)	Community Relations & Corporate HR Manager – WCL
John Ross (JR)	Environment Manager, Wongawilli – WCL
Paul Coxhead (PC)	Wongawilli Colliery Mine Manager - WCL
Guests	
Kristy Blackburn (KB)	Wollongong City Council, Lake Illawarra Estuary Management Committee
Apologies	
Ron Zwicker	Wollongong City Council
Nicki Simonoski	Community Representative
Ron Copper	Community Representative

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 Audits and Reports 6.4 Approvals Overview 6.5 Safety
7	Community Issues
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1. Welcome and Introductions	NOTES
<p>1.1 The chair welcomed all, including Kristy Blackburn from Wollongong City Council's (WCC) Lake Illawarra Estuary Management Committee.</p> <p>1.2 The meeting was declared open at 6.08 pm.</p> <p>1.3 Kristy Blackburn was allowed to take the floor first and presented the meeting with an informative overview of her role and the functions of the Estuary Management Committee.</p> <p>Kristy explained that after a process which included community consultation, WCC released a draft <i>Lake Illawarra Coastal Management Program (CMP)</i> document. Once certified, all public authorities will be required to comply with the CMP. In the case of WCL, this could filter down from the Environment Protection Authority.</p> <p>There may be potential guidelines for developers relating to water quality and sedimentation issues. MC added that two of the CCC members have noted changes to the water table at their properties due to the Sheargold development, which now sits approximately one metre higher than the roadway.</p> <p>JR added that there is a lack of drainage in the new development area.</p> <p>AB questioned whether air pollution (coal dust) at time of strong winds could be an issue. Both KB and JR stated there have never been complaints due to coal dust. MC said the maximum coal on the stockpile at any time would be 50,000 tonnes, which does not compare to the quantities at Port Kembla Coal Terminal.</p> <p>The Chair thanked KB for her presentation and she then left the meeting.</p> <p>PC displayed a map and explained the water lodgements on site. The map is five years old. MC will ascertain whether there is a more current map and provide an electronic copy to PT.</p>	<p>ACTION: Provide updated water lodgement map to PT.</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.</p>	

4. Endorsement of Minutes and Correspondence from Previous Meeting	
4.1	The minutes of the meeting held on 13 December 2017 were accepted as a true and correct record.
5. Matters Arising from Previous Meeting	
5.1	<p><i>Organise underground and catchment visits in first quarter 2018.</i> MC: Both AB and PT are available in April 2018 for a catchment visit. MC will organise with environmental officer. Regarding the underground visit, PC will organise a visit in the late afternoon/evening and will await advice on a suitable date from the members.</p> <p>ACTION: Set date for catchment visit in April 2018.</p>
5.2	<p><i>Schedule community information day in first quarter 2018.</i> MC: Suggests that this be held once the community is further established. A further update will be provided in the coming months.</p>
5.3	<p><i>Provide Annual Report to CCC members following regulator feedback (Feb 2018).</i> MC: WCL is still awaiting regulator feedback.</p> <p>ACTION: Provide Annual Report to CCC members following regulator feedback.</p>
5.4	<p><i>Add "safety" as an agenda item.</i> This has been done.</p>
5.5	<p><i>Provide information on the trigger for dust suppressant sprays at the mine.</i> MC: Wind +20 km/h. The stockpile is the only area that is triggered by wind.</p>
5.6	<p><i>Respond to member's outstanding query from 2014 on WaterNSW record discrepancies.</i> PT said he sent an e-mail to MC after last month's meeting; it relates to piezometer locations on a map with GPS details, depths, etc. MC will provide the information this week.</p> <p>ACTION: Provide response to PT's outstanding query from 2014 on WaterNSW record discrepancies.</p>
5.7	<p><i>Provide map of underground ponding.</i> MC: This was dealt with earlier tonight (point 1.3). There is no ponding in the current approved area.</p>
6. Company Reports and Overview of Activities	
6.1 Company Overview	
<p>MC reported that there has been little change since the last meeting.</p> <p>The State Government issued a notice to Wollongong Coal (WCL) proposing suspension of operations due to the late payment of leasing fees. WCL responded within the time-frame and is now awaiting feedback from the regulator. Operations are continuing as normal.</p> <p>PC gave an update on current operations. There is six months left on the existing block, N3. The next operation will be in N1 for which more equipment has been acquired, including a continuous miner and mobile roof supports. Pillar extraction in</p>	

<p>N1 will commence within two weeks.</p> <p>The current operation is extracting 5,000 to 10,000 tonnes of coal and this will increase to 8,000 to 15,000 tonnes within the next month. The expected life of the operation is two years.</p> <p>The current workforce at Wongawilli is 110 personnel, which includes contractors and permanent staff.</p> <p>The members queried any changes at Russell Vale Colliery. MC confirmed that Kerry Mudge has left the company and that a consultant is looking after the Russell Vale role at present while the company recruits for the position. Umwelt will look after the company's approvals process and John Ross remains as the head of the environment department at Wongawilli.</p>	
<p>6.2 Environmental Management</p>	
<p>John talked through the following items relating to environmental management.</p> <p>6.2.1 Air Quality</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> No incidents/complaints during the reporting period. <p>6.2.2 Biodiversity & Heritage</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> No incidents/complaints during the reporting period. Chemical and physical control of weeds on site has been happening on a reduced scale. <p>6.2.3 Chemical/Hydrocarbons</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Waiting for quote to supply suitable equipment and fill material to back-fill Wonga transformer site. More sampling is required at Nebo No. 1 Shaft site. Waiting on quote from contractor to supply equipment to dig and consultant to sample spill site and then supply suitable fill material to back-fill the Nebo transformer site. Continue working through site hydrocarbon audit findings. Waiting for Fuchs to remove its Solcenic bulk oil tank. PC clarified that the company received two official cautions on the oil spills; one for allowing it to happen; the other for not acting more quickly. <p>6.2.4 Mineral Waste</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> No incidents/complaints during the reporting period. <p>6.2.5 Non-mineral Waste</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> No incidents/complaints during the reporting period. Scrap metal removal from site continues. Timber yard completed for now. Garden almost completed and lower bath house area nearly completed. <p>6.2.6 Groundwater</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> No incidents/complaints during the reporting period. <p>6.2.7 Noise</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> No incidents/complaints during the reporting period. <p>6.2.8 Surface Water</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> No incidents/complaints during the reporting period. 	

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Waiting on quotes from contractor to carry out erosion and sediment control earthworks. • Redirecting surface water in timber yard. • Reshaping decline drain to reduce erosion and maintenance. • Repairs to filter lagoon spillway. • Containment bund around coal stockpile to reduce drain maintenance. 	
6.3 Audits and Reports	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No updates since last meeting. 	
6.4 Approvals Overview	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No approval variations or applications since last meeting. 	
6.5 Safety	
<p>PC reported on safety issues since the last meeting.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • On 27 January 2018 there was a notifiable incident relating to a roof fall on the conveyor belt. It is an 80-year old roof; there were no warning signs of failure. The regulator attended site. WCL has recovered the fall and is re-evaluating the roadways and has developed plans to deal with the issue. Three extra people have been employed in the role of roof support. • Another incident involved the conveyor belt on the surface. The bearings on one side of the rollers failed. This did not require the attendance of the regulator. A company has been employed to assist with prediction of catastrophic failures such as in this incident by way of vibration analysis. PT questioned whether more frequent maintenance would have prevented the incident. PC advised that it is difficult to say as there were no warning signs at all. 	
7. Community Issues	
<p>7.1 No issues to report.</p>	
8. General Business	
<p>8.1 AB: She is still waiting on the N4 end-of-panel report as she is interested in the subsidence. Kerry had said he would submit it to the department with the AEMR.</p> <p>JR advised that it is still with the department.</p>	
9. Next Meeting	
<p>The next meeting is to be held at 6.00 pm on Wednesday, 27 June 2018 at Wongawilli Colliery.</p> <p>The meeting closed at 7.12 pm.</p>	

Ends