

## MINUTES

Meeting No. 21  
Wongawilli Colliery Community Consultative Committee  
Wednesday, 04 September 2019  
Held at Wongawilli Colliery, Wongawilli

ATTENDANCE	
NAME	ROLE
<b>Committee Members</b>	
David Ross (DR)	Independent Chair
Ann Brown (AB)	Community Representative
Ron Cooper (RC)	Community Representative
Mark Fleming (MF)	Community Representative
Ron Zwicker (RZ)	Wollongong City Council
John Ross (JR)	Environment Manager, Wongawilli Colliery – WCL
Ron Bush (RB)	Group Environment & Approvals Manager – WCL
Peter Roser (PR)	General Manager, Wongawilli Colliery – WCL
Mitch Jakeman (MJ)	CEO - WCL
<b>Apologies</b>	
Peter Turner	Community Representative
Nicki Simonoski	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
8	General Business
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1. Welcome and Introductions	NOTES
1.1 The chair welcomed all in attendance tonight and the meeting was declared open at 5.30 pm.	
2. Apologies	
2.1 As per attendance table.	

<b>3. Declaration of Interests</b>	
<b>3.1</b>	David Ross is remunerated by WCL as chair of this committee.
<b>3.2</b>	Ron Cooper leases land from WCL.
<b>4. Endorsement of Minutes and Correspondence from Previous Meeting</b>	
<b>4.1</b>	The minutes of the meeting held on 5 June 2019 were accepted as a true and correct record.
<b>5. Matters Arising from Previous Meeting</b>	
<b>5.1</b>	(From 5.4) Can raw piezo data and hydrographs be presented at CCC meetings? <b>Answer:</b> WCL undertook a review of its website. Water quality information has been updated and is in line with that provided by other mines in the region.
<b>5.2</b>	(From 6.1) Send copies of Wonga South Project concept plans to the group. <b>Answer:</b> Wayne Sly supplied the plans to John Ross and they were sent through to David Ross with the minutes.
<b>5.3</b>	(From 6.1) Provide location map showing monitoring sites 14 and 15. Provide any rainfall data captured at site 15. <b>Answer:</b> These station locations are included in the EPA EOM monitoring reports. The location map has been completed and was sent to the Chair.
<b>5.4</b>	(From 6.2.1) Explain compliance to PM <sub>10</sub> reporting as per EPL 1087 licence variation letter. <b>Answer:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>EPA reports have to be submitted monthly (with or without data).</li> <li>As per Section 66(6) of the POEO Act, the holder of a licence must publish to its website monitoring data collected under that licence within 14 days of obtaining the data.</li> <li>EPL 1087 Section M8.1: <i>All continuous monitoring equipment must be operated and maintained with the aim of achieving 100% availability in each licence year. Where a monitoring device does not achieve 95% availability, the licensee must report reasons and corrective actions to the EPA in the Annual Return.</i></li> </ul>
<b>5.5</b>	(From 6.2.2) Update weed management maps to show new urban developments. <b>Answer:</b> The lower level map was updated and was presented at this meeting.
<b>5.6</b>	(From 7) Provide an update on care and maintenance security measures. <b>Answer:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Locks will be changed shortly on main access point to the site.</li> <li>Security at main gate is 24 hours from Friday afternoon until Monday morning. Seven hours every other day.</li> <li>Negotiations are underway for security at main gate to be 24/7.</li> <li>Main gate is locked once the last person has left site in the afternoon.</li> <li>Northern entry gate has now been meshed to stop people from going</li> </ul>

through the gate.	
<b>6. Company Reports and Overview of Activities</b>	
<b>6.1 Company Overview</b>	
<p>Peter Roser provided an update on the status of Wongawilli Colliery.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mine is in care and maintenance status.</li> <li>Equipment from the mine has been removed and relocated to the company's other mine sites. Main objective was to remove decades-old legacy items.</li> <li>Equipment removal program was undertaken without injury to personnel or damage to equipment or the environment.</li> <li>Preparatory work being undertaken to determine which of the mine's 25 adits/portals will be sealed.</li> <li>Plan to extend current workings into Wonga South. Four roadways would be required; two intake and two returns. This will not happen until the Russell Vale operation commences.</li> <li>Security of the site is an ongoing concern with the aim to install 24/7 security at the main gate.</li> <li>Message to community needs to be that the mine is still "open for business."</li> </ul> <p>AB questioned the expiry of the mining lease. WCL advised that the mining lease currently expires at the end of December 2020.</p>	
<b>6.2 Environmental Management</b>	
<p>John Ross talked through the following items relating to environmental management.</p> <p><b>6.2.1 Air Quality</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No reportable incidents/complaints during the reporting period.</li> <li>Look into dust suppression options for coal yard to reduce reliance of water from mine dam.</li> </ul> <p><b>6.2.2 Biodiversity &amp; Heritage</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No reportable incidents/complaints during the reporting period.</li> <li>Weed management continuous around site but in a reduced capacity because of work load and seasonal conditions.</li> <li>Physical removal and spraying of weeds ongoing on a reduced scale.</li> <li>Weed management undertaken at Wonga 1, Wonga 4 and Nebo 3 shafts in the water catchment.</li> </ul> <p><b>6.2.3 Chemical/Hydrocarbons</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No reportable incidents/complaints during the reporting period.</li> <li>No waste oil removed from site since last CCC meeting.</li> <li>Completion report signed off for contaminated soil incidents in the catchment.</li> <li>Management of soil stockpiles on site continues.</li> </ul> <p><b>6.2.4 Mineral Waste</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No reportable incidents/complaints during the reporting period.</li> </ul> <p><b>6.2.5 Non-mineral Waste</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No reportable incidents/complaints during the reporting period.</li> <li>30,000 litres of black water has been removed from site this quarter.</li> </ul>	

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2,775 kg of general waste removed from site.</li> <li>• 960 kg of general bulk waste removed from site.</li> </ul> <p>6.2.6 Groundwater</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No reportable incidents/complaints during the reporting period.</li> <li>• Minimal water from the underground mine is being discharged through LDP2 (approximately 9,000 litres per day) to the mine dam.</li> <li>• Comment was made about the high water levels in one of the underground areas. AB said that Peter Turner had previously asked questions regarding water levels but did not receive replies. WCL commented that when the mine was operating the water was being pumped out.</li> </ul> <p>6.2.7 Noise</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No reportable incidents/complaints during the reporting period.</li> </ul> <p>6.2.8 Surface Water</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No reportable incidents/complaints during the reporting period.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>6.3 Audits and Reports</b></p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Next Independent Environmental Audit - September 2019</li> <li>✓ NPI (National Pollution Inventory) - October 2019</li> <li>✓ NGER (National Greenhouse Energy Reporting) - October 2019</li> <li>✓ Annual Return - November 2019</li> <li>✓ Annual Review - November 2019</li> <li>✓ Annual Report - November 2019</li> <li>✓ Joint Agency Shaft Audit - December 2017</li> <li>✓ Annual Review site visit - October 2018</li> <li>✓ AEMR (Annual Environment Management Review) - due 30 Sep 2019</li> <li>✓ Annual Review site visit - October 2019</li> </ul> <p>DR thanked committee members for the comments they contributed relating to the environmental audit, which DR passed onto WolfPeak.</p>	
<p><b>6.4 Approvals Overview</b></p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Environmental Protection Licence 1087 * Pollution Reduction Program 12 added 24/04/2017.</li> <li>• Nebo Area Project Approval 09_0161 * Extraction Plan Variation approved 01/09/2017.</li> <li>• Nebo Longwalls 1 – 6 SMP Variation Approval Conditions * Annual Report to be provided with the Annual Review (Nov 2017)</li> <li>• Consolidated Coal Lease 766, Mining Lease 1565 &amp; 1596</li> </ul>	
<p><b>6.5 Safety</b></p>	
<p>Peter Roser reported that that there have been no safety issues and commended the small workforce at the mine for their dedication and work ethic.</p> <p>Employee numbers reduced from approximately 100 to 40 persons and now there are only five persons employed at the site.</p> <p>Additional work to secure all portals, buildings and transformer sites against random entries. Will not be able to stop wilful and determined entry from people intent on trespassing, even with on-site security.</p>	

Police have been advised several times and have done nothing.	
<b>7. Community Issues</b>	
<p><b>7.1</b> Since the last CCC meeting there have been 18 security issues that have been identified on site:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• unauthorised entry x 11;</li> <li>• suspicious activity x 2; and</li> <li>• unauthorised entry/damage x 5.</li> </ul>	
<b>8. General Business</b>	
<p><b>8.1</b> AB asked about the 24-hour security of the site.</p> <p>MJ advised that WCL is working towards 24-hour security. As there are many points from which entry could be gained, it is impossible to secure the entire site. All areas into which people could enter and hurt themselves have been secured as has all equipment.</p> <p>JR added that the front and top gates are locked on the weekend and security guards operate at the front gate.</p> <p><b>8.2</b> MF referred to the vulgar graffiti on the roller door of the heritage house and asked whether WCL was doing anything about it.</p> <p>WCL will consider the matter.</p> <p><b>8.3</b> RC would like to have further discussions with WCL about the community's desire for such things as develop an entry to the village, a heritage walk and some mining relics /plaques.</p> <p><b>8.4</b> AB has viewed the air quality information on WCL's website but claims it is very small and the information not clearly defined, which she believes is not good enough.</p> <p><b>8.5</b> DR mentioned the change in name of the NSW Department of Planning and Environment to the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment (DPIE), which now includes the Department of Industry's water division.</p> <p><b>8.6</b> DR advised that part of the DPIE's requirement for CCCs is for the provision of an annual report. DR would like to set aside some time at the next meeting to obtain input from members on their thoughts on the CCC process during the year and what they would like to get out of the CCC next year.</p>	<p><b>ACTION</b> (from 8.2): WCL to consider removing the graffiti from the heritage house.</p> <p><b>ACTION</b> (from 8.3) RC to coordinate with Alderman and WCL to meet and discuss.</p> <p><b>ACTION</b> (from 8.4): WCL to provide better-presented air quality data on its website.</p> <p><b>ACTION</b> (from 8.6): The Chair to provide members more information about the input he requires for the annual report.</p>
<b>9. Next Meeting</b>	
<p>The scheduled meeting dates for the remainder of the year are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Wednesday, 4 December 2019.</li> </ul> <p>The meeting closed at 6.10 pm.</p>	

Ends