



Minutes of Meeting

LDO Workplace:	Chain Valley Colliery		
Venue:	Chain Valley – Conference Room		
Date:	19/02/2013	Time:	08:00am
Meeting Topic:	Community Consultative Committee		
Participants:	Margaret MacDonald-Hill (MM) – Chair Tabitha Kuypers (TK)– Wyong Shire Council Martin Johnson (MJ) – Wyong Shire Council Daniel Wallace (DW) – Lake Macquarie City Council John Oakes (JO) – Community Andrew Whitbourne (AW) – Community Peter Cripps (PCr) – Community Chris Ellis (CE) – LDO/LakeCoal Peter Campbell (PCa)– LDO/LakeCoal Ben Johnston (BJ) – LDO/LakeCoal Rachael Russell (RR) – EMGA Mitchell McLennan Apologies – Neil Wynn, Craig Nash, Bob Corbett, David McConnell		

Agenda Items

No	Item	Action Whom	By When
Note: CCC members undertook an underground visit from approximately 8:30am – 11:30am, remaining members unable to attend the underground visit participated in the meeting.			
1.	MM opened the meeting at 11:40am.	Note	
2.	Welcome, introductions, apologies and declarations of pecuniary interest were given.	Note	
3.	Confirmation of previous minutes A motion that the minutes be accepted for the last CCC meeting (13/11/12) was moved by JO and seconded by DW.	Note	

4.	CE will now upload the final minutes for meeting on the 13/11/12 to the website.	CE	Completed 20/02/2013
5.	DW sought clarification on the process for finalising and uploading final meeting minutes. CE advised that draft minutes were uploaded shortly after each meeting and that final minutes were only uploaded following their acceptance (typically each subsequent meeting).	Note	
6.	MM identified the correspondence received and sent since the last CCC meeting. MM tabled the letter to the Director-General in relation to the operation of the CCC.	Note	
7.	CE discussed the recent correspondence regarding the community trust and action to follow up with Wyong Shire Council. A more detailed discussion on the community trust and structure followed. CE and MJ to continue discussions around efficient and simple mechanisms to achieve required outcomes in line with the Project Approval requirements and provide further detail to the committee at the next meeting or before.	CE / MJ	7/05/2013
8.	AW commented that there was very little transparency of where funds are spent in the case of funding provided by Centennial Mannering to Lake Macquarie City Council for the purpose of improving water quality in Lake Macquarie.	Note	
9.	CE provided an update of the road maintenance agreement with Wyong Shire Council, noting that the dilapidation report and agreement have been provided to Wyong Shire Council and execution of the agreement should occur in the near future. CE to advise CCC members when the agreement has been executed.	CE	Upon execution of road maintenance agreement
10.	AW asked if the recent Council works on Ruttleys Road would affect road maintenance contributions to be made by LakeCoal. CE advised that this would have no impact as contributions are linked to the volume of coal transported along the road in any given year, with CPI considerations. No external factors such as additional works or upgrades would impact the contribution.	Note	
11.	A brief discussion on the classification of Ruttleys Rd and recent accidents was held.	Note	
12.	DW noted it was important that any agreement between Council and LakeCoal is drafted such that the Council is required to expend the money received on Ruttleys Rd, and is not treated as general revenue.	Note	
13.	CE provided data on Lake Macquarie water quality, sediment composition and sediment quality collected from areas within the proposed Mining Extension 1 area. CE to provide relevant slides to Craig Nash as they were in response to a question raised by Craig at the last CCC meeting.	CE	28/02/2013
14.	CE discussed the draft Rehabilitation Management Plan distributed for comment and its purpose. If any CCC members wish to comment on the plan responses are required back by the 4/3/13.	All	4/3/2013
15.	AW asked how relevant the Rehabilitation Management Plan is given that the land owner of the Pit Top Area site is Delta	Note	

	<p>Electricity.</p> <p>CE provided more detail around the mine closure process, including that LakeCoal has rehabilitation responsibility, and a key part in determining the ultimate rehabilitation objectives is consultation with the land owners, government and community.</p>		
16.	<p>A discussion was held on how mine closure costs are determined and if they increase with CPI.</p> <p>CE advised and provided more detail around the Department's rehabilitation cost calculator and process for determining rehabilitation security and review of security held.</p>	Note	
17.	<p>CE provided an update of current mining activities. Including current mine geology and issues (fault) found in the current development for Miniwall 4, which will result in a shorter miniwall than originally planned.</p>	Note	
18.	<p>A discussion was held on where the underground inspection was undertaken, showing locations on mine plan.</p>	Note	
19.	<p>MM thanked LakeCoal for arranging the underground visit for members.</p>	Note	
20.	<p>CE showed the latest monitoring data and trends, advising that the monthly reports are typically only the monitoring data and that annual analysis and interpretation of these results was contained within the Annual Review.</p>	Note	
21.	<p>CE provided a brief analysis of depositional dust data showing that levels recorded at Macquarie Shores did not appear to be as a result of the Collieries operations, as a dust gauge closer to the Colliery in the same direction has a significantly lower result.</p>	Note	
22.	<p>JO discussed potential air quality sources within the vicinity of the Macquarie Shores Village.</p> <p>CE advised that further investigation would be undertaken of the long term trend continued to remain above annual averages.</p>	Note	
23.	<p>CE presented a list of the three (3) complaints received and action taken, advising all complaint details are updated monthly on the website. It was noted that a complaint was received on the 18/2/13 but details had not been included in the presentation due to timing.</p>	Note	
24.	<p>CE presented an update of the Mining Extension 1 environmental impact statement and studies, including;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • current progress and expected public exhibition timing; • the areas that form part of the Proposal; • the revised indicative mine layout which has been amended as a result of technical studies; • details from the subsidence, transport, aquatic ecology, air quality, heritage and groundwater assessments; • an updated project timeline. 	Note	
25.	<p>CE advised that within the transport section of the EIS additional detail will be provided regarding the rail transport options LakeCoal is currently looking at to reduce truck haulage on public roads.</p>	Note	
26.	<p>AW commented that proposed future upgrades to the Vales Point rail loop may impact the options being looked at.</p> <p>CE advised that communication was open and ongoing with Delta Electricity (owner of Vales Point rail loop) and future changes (where known) were being considered as part of the studies.</p>	Note	

27.	AW and DW noted there was an approved (not yet developed) marina which is within the EIS area. RR to ensure this is considered during the development of the Mining Extension 1 environmental impact statement.	RR	During EIS development
28.	TK advised that due to a change in her role at Council she would no longer attend the CCC, MJ would be Councils representative and primary contact in the future.	Note	
29.	MM thanked Tabitha on behalf of the committee for her contributions and wished her the best in her new role.	Note	
30.	Martin Johnson is the new representative from Wyong Shire Council.	Note	
31.	MJ introduced himself to the committee and provided a brief summary of his position with Council.	Note	
32.	MJ commented on Council's initial review of the community trust documentation, indicating that simplifying the structure would be desirable.	Note	
33.	The coal haulage route to port, including background, was discussed.	Note	
34.	Discussion on draft LEP's and if Wyong LEP includes VPPS as a heritage item.	Note	
35.	The next meeting was scheduled for 9am on Tuesday the 7 th May 2013. However the committee agreed that the meeting date should coincide with the public exhibition of the Mining Extension 1 environmental impact statement. CE to advise committee of exhibition dates when known and reschedule timing of meeting if required	CE	Upon receipt of exhibition dates.
36.	The meeting closed by MM at 1:45pm	Note	