

<i>CHAIN VALLEY COLLIERY and MANNERING COLLIERY</i>			
Venue:	Manning Colliery		
Date:	02/08/2016	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>Paul Maky (PM) – Community</p> <p>Bob Brooks (BB) - Community</p> <p>Tanya O’Brien (TOB) – Central Coast Council (WSC absorbed)</p> <p>Wade Covey (WC) – LakeCoal</p> <p>Ben Johnston (BJ) – LakeCoal</p> <p>Dave Walker (DW) – LakeCoal Manning Colliery</p> <p><u>Apologies:</u></p> <p>Daniel Wallace (DW) – Lake Macquarie City Council</p> <p>Craig Shales (CS) – LakeCoal Chain Valley Colliery</p> <p>Jason Pauling (JP) – Lake Macquarie City Council</p> <p>Jenny Mewing (JM) - Central Coast Council</p>		

Agenda Items

No	Item
1.	MM declared the meeting open at 10:35am.
2.	MM declared her interests; no change; Independent Chair appointed by the Department of Planning & Environment and Member of the NSW Mine Subsidence Board.

3.	<p>Minutes confirmed for Chain Valley Colliery CCC meeting (10/05/16) moved by JO, seconded by PM.</p> <p>Minutes confirmed for Mannering Colliery CCC meeting (10/5/16) moved by JO, seconded by WC.</p>
4.	<p>MM detailed actions arising from previous minutes, noting no actions from the last Mannering CCC meeting, however for CVC the following actions items were noted:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • management of shallow water beacons over MW14 • changes to Road Transport Protocol, • VPA update, • Centennial former vent fan site clean up
5.	<p>WC provided an update on the recent clean up of the former ventilation compound at Munmorah owned by Centennial.</p> <p>BB explained he was pleased that the site had been cleaned up and commented that he would follow up with Nerida Manley from Centennial re site profile and continued removal of concrete and site rubbish.</p>
6.	<p>WC explained that LakeCoal had commenced investigations in the shallow water beacons located above the sites proposed MW13 – MW18 extraction area. WC explained that LakeCoal had identified 2 separate beacons in this area and was assessing the impacts to these sites as part of the extraction plan development for MW13 to 18. WC explained that consultation was planned to occur with the RMS once the impacts were known and controls assessed.</p> <p>JO, AW, WC discussion on marker locations and others in similar locations around Lake Macquarie.</p>
7.	<p>WC explained the consultation with the Department of Planning and Environment regarding the combining of the Chain Valley Colliery and Mannering Colliery CCCs. WC explained that the Department had approved the combining of the two committees while LakeCoal remained the operator at both sites.</p> <p>Action: WC to distribute letter to CCC from Dept of Planning approving the combined CCCs.</p>
8.	<p>MM detailed correspondence since the last meeting. MM noted one addition to be made re letter received by WC regarding the two CCCs becoming combined.</p>
9.	<p>WC provided an operational update for Mannering including the Link Rd project.</p> <p>BB enquired if LakeCoal was intending to transport coal by the existing conveyor.</p> <p>WC confirmed that the current approval for Mannering only allowed for coal transport to VPPS via overland conveyor. WC explained that any changes to the coal handling process in the future at Mannering would most likely result in another modification to the site approval.</p>
10.	<p>WC provided an operational update for Chain Valley Colliery.</p> <p>BB commented that the current workings must be getting close to the Wallarah workings. BB asked if there was potential for similar issues associated with the Gretley incident.</p> <p>WC explained that the CVC mine plan had been designed to minimise impacts with other operations and that there are offsets to old mine workings in the same seams to prevent incidents like the one at Gretley. WC explained that when operations move into Chain Valley Bay there will be interaction</p>

	<p>with multi seam subsidence as we will be undermining the older workings. WC advised that extensive modelling and monitoring is undertaken in these areas to ensure subsidence develops as per predictions.</p> <p>DW gave an overview of seams mined, nearby collieries and examples of safety controls implemented in the industry.</p>
11.	<p>WC provided an overview of proposed underground workings for the remainder of 2016. WC explained that the current miniwalls in the Bardens Bay area had been shortened as a result of geological conditions.</p>
12.	<p>WC provided an update on the VPA.</p> <p>TOB provided a summary update from Central Coast Council, and summarised changes to the Terms of Reference to reflect the change to Central Coast Council and position changes in the council within the document. TOB advised that the revised document would not be going on exhibition with the changes as they were relatively administrative.</p> <p>TOB explained that once the final VPA document had been executed they would look to establish the Community Advisory Panel.</p> <p>AW mentioned that he thought it would be better to have continuity from council on the panel (council's representative) rather than be assigned to a person each time the meetings arise.</p> <p>TOB commented that there were currently no councillors and the wording had been changed to allow flexibility.</p> <p>MM commented that there will be no election till September next year and queried if staff could be substituted in the meantime. TOB advised that council would appoint a staff member in the absence of a councillor.</p> <p>BB stated that he was pleased that progress had been made by the Council.</p>
13.	<p>AW questioned change for the period of notice for extraordinary meetings from 3 days to 14.</p> <p>TOB explained that the 14 day timeframe was added to allow more notice for members.</p> <p>MM mentioned that there had been issues with nominations for the Panel not being acknowledged and concern within the community as to whether their applications had been received for the panel.</p> <p>AW mentioned that the organisation he represented had found a letter in their archives.</p> <p>NW enquired as to how many nominations had been put forward.</p> <p>TOB explained that 4 nominations had been made for the 3 positions. TOB provided an overview of the process for forming the panel.</p> <p>TOB tabled Draft Terms of Reference to the committee.</p> <p>Action: document to be emailed to committee.</p> <p>NW enquired as to charges and fees that may be charged to administer the VPA, stating that he knew of other committees being charged excessive fees.</p> <p>TOB commented that her understanding of the panel was that its purpose was for the community and she wasn't aware of any administrative charges that would apply.</p> <p>PM voiced concern that changes may be made in future regarding the chair of the panel and that</p>

	<p>the chair could swing votes.</p> <p>MM, TOB explained that the chair only counted as one vote and with an odd number of voters (5) this would not be the case.</p>
14.	<p>WC gave an update on CVC haulage activities since the last meeting. WC explained that there had been minimal haulage on public roads as the majority of coal was being sent to the power station.</p>
15.	<p>JO asked whether coking coal was still in demand.</p> <p>WC explained that the export thermal coal market was still depressed however was unsure about the coking coal market.</p>
16.	<p>WC tabled the draft Coal Haulage Traffic Management Plan and Draft Code of Conduct documents to the committee and gave a summary of the changes. WC explained that the documents would be re-submitted to DP&E.</p>
17.	<p>WC provided an overview of the CVC and Mannering environmental monitoring results since the last meeting.</p> <p>WC detailed the 2 noise exceedances from CVC's June noise monitoring at Kingfisher Shore and Chain Valley Bay and provided an explanation of the investigation undertaken and controls put in place to proactively manage the noise.</p> <p>BB asked if there had been an emergency at Chain Valley Colliery as he had heard an emergency siren on the weekend just passed.</p> <p>WC explained that there hadn't been any emergencies at Chain Valley or Mannering and that it could possibly have been the power station.</p>
18.	<p>WC provided an overview of the recent seagrass monitoring. WC noted one erroneous survey value at transect E9 off Summerland Point which was being investigated. WC also explained there had been a drop in abundance at one site adjacent Mannering Park which was being looked at.</p> <p>WC commented that the results are indicating that seagrass beds abundance is improving and this is thought to be due to the removal of commercial fishing in the Lake.</p> <p>TOB enquired whether the Seagrass monitoring report was available online.</p> <p>WC explained that the results are published in the CVC Annual Review on the colliery website.</p> <p>Action: WC to provide update on the erroneous seagrass monitoring results at the next CCC meeting.</p>
19.	<p>WC gave an overview of subsidence monitoring for CVC and Mannering collieries.</p> <p>AW and NW enquired as to the survey marks near VPPS. NW asked if LakeCoal was aware of the survey marks. WC explained that LakeCoal had installed survey marks around VPPS to monitor subsidence from the link road project.</p> <p>Action: WC to provide update on whether the survey marks near VPPS are Link Rd project related at the next CCC meeting.</p>
20.	<p>WC provided an overview of the water quality and air quality results at both sites.</p>
21.	<p>WC provided an overview of the environmental incidents since the last CCC meeting.</p>
22.	<p>WC informed the committee that there had been no complaints received since the last CCC meeting</p>

	and no complaint YTD. WC explained that this was most likely attributable to the reduction in public road haulage.
23.	<p>WC provided an overview of the current environmental approvals for CVC and Mannering. WC explained that a minor administrative modification had been lodged for the re-use of the Mannering rotary breaker. WC provided an overview of the application.</p> <p>BB asked if Mannering had recently approved to produce 1.3Mtpa.</p> <p>WC explained that Mannering was approved to mine 1.1Mtpa and handle 1.3Mtpa.</p>
24.	<p>WC provided an overview of the recent Independent Environmental Audits (IEAs) for Chain Valley and Mannering Collieries including new auditing guidelines, background and results.</p> <p>MM enquired when these would become public.</p> <p>WC explained that the final audit report and associated action plans would be placed on the colliery websites once they had been finalised.</p>
25.	<p>WC gave an update on environmental projects at LakeCoal sites including the dust suppression trial, APZ work, proposed rising sewer main and the Mannering LDP upgrade.</p> <p>BB asked if the mine had any plans to remove the pines at the Mannering entrance as these were a pest species.</p> <p>Action: WC to review background on the pines and provide feedback to the committee.</p>
26.	<p>WC asked if the next meeting day could be moved to a Wednesday rather than current Tuesday for the November meeting. The Committee agreed to this.</p> <p>DW explained he had received confirmation from the survey department that the survey pegs were LakeCoal's. WC committed to following this up.</p> <p>BB commented that he thought it was a very thorough meeting and was happy that progress had been made with the VPA which was a positive outcome for the community.</p>
27.	<p>WC ran through the audit recommendations for both sites electronically on the screen. WC advised the members that LakeCoal was currently developing action plans for these audit reports.</p> <p>JO enquired as to how harvestable water rights were calculated. WC responded and said that it was based on catchment size.</p> <p>BB asked if LakeCoal had investigated the re-use of treated effluent for UG or for trucks instead of potable water. WC explained that it had been identified as an option and would review the background to this prior to the next meeting.</p> <p>Action: Review the background the re-use of recycled water from the Wyong WWTP for use in the UG or for dust suppression.</p>
28.	MM advised next meeting to be held at CVC at 2pm on Wednesday 16/11/2016.
29.	MM declared meeting closed at 1:09pm.