

## MINUTES

Meeting No. 9  
Wongawilli Colliery Community Consultative Committee  
Tuesday, 22 July 2014

Held at Wongawilli Community Hall, West Dapto Road, Wongawilli

### ATTENDANCE

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| Col Gellatly (CG)     | - Chair                                  |
| Ann Brown (AB)        | - Community Representative               |
| Katrina McDonald (KM) | - Community Representative               |
| Peter Turner (PT)     | - Community Representative               |
| Ron Zwicker (RZ)      | - Wollongong City Council                |
| Dave Clarkson (DC)    | - Environment & Approvals Manager (WCL)  |
| Mat Campbell (MC)     | - Community Relations & HR Manager (WCL) |

### APOLOGIES

Nil.

The chair declared the meeting open at 6.02 pm.

### DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

There were no interests declared by any members present.

### CORRESPONDENCE

Nil.

### MINUTES

The following items were raised regarding the minutes of the previous meeting held on 18 March 2014:

- RZ: Regarding point 8 in *Previous Matters Arising*, a swamp tour has not been organised.
  - MC: Now that matters have stabilised and Peter Turner has returned from holidays, he will organise a suitable date within the next few weeks. August would suit Peter.
- AB: The Nebo longwalls status report was due on 25 May.
  - DC: The report has been submitted and should be on the website.

The minutes of the meeting of 18 March 2014 were accepted.

## PREVIOUS MATTERS ARISING

1. *Attach to the minutes the graphical information on the longwalls.*

ANSWER: Contained in this presentation.

2. *Raise members' concerns about the non-release of raw data on piezometer readings with WCL's management.*

ANSWER: WCL will only release results that have been professionally assessed and verified. It will not release raw data.

3. *Organise a site visit to the swamps with interested members from both Wongawilli and Russell Vale CCCs.*

ANSWER: Waiting for Peter Turner to return from overseas.

4. *Recruit extra members for the CCC with a preference for local residents.*

ANSWER: No progress.

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## COMPANY REPORTS AND OVERVIEW OF ACTIVITIES

### COMPANY OVERVIEW

Mat gave a report, as per the presentation. Matters included:

- The longwall has ceased operation.
- Mine operating on limited first workings basis producing no subsidence.
- No schedule for recommencement of longwall as the viability will be driven by global economics.

In answer to a question about the cost of recovering the longwall, DC said it is not known. As coal prices are low and the longwalls are thin, the amount of money required to recover the longwall could not be recouped; it is a financial decision.

In answer to a question about mining activity at the mine, MC advised that one continuous miner is undertaking development work (first workings) and that 44 people are employed at the site. The future of the mine is in the Wonga South area, which is many years away.

### APPROVALS

Dave reported that WCL will need to lodge a minor variation to its existing Nebo Area Part 3A approval to extend the period of the approval beyond the current expiry date of 31 December 2015.

"Future approvals" relate to Wonga South. Initial planning is being carried out by the employees at Wongawilli Colliery.

## **ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT**

Dave reported on environmental issues, as per the presentation.

### **General**

- LW N2 has ceased as a result of a rock fall burying the longwall miner.
- There have been no train movements since 30 March 2014.
- All site water control dams are being dredged during the dry winter period to ensure maximum volume is available to control water flow during the wetter summer period.

### **Environmental Protection Licence Compliance – March to July 2014**

- Nil non-compliances.

### **Mining Operation Plan Compliance**

- Weed eradication spraying at Avondale pit top completed as required after last Annual Environmental Management Report (AEMR).
- Work has commenced to prepare the AEMR; due 30/09/2014 for period 01/07/2013 to 30/06/2014.
- The current MOP was amended based on the completion of the Surface Water Management Plan required by the project approval. MOP amendment approved on 24 March 2014.

### **MP 09\_0161 Nebo Area Project Approval Compliance**

- Will install real-time air and noise monitor by 31 December 2014.  
AB: Asked whether PM 2.5 would be monitored and whether this would be made public.  
DC: PM 2.5 will be monitored but is not available to the public.
- Have placed monthly train movement records on website from March 2014.
- Have added a section to this presentation to cover potential longwall change-outs and associated extended operational hours.
- An energy and lighting audit will commence in the second week of August 2014.
- Will update all management plans and develop an incident register and notification protocol as well as a waste management plan by 31 December as part of the annual review process.
- Bushfire Management Plan has been completed and is available on the website.

### **Subsidence Management Plan Nebo Longwalls N1-N6**

- Status Report 4 completed on 28 May 2014. Next status report due 25 September.
- Subsidence survey along survey line NM300 over LW2 showed a maximum of 92 mm of subsidence.
- The subsidence survey line N200 was destroyed by Sydney Water powerline vegetation clearance and RFS road works. It will be reinstituted prior to any further longwall mining in the Nebo area.
- No surface impacts were observed due to the very low levels of subsidence.

### **Subsidence Management Plan LW 11, 12, 15 16, 19, 20**

- Ongoing monitoring – no active mining since LW 15 (6 November 2012).

### **Complaints**

- No complaints since the train noise complaint on 15 January 2014.

## Projects

- No current projects.

## Pending Longwall Change-outs – March to July 2014

- Due to the current cessation of longwall mining at Wongawilli Colliery there are no scheduled longwall change-outs at this time.

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## COMMUNITY ISSUES

KM: Asked whether the company is doing anything about fox control as it used to be done on a regular basis by BHP.

MC: Has not been able to determine an authority that can deal with the fox issue. Some landowners carry out their own control measures. General discussion took place on the subject. MC will make further enquiries and welcomes any feedback from the group.

PT: Requested an electronic copy of tonight's presentation.

KM: Is anything to be done with the mine manager's cottage?

DC: No plans. Interior is in very poor condition and would require total refurbishment. As the property is heritage-listed, this would be costly.

KM: What is the outcome of the water leakage near the mine manager's cottage?

DC: It was found that a vehicle had cracked a pipe when driving over it. Sydney Water was contacted and repaired the leak.

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## GENERAL BUSINESS

Nil.

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## NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, 21 October at 6.00 pm.

The meeting closed at 6.48 pm.

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## Tabled Documents

- Minutes of Wongawilli CCC meeting held on 18 March 2014.

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#### ACTIONS REQUIRED

| Item No. | Action Required  | Responsibility | Deadline        |
|----------|--|----------------|-----------------|
| 1        | Organise a tour of the swamps with members of both Wongawilli and Russell Vale CCCs. | Mat Campbell   | 31 August 2014  |
| 2        | Display graphs with cumulative rainfall data.  | Dave Clarkson  | 21 October 2014 |
| 3        | Investigate fox control measures.  | Mat Campbell   |                 |
| 4        | Provide electronic copy of tonight's presentation to Peter Turner.                   | Mat Campbell   |                 |

Ends