

<i>CHAIN VALLEY COLLIERY</i>			
Venue:	Mannering Colliery Conference Room		
Date:	10 / 5 / 2016	Time:	10:30am
Meeting Topic:	Community Consultative Committee		
Participants:	<p>Margaret MacDonald-Hill (MM) – Chair</p> <p>John Oakes (JO) – Community</p> <p>Ian Carr (IC) – Community</p> <p>Andrew Whitbourne (AW) – Community</p> <p>Neil Wynn (NW) – Community</p> <p>Daniel Wallace (DW) – Lake Macquarie City Council</p> <p>Jenny Mewing (JM) – Wyong Shire Council</p> <p>Wade Covey (WC) – LakeCoal</p> <p>Ben Johnston (BJ) – LakeCoal</p> <p>Craig Shales (CS) – LakeCoal</p> <p>Apologies:</p> <p>Paul Maky (PM) – Community</p>		

Agenda Items

No	Item	Action Whom	By When
1.	MM opened meeting 10:35am.	Note	
2.	MM welcomed Craig Shales (CS) to the community consultative committee meeting and thanked him for attending. MM and WC explained that Craig had been appointed the Mine Manager for Chain Valley Colliery. MM said she had received an apology from Paul Maky and noted that Peter Cripps and Bart Vanderzee had resigned from the Committee for personal reasons.	Note	

	MM declared her interests, no change; Independent Chair appointed by Department of Planning & Environment and Member of Mine Subsidence Board		
3.	Minutes confirmed from prior meeting (02/02/16) with JO moving approval of previous minutes, seconded AW.	Note	
4.	MM detailed business arising from previous minutes including Link Rd project, VPA. WC provided an update on the actions from the previous meeting.	Note	
5.	WC gave operational update on Link Rd project. WC provided a detailed update on the VPA, commenting that it is currently with council. WC advised that LakeCoal had accrued \$180,000 funding for the VPA to date. JM explained that the VPA was going to be discussed at the next Council meeting scheduled for June. JM explained that the report is currently sitting with Wyong's legal team for review. WC commented that CVC was required to have the VPA established by 31 December 2016 as per an extension that was approved last year by the DP&E. WC explained to the committee that the VPA status was brought up in the operations recent independent compliance audit. WC explained it was likely it would be noted as an "area of concern/requiring attention" as it still had not been established.	Note	
6.	WC explained that the Miniwalls 9 and 10 had been shortened significantly as a result of poor geology.	Note	
7.	WC provided an overview of the coal haulage YTD. WC explained that the majority of coal haulage was to VPPS due to the depressed export coal market. WC explained that there had been few truck movements on the public road network as a result. WC explained that it was likely that the majority of coal produced in 2016 would be supplied to VPPS however noted that the supply of coal to the Port would recommence if the market conditions improved.	Note	
8.	WC provided an overview of the environmental monitoring results since the last meeting.	Note	
9.	DW entered the CCC meeting at 10:45am.	Note	
10.	WC detailed the benthic monitoring results. WC mentioned that additional monitoring points would be installed in 2016 as controlled sites to replace sites that had become impact sites as mining progressed.	Note	
11.	WC provided an overview of the air quality results, mentioning that there had been a slight increase in the results however this was likely as a result of the warmer drier months and below average rainfall. WC explained that there had been a lot of activity around the perimeter of the site with Transgrid refurbishing (grit blasting) and repainting of transmission towers over the period. WC explained that the spike recorded at the TEOM during March was due to mowing activities being undertaken at Wyong Waste Water Treatment Plant.	Note	
12.	WC detailed the environmental incidents that occurred at the colliery since last meeting.	Note	

13.	<p>WC confirmed that there had been no complaints since last meeting which was a great result. WC explained that the Colliery had received an enquiry from a resident at Summerland Point. The resident explained that he had felt his house shake around 9.20pm on the 8th May. CS explained that the resident was informed that CVC was not operating on weekends and that no blasting activities were being undertaken. CS passed the details of the MSB to the resident.</p>	Note	
14.	<p>WC gave an overview of environmental approvals. WC provided an overview of the sites next extraction plan which was due to be submitted in the next few months. WC mentioned that the colliery was investigating extending MW13 to try and recover additional coal resource and that this would form part of the next extraction plan.</p> <p>AW enquired about the level of subsidence being reported over the longwall panels. He asked about the submerged rock warning beacon located over MW14 and what LakeCoal was doing to manage the infrastructure.</p> <p>WC explained that built features are assessed through the extraction plan process and explained that he would discuss the management of the shallow water beacon with the site surveyor and would provide him with feedback regarding the matter.</p> <p>Action: Discuss the management of the shallow water beacon located over MW14 with the Registered Mine Surveyor and provide feedback to the committee.</p>	WC	Next Meeting
15.	<p>WC provided an update on the medium to longer term approvals and mentioned that the new Vales Point Power Station owners are working with LakeCoal under the existing coal supply agreements.</p>	Note	
16.	<p>WC mentioned that an independent environmental compliance audit had recently been undertaken at CVC. WC advised that the audit did not find any significant issues and that the report would be made publically available after it had been finalised. WC explained that the auditors were pleased with the improvement in environmental performance since the last audit.</p> <p>DW asked whether the audit reviewed site policies and procedures.</p> <p>WC explained that the auditors did review the operations environmental policies, procedures and management plans required under the consent.</p>	Note	
17.	<p>WC provided an overview of the reporting completed in the period including the finalisation of the sites 2015 Annual Review which had been sent to members via email. WC thanked NW for providing comments on the document.</p> <p>WC explained that the Road Transport Protocol had been updated since the last meeting and was still in draft. NW asked if the Committee could review the changes made to the documents. WC advised that he would provide an overview of the changes to the committee.</p> <p>Action: Advise the CCC members on the recent changes made to the site Road Transport Protocol.</p>	WC	15/06/16
18.	<p>WC detailed general business including the merging of the CVC and Mannering CCCs and dates for the next meeting.</p> <p>DW enquired as to the current traffic numbers.</p> <p>WC explained that there was approx. 41,000 truck movements in the last financial period however it was likely that the numbers of movements will be greatly decreased this year as most coal is forecast to be sent to VPPS. DW asked if this would affect the coal loader rail project. WC explained that the rail project was not linked to the truck numbers.</p> <p>WC explained that the rail project would remain as the long term plan</p>		

	<p>depending on the shutdown timing of the power station and would allow CVC to continue to supply the export market into the future.</p> <p>DW asked if all current contracts were carried over.</p> <p>CS commented that this was still ongoing with the new owners of the power station.</p> <p>DW enquired as to plans for Newvale and Moonee.</p> <p>WC replied that the focus at the moment was optimising coal production from CVC and the handling from Mannering.</p> <p>DW asked if there were any surface facilities left at Moonee.</p> <p>WC explained that the previous facilities had been removed and the site rehabilitated.</p> <p>AW enquired if 2027 was the current life of CVC. WC explained that the CVC's current approvals would take the operation out to 2027 however there was potential for future coal extraction past this point. WC advised that any coal operations past 2027 would be subject to a modified approval.</p> <p>AW expressed his concern that the VPA had taken over 3 years so far and was still no closer to being finalised. This was extremely frustrating for the local community.</p> <p>JM acknowledged AW's concerns and advised that it was planned to be discussed in June.</p> <p>NW raised his concerns with Wyong Shire Council taking fees from the community funds in the form of administration costs. NW also asked how safe the funding was that had been accrued by LakeCoal. CS responded by saying that LakeCoal was in a strong financial position and that the funding was safe. CS explained that it was important that the VPA be established so that the funding could be transferred.</p> <p>WC commented that it was frustrating that CVC had received an item of note in it's compliance audit regarding the VPA and advised that LakeCoal would do everything possible to meet the December timeframe.</p> <p>MM asked the committee if anyone knew of amalgamation boundaries with councils and their timeframes.</p> <p>AW, NW, DW, MM discussed council boundaries.</p> <p>JO mentioned that the expression of interest for the Community Advisory Panel closed 7 months ago and he had not had any feedback regarding his application.</p> <p>DW suggested applying for public access to council meetings to raise the committees concerns about the VPA.</p> <p>MM commented that the council amalgamations would be consuming a lot of councils time.</p> <p>DW mentioned that he could raise an item at next council meeting on behalf of the committee.</p> <p>Action: JM to provide members the application for public access at the next council meeting.</p>	JM	12/05/16
19.	<p>IC mentioned the upcast shaft adjacent Woolworths, stating that the state of the compound fencing was poor.</p> <p>WC replied that he had liaised with Centennial previously regarding the cleaning the site. WC advised that Centennial had a DA in council to replace the existing fencing.</p> <p>JO mentioned that there was an easement adjacent to the site whose ownership is disputed which could be holding things up.</p>	WC	Prior to next meeting

	Action: Follow up the status of the site with Centennial.		
20.	The next meeting will be held on August 2 2016 at Chain Valley Colliery. The Chair closed the meeting at 11.20am.	Note	