

## MINUTES

Meeting No. 8  
Wongawilli Colliery Community Consultative Committee  
Tuesday, 18 March 2014

Held at Wongawilli Community Hall, West Dapto Road, Wongawilli

### ATTENDANCE

Col Gellatly	- Chair
Peter Turner	- Community Representative
Ann Brown	- Community Representative
Ron Zwicker	- Wollongong City Council
Dave Clarkson	- Group Approvals Manager (WCL)
Mat Campbell	- Community Relations Manager (WCL)
Greg Connolly	- Group Engineering Manager / Acting Operations Manager – Wongawilli (WCL)
Sasa Cugalj	- Environmental Officer (WCL)
Kristen Lee	- Monitoring Manager (WCL)
Paul Evert	- Logistics Manager (WCL)

### APOLOGIES

Katrina McDonald - Community Representative

It was noted that Kevin Roots has resigned from his position as community representative due to moving out of the area.

Col Gellatly declared the meeting open at 6.02 pm.

Mrs Ann Brown was welcomed to the meeting as a new community representative and introductions were made around the table.

### DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

There were no interests declared by any members present.

### CORRESPONDENCE

Nil.

### PREVIOUS MATTERS ARISING

1. *Provide information on the bank guarantee in relation to mine rehabilitation in the event of NRE's closure.*

ANSWER: Every mine requires a security deposit (determined by the Department of Planning's Division of Resources & Energy) for rehabilitation of the site in the event of closure.

2. *Follow up on a question regarding groundwater licences which was e-mailed by Peter Turner to Chris Irving following the previous CCC meeting.*

ANSWER: No reporting was required as NRE did not hold a licence. Now that Wollongong Coal Limited (WCL) does hold a licence, the reporting will be integrated into the annual management report.

Further discussion took place on this issue. Peter expressed concern about the inclusion of historical reporting. Dave commented that the current licence is based on historical rates.

Peter expressed concern that WCL received permission to pump out only half of the requested amount of water and is concerned at how the difference will be managed. Greg explained that it will be accumulated underground. The new mining areas will not be connected to the old workings. Modelling for groundwater management will be undertaken on any new workings.

3. *Investigate coal on roadside of Jersey Farm Road.*

ANSWER: Caused by heavy rain. Clean-up completed by Bitz Excavations. E-mailed response to Committee on 17 December.

4. *Provide readings from depositional dust gauges.*

ANSWER: Response to Committee e-mailed on 17 December.

5. *Follow up with Dave Clarkson the provision of background data relating to piezometer readings, which was promised a year ago.*

ANSWER: WCL will not be providing raw data to external parties other than as required by regulators.

Peter is not satisfied with the reasoning for this.

Dave stated that the new company (WCL) will comply with legislative reporting of the information but not release the raw data unless requested to do so by the key regulators. Should members of the public require this information, they may request it from the regulators.

In view of the community members' dissatisfaction with this situation, the chair requested that their concerns about non-release of the data be raised with the WCL management.

6. *Follow up on concerns of residents who lease land adjacent to the colliery in relation to fencing of the land.*

ANSWER: Letter sent to residents on 19/12/13 explaining that no changes will be made to existing licence agreements. Copy provided.

7. *Does Jindal have any plans for the miner's cottage?*

ANSWER: There are currently no plans for the cottage.

8. *Organise a visit to the swamps with Peter Turner and Ann Young.*

ANSWER: Kristen Lee will consult with Peter to organise a suitable date. Ann Brown and Ron Zwicker would also like to attend.

9. *Liaise with Department of Planning regarding the need for additional community representatives to the CCC.*

ANSWER: Col will follow up. He suggested that the committee spreads the word to any interested people, especially those who live locally.

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## COMPANY REPORTS AND OVERVIEW OF ACTIVITIES

### COMPANY OVERVIEW

Mat advised that the company changed its name to Wollongong Coal Limited on 25 February. A new chief operating officer, David Stone, has been appointed. A number of voluntary and forced redundancies took place as a result of the restructure.

### APPROVALS

Dave had no new information to report. Dave responded to a number of general questions.

### ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT

Sasa Cugalj reported on environmental issues, as per the presentation.

- LW N2 commenced commissioning shears on 12 June 2013. Limited cutting at moment due to underground conditions (roof fall).
- Train movements have returned to four per day (two whilst not cutting coal).
- Nil non-compliance from December 2013 to February 2014 with Environmental Protection Licence.
- Mining operation plan compliance:
  - 2012-13 annual review submitted on 21 December for period November 2012-13. Feedback received.
  - Provision received to combine Annual Environmental Management Report (AEMR) and Annual Review into one comprehensive document. Due September 2014 for period 1 July 2013 to 30 June 2014. Will be submitted to DRE and DPI.
  - DRE has requested the current MOP be amended based on the completion of the surface water management plan required by the project approval. MOP amendment sent on 11 February and awaiting feedback from DRE.
- MP 09\_0161 Nebo area project approval compliance:
  - Noise audit report submitted 17 December 2013 and subsequently approved by EPA on 6 January 2014. Approved by DPI on 22 January 2014.
- Subsidence management plan for longwalls 11, 12, 15, 16, 19 and 20:

- On-going monitoring – no active mining since LW 15 (6 November 2012).
- Subsidence management plan Nebo longwalls N1-N6:
  - Status report 3 completed on 25 January 2014. Next status report due 25 May.
- Complaints:
  - One noise complaint received for excessive horn blasting from trains. On 15/01/14 at 11.30 pm the train used the horn three to four times. On 16/01/14 at 11.50 pm it was used four times, including double blasts at most driveway crossings and the road crossing. Contact was made with Pacific National. An investigation to review the locomotive's on-board computer to analyse the driver's behaviour was carried out on 22/01/14. Risk assessment undertaken to reduce horn blasting in the area. Risk assessment resulted in no horn blasting heading into colliery once past Jersey Farm Road.
- No current projects.
- Peter said there was an agreement that graphical documentation of the longwalls be provided.
  - Dave agreed and said the information will be attached to the minutes.

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## COMMUNITY ISSUES

Col asked whether any further depositional dust gauges have been put in place.

ANSWER: Four gauges were put in place at the end of 2013. A summary of information was included in an e-mail to committee members.

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## GENERAL BUSINESS

Meeting dates for remainder of the year will be 15 July and 21 October.

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## NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, 15 July at 6.00 pm.

The meeting closed at 6.48 pm.

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## Tabled Documents

- Minutes of Wongawilli CCC meeting held on 3 December 2013.

#### ACTIONS REQUIRED

Item No.	Action Required	Responsibility	Deadline
1	Attach to the minutes the graphical information on the longwalls.	Dave Clarkson	31/03/2014
2	Raise members' concerns about non-release of raw data on piezometer readings with WCL's management.	Dave Clarkson	
3	Organise a site visit to the swamps with interested members from both Wongawilli and Russell Vale CCCs.	Kristen Lee	
4	Recruit extra members for the CCC with a preference for local residents.	Col Gellatly	

Ends