



LDO Workplace:	Chain Valley Colliery		
Venue:	Chain Valley - Conference Room		
Date:	11/06/2013	Time:	9:00am
Meeting Topic:	Community Consultative Committee		
Participants:	Margaret MacDonald-Hill (MM) - Chair Ian Carr(IC) – Community (for Andrew Whitbourne) Bart Vanderzee (BV)– Community (for Neil Wynn) Daniel Wallace (DW) - Lake Macquarie City Council David Kelly (DK) - EMGA Mitchell McLennan Bob Corbett (BC) - LakeCoal Peter Campbell (PC) - LakeCoal Chris Ellis (CE) - LakeCoal Ben Johnston (BJ) - LakeCoal Apologies - Andrew Whitbourne, Neil Wynn, John Oakes, Peter Cripps		

Agenda Items

No	Item	Action Whom	By When
CCC members undertook a site visit to the Colliery's ventilation fan site located at Summerland Point between 9:15am to 10:15am.			
1.	MM opened meeting at 10:30am.	Note	
2.	Welcome, introductions, apologies and declarations of interest were given.	Note	
3.	Brief background as to purpose of the committee	Note	
4.	BC, CE gave background of roles to new committee members. Emphasised that purpose of meeting was to be honest and upfront with the community.	Note	
5.	The previous minutes were unable to be confirmed due to lack of numbers to form a quorum. Draft minutes will remain on the	Note	

	website until they are finalised.		
6.	<p>There was a discussion regarding the community trust, several members queried where funds would be used and how they would be allocated to the community.</p> <p>CE explained that discussion still needs to be had with Wyong Shire Council in regards to the best way to establish the trust to manage the funds in the most effective manner.</p> <p>CE and BC explained background details of the contribution amount to new committee members.</p> <p>CE to follow up with Wyong Shire Council</p>	CE	Report on progress next CCC meeting
7.	<p>CE discussed road maintenance agreement - agreement is all finalised except council signature.</p> <p>CE to advise CCC when agreement has been executed.</p>	CE	Upon execution of agreement
8.	CE advised that, following comments received, the Rehabilitation Management Plan has now been submitted for approval.	Note	
9.	CE explained that the Trinity Point Marina development has now be taken into account within the Mining Extension 1 EIS.	Note	
10.	<p>MM covered the correspondence in and out since the last meeting, of importance;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Craig Nash resigned from the CCC in correspondence dated 23/2/13. • Andrew Whitbourne and Neil Wynn foreshadowed future resignation on the 13/5/13 and proposed IC and BV as replacement members. <p>MM discussed the formalities required for new appointments.</p> <p>There was a general discussion in regard to finding a suitable community member from the Summerland Point area as a potential new CCC appointment.</p> <p>CE and MM to provide details of appointment process to Andrew Whitbourne and Neil Wynn for discussion with IC and BV.</p>	CE / MM	30/06/13
11.	<p>CE gave an update of current mining activities.</p> <p>IC asked various technical questions regarding depth of mine, extent of old workings etc.</p> <p>CE replied that it varies, however approximately 200m within the current workings (Fassifern seam).</p> <p>A general discussion around the mining activities between members occurred, including discussion over a plan showing both the historic and proposed workings.</p>	Note	
12.	CE discussed recent monitoring, the EPL annual return submission, and that the EPA licence was updated in April and is available on the website.	Note	
13.	<p>The full 2012-13 reporting period water results were presented, as were the current months of the 2013-14 period.</p> <p>The levels and limits of water quality criteria were discussed.</p>	Note	

14.	<p>The air monitoring results were discussed, including monthly and annual averages.</p> <p>IC explained that he looked over the reports and noticed one of the monitoring locations was close to his home and asked CE how it worked.</p> <p>CE explained different types of monitors, their different purposes and that the monitoring does not differentiate dust sources so other activities can impact results. A map of the monitoring locations was also shown.</p>	Note	
15.	<p>CE gave the CCC a general overview of the Chain Valley Colliery website, how to navigate around and identifying where information was located. The following was shown;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Approvals and licences - Annual reports and audits - Management plans - Environmental Reporting - CCC Information - Complaints Register - Mining Extension 1 documents (link to Department of Planning and Infrastructure) <p>CE showed where submissions to the Mining Extension 1 project are made on the Department of Planning and Infrastructure website.</p>	Note	
16.	<p>BC asked about distribution of copies of the EIS.</p> <p>DK advised that 100 copies were sent out via CD and hardcopies are on display at Wyong and Lake Macquarie City Councils.</p> <p>CE recommended to members of the committee that due to large size and detail of the documents that it is may be easier to review executive summary and determine what specific sections you want to review following that.</p> <p>MM agreed that from a community perspective it would be best to look at the executive summary, and then identify and review the sections with specific matters of interest to you, or the community.</p>	Note	
17.	<p>CE pointed out the hotline number available from the website (24hr, freecall)</p> <p>IC asked if this is also where truck complaints came, CE advised generally they come direct to the main office, as this is the number on the signs, located on the back of each truck.</p>	Note	
18.	<p>CE continued presenting results of deposited dust.</p> <p>MM asked if CE could explain why results appear to exceed the required limit.</p> <p>CE explained that the limit is an annual average and that individual monthly results are shown. Overall annual averages are currently below the limit (annual average data was shown). At was also noted that summer months are more likely to have higher results than winter, which was the case in the monitoring to date.</p>	Note	

	CE advised that a real-time dust monitor is ready to install and just needs Council approval for installation to commence.		
19.	The complaints since the last meeting were discussed. CE advised that personal details of complainants are not disclosed on the complaint summary made available online to ensure privacy of complainants. Various members (PC, BC) gave personal experiences of LakeCoal trucks on roads and actions taken.	Note	
20.	CE summarised the independent environmental audit compliance results and identified the full report was now on the website.	Note	
21.	The remainder of the meeting focused on discussing some of the details from the Mining Extension 1 Project EIS. DK gave background of work to date on the Project, culminating in the current exhibition of the EIS document.	Note	
22.	DK summarised the key features that the Mining Extension 1 Project seeks approval for. CE gave overview of the Mining Extension 1 showing a plan with the proposed workings.	Note	
23.	The CCC was advised that the Mining Extension 1 EIS is on public exhibition from the 7 th June 2013 to 8 th July 2013, and where to view the EIS. Copies of the EIS on CD were given to CCC members.	Note	
24.	IC asked about risk/insurance with respect to truck haulage occurring to the power station and interaction with vehicles using the private road (Construction Road and the mine entry road). In response CE, BC and PC replied that essentially the same process is currently undertaken, the approval just seeks to increase the hours available. These are low speed areas and the proposed additional haulage times would be less of an issue than the current times, i.e. when the workforce have the majority of the shift changes.	Note	
25.	DK resumed explanation of Mining Extension 1 Project, outlining the need for the Proposal and discussing primary groundwater findings.	Note	
26.	IC asked if there were any bores in the area surrounding the proposed mining area CE replied yes, around a dozen nearby with only one known to be in use which is used for garden watering after being mixed with rainwater. It was noted that LakeCoal would repair or compensate any bore owners effected, by actions such as deepening bores as required.	Note	
27.	DK covered the main surface water assessment findings. CE explained monitoring areas and points in regards to surface water. Showed proposed plan for new spillway location Queries from IC and BV into clarifying where the discharge came from.	Note	

	CE identified the dam system, where the underground mine water and sediment dams fed into the system and where the current discharge location was.		
28.	DK discussed the findings of the noise impact assessment. CE clarified that while the assessment identified increased road traffic noise, this was based on no current impact, as the trucks using the public roads will remain unchanged. There would be no difference to the current scenario.	Note	
29.	DK outlined the findings of the air quality assessment.	Note	
30.	The main findings of the traffic assessment were discussed. The group discussed waiting times at Sparks Rd interchange, traffic lights had been installed on the northern side of the interchange CE discussed the options investigated for alternative methods of transporting coal, identifying that there was more information on these options in the EIS.	Note	
31.	CE explained the results of the subsidence impact assessment to the committee. Approximately 0.4 to 0.9m were the modelled levels of subsidence, all beneath the Lake.	Note	
32.	DK discussed the main findings from the ecology sections of the EIS IC asked if areas of seagrasses widen if the water depth was shallow enough? CE replied yes, because of the dependence on light, there are areas that seagrasses extend further into the lake from the shore due to the shallow water, examples of this were shown on a plan.	Note	
33.	DK discussed the benefits of the Project and the timeline for the next steps.	Note	
34.	CE asked if there was any other way they would like the information presented to make it easier to take in. General consensus was that the presented data and discussion was fine. BC commented that, compared to just reading the document, it is easier to convey information and get feedback by all sitting and discussing. As sometimes meaning is often misunderstood.	Note	
35.	IC queried from a business perspective as to why CVC is looking at alternative coal transport options. CE, PC and BC replied there were a number of reasons, including government policy, economic and safety.	Note	
36.	DK explained the contents of the Main Report and each of the EIS volumes.	Note	
37.	MM asked if there were any further questions from the committee. BV and IC asked queried Aboriginal sites in the area and if	Note	

	<p>any would be affected?</p> <p>CE replied that none would be impacted, showing a figure which identifies all registered Aboriginal sites within and adjacent to the Proposal.</p>		
38.	<p>IC raised that how community trust contributions funds would be allocated to the community was of concern to the community.</p> <p>CE replied that the structure has not yet been finalised, but was working toward trying to find the most effective and acceptable way for all parties.</p> <p>MM commented that it must be as simple as possible, yet still achieve the required outcomes.</p> <p>There was a general group discussion as to how allocation of community funds might occur, including Council's role and accountability.</p>	Note	
39.	<p>IC queried creep stress effects from the Mining Extension 1 Project.</p> <p>BC discussed subsidence, with most impacts expected shortly after secondary extraction occurs, however longer term pillar compression is taken into account, advising that substantial detail can be found in the subsidence impact assessment.</p>	Note	
40.	<p>CE offered to present information on the EIS to the Mannering Park Precinct Committee.</p>	Note	
41.	<p>Next meeting set for Tuesday 6th August 2013, 9:00 am at Chain Valley Colliery.</p>	Note	
42.	<p>Meeting closed by MM at 1:07pm.</p>	Note	