

## MINUTES

Meeting No. 22  
Wongawilli Colliery Community Consultative Committee  
Wednesday, 04 December 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
Amanda Fleming (AF)	Community Representative
Nicki Simonoski (NS)	Community Representative
Peter Turner	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>	
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 Audits and Reports 6.4 Approvals Overview 6.5 Safety
7	Community Issues
8	General Business
9	Next Meeting

1. Welcome and Introductions	NOTES
1.1 The chair welcomed all in attendance tonight and the meeting was declared open at 5.30.	
2. Apologies	
2.1 As per attendance table.	

<b>3. Declaration of Interests</b>	
<p><b>3.1</b> David Ross is remunerated by Wollongong Coal (WCL) as chair of this committee.</p> <p><b>3.2</b> Ron Cooper leases land from WCL.</p> <p><b>3.3</b> Nicki Simonoski leases land from WCL.</p>	
<b>4. Endorsement of Minutes and Correspondence from Previous Meeting</b>	
<p><b>4.1</b> The minutes of the meeting held on 4 September 2019 were accepted as a true and correct record.</p>	
<b>5. Matters Arising from Previous Meeting</b>	
<p><b>5.1</b> <i>(From 8.2) WCL to consider removing the graffiti from the mine manager's cottage.</i>  <b>Answer:</b> The work was undertaken in the week of 14 October 2019.</p> <p><b>5.2</b> <i>(From 8.3) RC to co-ordinate with WCC councillors and WCL to meet and discuss the community's desire for a heritage walk and other such amenities in the village.</i>  <b>Answer:</b> Matter is ongoing. RC reported on his progress and has a meeting with WCC tomorrow. He also reported that information on a sum of money which had been set aside for village works approximately 25 years ago from a penalty imposed upon BHP has been found by WCC and will be utilised for that purpose.</p> <p><b>5.3</b> <i>(From 8.4) WCL to provide better-presented data on its website.</i>  <b>Answer:</b> The website has been updated.</p> <p><b>5.4</b> <i>(From 8.6) The Chair to provide members more information about the input he requires for the annual report.</i>  <b>Answer:</b> The Chair will discuss this subject in general business.</p>	
<b>6. Company Reports and Overview of Activities</b>	
<b>6.1 Company Overview</b>	
<p>WCL's CEO, Mitch Jakeman, provided an update on the status of the company.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Russell Vale's <i>Response to Submissions</i> document was lodged with the Department of Planning, Industry &amp; Environment (DPIE) on 29 November 2019. The submission took into account the NSW Chief Scientist's report (ie IEPMC Report 2019 prepared for DPIE). Next step is the IPC (Independent Planning Commission) hearing.</li> <li>AB queried the ASX notice of 13 November regarding WCL's debt restructure and the media article warning others not to deal with the company. MJ advised that WCL did not make that statement but that it was taken out of context by the reporter.</li> <li>AM queried the status of the old miner's cottage and whether it was to be a child care centre. MJ confirmed that is the case and that a DA may be lodged prior to</li> </ul>	

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6.2 Environmental Management		
<p>John Ross 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 reportable incidents/complaints during the reporting period.</li> </ul> <p>6.2.2 Biodiversity &amp; Heritage</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.</li> <li>Weed management undertaken at Wonga 1 shaft in the water catchment.</li> </ul> <p>6.2.3 Chemical/Hydrocarbons</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No reportable incidents/complaints during the reporting period.</li> <li>Management of soil stockpiles on site continues.</li> <li>Site-wide clean-up of old hydrocarbon drums underway.</li> <li>Waste oil is removed by Nationwide Oils.</li> </ul> <p>6.2.4 Mineral Waste</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No reportable incidents/complaints during the reporting period.</li> </ul> <p>6.2.5 Non-mineral Waste</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No reportable incidents/complaints during the reporting period.</li> <li>20,000 litres of black water has been removed from site this quarter.</li> <li>1,500 litres of waste oil removed from site.</li> <li>710 kg of general waste removed from site.</li> <li>Approximately 2 tonnes of scrap steel removed from site.</li> <li>Project planning underway for another site-wide scrap steel clean-up.</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>No water discharging from LDP2.</li> </ul> <p>6.2.7 Noise</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No reportable incidents/complaints during the reporting period.</li> <li>Minimal noise being generated on site.</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> <li>Stack-out sump cleaned out.</li> <li>Decline settling dam cleaned out.</li> <li>Planning underway to clean out more dams on site.</li> </ul>		
6.3 Audits and Reports		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Joint Agency Shaft Audit</li> <li>Last Annual Review site visit</li> <li>Independent Environmental Audit (underway)</li> <li>✓ NPI (National Pollution Inventory)</li> <li>✓ NGER (National Greenhouse and Energy Reporting)</li> <li>✓ EPA annual site visit</li> <li>✓ Annual Return</li> <li>✓ Annual Review</li> <li>✓ Annual Report</li> </ul>	<p>December 2017</p> <p>October 2018</p> <p>September 2019</p> <p>October 2019</p> <p>October 2019</p> <p>11 October 2019</p> <p>November 2019</p> <p>November 2019</p> <p>November 2019</p>	

✓	AEMR (Annual Environment Management Review) 11 November 2019 submitted	
<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 1/09/2017</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>▪ Transfer of lease for N5 extension project underway. No longer happening.</li> <li>▪ Mine Operating Plan (MOP) - 31/12/2020</li> <li>▪ Project Approval MP 09_0161 - 31/12/2020</li> </ul>		
<b>6.5 Safety</b>		
<p>The Mine Manager, Peter Roser, reported that that there have been no safety incidents in the past three months.</p> <p>He also reported that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Preparations are underway for sealing the mine, which should commence early in the New Year.</li> <li>• The belts are being run weekly to ensure they are operating correctly.</li> <li>• Fortnightly shaft inspections are being carried out.</li> <li>• Continued clean-up works at the pit top.</li> </ul>		
<b>7. Community Issues</b>		
<p><b>7.1</b> Since the last CCC meeting there have been five security issues (as detailed below) that were identified on site, which is a large reduction attributed to the extended security on site.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Attempted entry x 1;</li> <li>• illegal hunting x 2; and</li> <li>• unauthorised entry/damage x 2.</li> </ul> <p>The illegal hunters accessed the site via Hayes Lane. Action against these individuals has not been possible as the vehicle registration number was not able to be obtained.</p> <p>AM questioned whether the company keeps or reviews visitor logs. JR responded that the security personnel record all registration numbers of incoming and outgoing vehicles, which is reported to him.</p> <p>General discussion took place about the number of deer on site.</p> <p><b>7.2</b> RB advised that the company is in the final phase of completing a three-yearly compliance audit. Once it is submitted to the DPIE it will become available to the public.</p>		

<p>Further, the EPL annual return has been submitted. The review has given Wongawilli Colliery an environmental risk-based loading of Category A/Level 1, which is the lowest risk.</p> <p>AB queried who conducted the audit. RB advised that the audit was conducted by WolfPeak, which is on the DPIE's accredited list of providers.</p>	
<p><b>8. General Business</b></p>	
<p><b>8.1</b> PT had raised a query during the week via e-mail as to the balance of water from the mine and whether WCL tracks where that water goes. He also wished to know the dimensions of the old Elouera BHP longwalls 1-10 and the Delta longwalls 14 and 17.</p> <p>PR used the mine map to explain the flow of water. PT questioned how it is decided where to pump out. PR advised that it is not possible to pump out as there is only one way in and out and no power available for pumping. Further discussion ensued.</p> <p>MJ referred to the NSW Chief Scientist's report (ie IEPMC Report 2019 prepared for DPIE) which states it is ridiculous to seal mines to make them water-tight in view of the fact that the water can be utilised in a variety of ways. General discussion took place on this subject between MJ and PT.</p> <p>RB stated that he is compiling a response to PT's query.</p> <p>JR stated that he would send PT a map with the measurements of the longwalls in question.</p> <p><b>8.2</b> PT referred to the matter raised at the June meeting of the availability of raw piezo data and hydrographs to be presented at the CCC meeting.</p> <p>This matter was answered at the September meeting – <i>"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."</i></p> <p>PT said he had read the Independent Expert Panel's report, which stated that there would be access to that information. MJ advised that the information is only required to be made available to the government, with which WCL has complied.</p> <p>PT commented that WCL is withholding information. MJ disagreed as the information is being provided to the government. AB commented that the data has been "smoothed out." PT further said the way it is presented is unclear and it is difficult to extract any information digitally.</p> <p>MJ stated that WCL is not obligated to release the data as it could be misused. He further suggested to PT that if he is prepared to sign a legal document to indemnify WCL against any misuse of the data, then WCL would seek its own legal advice as to whether it is obligated to provide it. PT agreed to this.</p>	<p><b>ACTION 1:</b> (From 8.1) WCL to provide response to PT's query on the balance of water from the mine and whether the flow of that water is tracked.</p> <p><b>ACTION 2:</b> (From 8.1) WCL to provide a map of the old BHP and Delta longwalls.</p>

<p>AM asked whether the data could be shown to the meeting. RB advised that it is available in the report.</p> <p>The Chair advised that piezometer data will be noted as a topic for the next meeting.</p> <p><b>8.3</b> NS asked whether anything is planned for part of the WCL land that is leased out. MJ advised it is a work-in-progress tied up with the loan restructure. Feedback regarding the land may be available early next year.</p> <p>MJ further advised that the school for autism at Corrimal (Aspect South Coast School) is looking to acquire land at West Dapto to expand its facilities. This is under consideration by WCL.</p> <p><b>8.4</b> AM on behalf of the community: Is the mine looking to lease the mine and stockpile to Boral as a loading and pick-up area? MJ: No, it is not.</p> <p><b>8.5</b> AM on behalf of the community: What is WCL's duty of care in relation to the deer-shooting which occurs behind the houses on West Dapto Road? Recent social media outrage occurred when a bullet was fired in close range to a residence. MJ advised that WCL has increased security around its site. The incident mentioned is a police issue and does not involve WCL. WCL is not responsible for anything that occurs on land that is leased to others.</p> <p><b>8.6</b> AM on behalf of the community: Concern was raised about shooting in high bushfire warning periods. MJ: That is a matter for the police.</p> <p><b>8.7</b> AM: As a resident, she feels there has been a lack of communication by WCL in the past quarter. One example concerns a call from security at 8.00 am one day advising that the access gate would be locked shortly for a period of two hours. AM claims she did not receive prior notice. WCL noted this. The work had been arranged by Russell Vale employees who should have provided more notice.</p> <p>On another occasion, AM found a vehicle in the scrap yard at 6.00 pm. She claims that JR did not answer her call but then spoke with PR. JR advised the meeting that he has no record of that call, however, both he and Tony were aware of it.</p> <p>Further discussion took place with JR also concerned that the residents are using the security guards as a "concierge" to open the gate for them.</p> <p>RB advised that he would arrange to meet with AM in order to put in place some protocols regarding communications.</p> <p><b>8.8</b> AB questioned the absence of the N1 End of Panel report. RB advised that subsidence monitoring is still ongoing and the report is being prepared. Estimated availability is mid-February.</p> <p><b>8.9</b> AB is a member of the Facebook group for Wongawilli residents. Some members expressed interest in joining the committee.</p>	<p><b>ACTION 3:</b> (From 8.7) RB to meet with AM in order to put in place communication protocols for neighbours of the Wongawilli mine site.</p> <p><b>ACTION 4:</b> (From 8.9)</p>
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<p>The Chair advised that up to seven members may be appointed to a committee. He will liaise with WCL in relation to placing an advertisement for new members.</p> <p><b>8.10</b> AB referred to previous commitments from WCL to canvass the local community about the mine. RB will take this on board.</p> <p><b>8.11</b> AB on behalf of the community: Are the owners of the homes under construction right to be concerned about the mine site and theft on their properties? It was noted by all that the reverse would be the concern.</p> <p><b>8.12</b> AB on behalf of the community: What is the situation regarding the Rural Fire Service? AB had asked those concerned to contact JR. Who is the contact person at WCL in the event of a fire emergency? The AEMR lists a contact number but not a name. RB advised that the number in the AEMR should be for Control, which reverts to the Mine Manager if not answered. MJ commented that WCL has good relations with the relevant authorities for such situations.</p> <p><b>8.13</b> RZ asked whether the Wonga South project has started. RB advised that WCL will look at it next year but that the CCC will be informed in the first instance.</p> <p>AB questioned whether Aboriginal heritage would be taken into consideration in the Wonga South project, as many Aboriginal artefacts were found in relation to Dendrobium Mine's application. RB advised that a full environmental assessment would be required.</p> <p><b>8.14</b> The Chair is required by the DPIE to prepare an annual report in relation to the committee. He invited each member to provide their comments on the past year. Members' comments listed below:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• NS: Happy with the amount of feedback from WCL in relation to the cleaning-up of the site.</li> <li>• RC: The provision of monitoring information on WCL's website has improved and is being updated as well as the availability of people at the table to answer questions during the meeting.</li> <li>• AB: Her general interest is in compliance, the environment, the workers and residents. Happy to get the amendment to EPA licence 1087 to have continuous air-monitoring information available to the public. The committee has been informed more about safety and happy that it has improved.</li> <li>• RZ: The committee is now being able to voice issues and receive responses.</li> <li>• PT: It has been a year of incremental improvement in the understanding of the mine.</li> <li>• AM: Has seen the mine grow and develop; it is great to have people at the meeting to provide immediate responses; there is better transparency and factual information. NS seconded this.</li> </ul> <p>In relation to how members see the next 12 months, the comments were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• MJ: Found this to be a good process. He is thankful for the</li> </ul>	<p>DR to liaise with WCL to advertise for extra committee members.</p> <p><b>ACTION 5:</b> (From 8.10) WCL to canvass local community re the mine's status and activities.</p>
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<p>comments, which means WCL is heading on the right track. The committee will always receive an answer to any question to him. PR is preparing concept plans for the future of the mine. WCL has committed to the departments that it will not use longwall methods. All departments support WCL in principle that there is life in the coal industry in this area. As an industry, WCL believes that Water NSW should be broadening its view and looking at putting to use the potable water from the mine.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• AB and PT expressed concern that if the groundwater is pumped out it would be draining the catchment. Discussion ensued. PT said that evaporation from the reservoirs should be measured. He is concerned about the scale of such a proposal.</li> <li>• RC: Hopes to be kept informed on all issues and that compliance is carried on.</li> <li>• Discussion held on various meeting forums to hear information from the mine. RZ suggested a second cycle of meetings to update residents on the various projects, as was recently done by Dendrobium Mine.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>9. Next Meeting</b></p>	
<p>The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, 4 March 2020 at 5.30 pm.</p> <p>The meeting closed at 7.03 pm.</p>	

Ends