

**Meeting Minutes**  
**Duralie Coal Community Consultative Committee Meeting**  
**Thursday 4 May 2017**

**Attendees:**

Margaret MacDonald-Hill	CCC Chairperson	Lisa Schiff	MidCoast Council
Brian Eastoe	CCC Member	Karen Hutchinson	LRC MidCoast Council
Donald Carroll	CCC Member	Michael Plain	Duralie Coal Pty Ltd
Tony Tersteeg	CCC Member		

**1. Site Tour**

A site tour was undertaken at 9:00am prior to the start of the meeting. The areas inspected included the Clareval and Weismantel operations.

**2. Welcome and Apologies**

The Chair opened the meeting at 9:45am.

Apologies: Rod Williams, Alan Fisher-Webster, Debbi Delaney (MCC), Paul Stringer (Yancoal), John Cullen (DCPL).

**3. Declaration of Pecuniary and Non-Pecuniary Interests**

Ms MacDonald-Hill declared that she is the Independent Chair, approved by the Secretary of the Department of Planning & Environment and a member of the Mine Subsidence Board.

The declarations of the Duralie CCC members remain current.

**4. Confirmation of Minutes of Previous Meeting**

Mr Eastoe questioned the wording of Section 8.2 of the February CCC Minutes. Mr Tersteeg requested no change to his comment as stated in the minutes.

Ms Hutchinson questioned the accuracy of wording in Section 7.2.b and had interpreted that the statement was from Mr Eastoe himself rather than from Mr Eastoe on behalf of a local landholder. Mr Eastoe confirmed the statement was correct and advised he was referring to another landholder. Ms Hutchinson advised she had not interpreted it this way and there was a misunderstanding on what had been stated at the meeting. The Chair confirmed further clarification had been provided after the meeting.

The Minutes of the Meeting held on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> February 2017 were confirmed following the comments made above.

Moved: Tony Tersteeg; Seconded: Don Carroll.

## **5. Business Arising from Previous Meeting**

1. **Action Item 1:** MidCoast Council to provide a report on the spending of the Gloucester component of the Duralie contributions to council as details become available.

Lisa Schiff advised details of the spending were not yet available. The Chair asked if this could be provided in an annual report similar to that provided for the former Great Lakes Council component which is normally provided each February. Ms Schiff confirmed this could be provided as it becomes available.

***Annual Action Item:** MidCoast Council to provide an annual report each February on the spending of the Gloucester and Great Lakes components of the Duralie contributions made to council.*

Mr Tersteeg advised the Stratford Coal Education Support Fund receives a component of the contributions to Council from both Duralie Coal and Stratford Coal. Mr Tersteeg suggested there may be value in contacting the amalgamated MidCoast Council to indicate the Committee's ongoing support for this program. Mr Plain provided further details on the structure of the Education Support Program and the funding provisions.

Ms Schiff advised the new Council had not discussed the Education Support Program and didn't have any historical records. The Committee agreed it would be appropriate to write to MidCoast Council advising them of the Education Support Program arrangements and the ongoing support from the CCC.

***New Action Item 1:** The Chair to write to MidCoast Council advising them of the Education Support Program arrangements and the ongoing support of the Duralie Coal CCC.*

2. **Action Item 2:** MidCoast Council to provide an update on the remaining funds allocated to community infrastructure projects which have been released from the Stroud Showground repairs.

As discussed in the previous CCC meeting, approximately \$360,000 in community infrastructure funds from Duralie Coal had been held by MidCoast Council prior to funding for the repairs to the Stroud Showground being resolved. \$200,000 of the Duralie funds would now be allocated to complete the showground repairs. As such, the remaining \$160,000 would be released for other community infrastructure projects.

Ms Schiff advised MidCoast Council was still preparing a plan for the expenditure of the funds. The funding would continue to be distributed on the basis of most need within the community. The funding is unlikely to be finalised prior to the Council elections in September 2017.

***New Action Item 2:** MidCoast Council to include in the annual report an update on the remaining funds allocated to community infrastructure projects which have been released from the Stroud Showground repairs.*

3. **Action Item 3:** Debbi Delaney to provide an update on the Karuah River Catchment Management Plan.

Action deferred. Apology provided from Ms Delaney

4. **Ongoing Action Item:** DCPL to provide updates on the potential final land use options and mine closure plans as details become available.

DCPL advised there had been no change since the previous CCC meeting.

Mr Eastoe suggested removing “*as details become available*” from action.

Mr Carroll asked about the current expected timeframes for the mine. Mr Plain advised mining in the Clareval pit is expected to be finalised in September 2017. Mining within the Weismantel pit would continue to April 2018 and this would then be followed by overburden rehandling and bulk shaping works. Mr Carroll asked where the final voids would be located and Mr Plain advised there would be final voids at the northern extent of both Clareval and Weismantel.

5. **Ongoing Action Item:** The CCC’s print media to be drafted following each CCC meeting and provided to the committee for comment prior to finalising and submission by DCPL.

Print media completed and published.

Suggestions for the next print media topics included the Education Support Program.

6. **Ongoing Action Item:** The committee extended an open invitation to Mr Stringer for future meetings pending availability.

Mr Plain advised Mr Stringer had intended to attend this meeting, however he had become unavailable. An invitation will be provided for the next meeting

## **6. Correspondence**

Correspondence is listed in the CCC meeting agenda. There was no further discussion regarding the correspondence.

## **7. Company Reports and Overview of Activities**

DCPL presented the Company Reports and Overview of Activities.

1. Progress at the Mine: DCPL advised of the fourth quarter production at the Duralie mine. Operations are currently ongoing in Clareval pit and Weismantel pit.
2. Environment & community activities including monitoring and community programs: (refer to CCC presentation for further detail). Items discussed by exception.
  - a. DCPL discussed the key activities and projects undertaken during the previous quarter.
  - b. Mr Eastoe suggested the comments on bushfire management should include surrounding Yancoal owned lands outside of the Mining Lease areas.
  - c. Mr Tersteeg asked what actions were being undertaken in regard to odours from the waste emplacement area and suggested the surrounding neighbours and landholders may have concern with the emissions. During the site tour the Potentially Acid Forming (PAF) waste emplacement area was observed and DCPL discussed the management of this area and actions undertaken to minimise heating and odours. Mr Plain advised the long-term management of PAF materials involved placement below the final groundwater table level within the backfilled open cut pits. Rehandle of some materials would be required following the cessation of mining in Clareval pit and temporary management would be

required until such time. Mr Eastoe acknowledged that ongoing works were being implemented by DCPL and continued discussions would be required to balance the expectations between the company, regulators and the community.

- d. DCPL provided an update on the current community programs including the Education Support Program. Mr Eastoe suggested inclusion of the Education Support Program in the quarterly print media.

## **8. General Business**

1. DCPL provided an update on the Stratford Extension Project (SEP) and the Modification currently in progress. Both Stratford Coal and Gloucester Resources Ltd are currently preparing responses to the public submissions on the proposals. DCPL also advised there has been no change regarding a decision to commence the SEP and the Project Approval has not been taken up.
2. Mr Eastoe asked to include in the minutes his declaration of pecuniary and non-pecuniary interests. The Chair suggested a general comment should be included to refer to all committee members. Any changes to the declarations should be announced at each meeting.

No further business. Future site inspections should focus on rehabilitation when mining activities draw to a close.

Next Meeting date: 17<sup>th</sup> August 2017 at Duralie Mine site at 9:00am.

Meeting closed at 10:50am.

## **Summary of Action Items from this meeting**

1. **Annual Action Item:** *MidCoast Council to provide an annual report each February on the spending of the Gloucester and Great Lakes components of the Duralie contributions made to council.*
2. **New Action Item 1:** *The Chair to write to MidCoast Council advising them of the Education Support Program arrangements and the ongoing support of the Duralie Coal CCC.*
3. **New Action Item 2:** *MidCoast Council to include in the annual report an update on the remaining funds allocated to community infrastructure projects which have been released from the Stroud Showground repairs.*
4. **Deferred Action Item 3:** *Debbi Delaney to provide an update on the Karuah River Catchment Management Plan.*
5. **Ongoing Action Item:** *DCPL to provide updates on the potential final land use options and mine closure plans.*
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