

Meeting Minutes
Duralie Coal Community Consultative Committee Meeting
Thursday 9 November 2017

Attendees:

Margaret MacDonald-Hill	CCC Chairperson	Ryan Fenning	MidCoast Council
Brian Eastoe	CCC Member	Cr Karen Hutchinson	MidCoast Council
Donald Carroll	CCC Member	Michael Plain	Duralie Coal Pty Ltd
Tony Tersteeg	CCC Member	John Cullen	Duralie Coal Pty Ltd
Rod Williams	CCC Member		

Guests:

John Walton	Stratford Coal Education Support Fund Chairperson
Andrew Morris	MidCoast Council

1. Site Tour

A site tour was undertaken at 9:00am prior to commencing the meeting. The areas inspected included the Stratford Coal Mine rehabilitated agricultural areas which are proposed for a final landuse of grazing. The site tour provided an example of future rehabilitation which may be undertaken at the Duralie Mine Site.

2. Welcome and Apologies

The Chair opened the meeting at 10:07am.

The Chair welcomed Mr Morris, the recently appointed Karuah River Catchment Officer for MidCoast Council. The Chair advised Mr Walton would be attending at the end of the meeting to provide a presentation on the Stratford Coal Education Support Fund. The Chair welcomed back Cr Hutchinson who has been re-elected on MidCoast Council and reappointed to the Duralie CCC.

Apologies: Alan Fisher-Webster.

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

The Minutes of the Meeting held on Thursday 17th August 2017 were confirmed.

Moved: Brian Eastoe; Seconded: Tony Tersteeg.

5. Business Arising from Previous Meeting

1. **Action Item 1:** The Chair to invite Mr John Walton to attend the next CCC meeting and provide information on the Education Support Program.

Mr John Walton attended at the end of the meeting to provide a presentation on the Stratford Coal Education Support program.

The Stratford Coal Education Support Fund commenced in 1995 through discussions between Stratford staff and Gloucester Shire Council representatives at the time. Since this time the fund has contributed over \$650,000 to local tertiary students, apprentices and businesses. Funding for the program continues to be sourced under conditions of the Stratford Coal Mine Development Consent and the Duralie Coal Mine Project Approval. The program is facilitated by an independent committee comprising representatives from the Community, Council and the Company.

Mr Walton acknowledged the ongoing value of this program and welcomed the support from Stratford Coal. The CCC discussed the structure of the Education Support Program and also reiterated their appreciation and support. The Chair suggested including comment on the program in the next print media.

Further information on the program is available by contacting either MidCoast Council, Gloucester High School or Stratford Coal directly.

2. **Deferred Action Item:** MCC to provide an update on the Karuah River Catchment Management Plan.

Mr Morris introduced himself and advised he has commenced in the role of Catchment Officer with MidCoast Council and has oversight for the Karuah Catchment. Mr Plain indicated the Duralie CCC has an ongoing interest in the progress of the Karuah River Catchment Management Plan (KRCMP) which is partially funded by Duralie Coal under the Duralie Project Development Consent. Mr Morris offered to provide an update at the next meeting.

The Committee acknowledged the previous valuable progress on the KRCMP and their interest in the on ground implementation of the plan.

***Deferred Action Item:** MCC to provide an update on the Karuah River Catchment Management Plan at the February 2018 meeting.*

3. **Ongoing Action Item:** DCPL to provide updates on the potential final land use options and mine closure plans.

DCPL advised an amendment to the Duralie Mining Operations Plan (MOP) was submitted to the Division of Resources & Geoscience (DRG) in August 2017. The MOP was prepared to include a mine closure planning program and was also merged with the previous Rehabilitation Management Plan at the request of DRG. Development of the detailed mine closure plan will be undertaken

during 2018 and will be incorporated into the MOP. All plans will be made available on the Duralie Coal website.

Mr Eastoe asked that because of the importance of the rehabilitation phase of the Duralie mining operations, the closure and rehabilitation plans now be reported to the CCC in a comparable fashion to how mining and consent issues have been reported to the CCC to date.

4. **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.

Mr Eastoe suggested a topic for the next print media could include the ceased operation of the evaporative sprays at Duralie. Mr Eastoe also suggested a topic on the management of potential future odours from the operations. Mr Plain suggested it may be more appropriate to provide separate advice at a suitable time if there is expected to be odours from operations. DCPL would issue this advice separate to the CCC print media.

The Chair suggested including comment on the Education Support Fund in the next print media.

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

Mr May attended the meeting briefly prior to the site tour and at the end of the meeting.

6. **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.

The annual report on the expenditure of Duralie contributions to Council is due in February 2018 and Mr Fenning advised MCC would prepare this report. Mr Carroll suggested members of the CCC could request to meet with MCC prior to the next meeting to ensure the necessary information can be provided for discussion at the next meeting. This would avoid further deferring of the action. The Chair confirmed agreement from the CCC for Mr Carroll and one other CCC member to meet with MCC to discuss the above action.

***New Action Item 1:** Mr Carroll and one other member of the Duralie CCC to meet with MCC prior to the February 2018 meeting to discuss the Council report on Duralie contributions.*

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 third quarter production at the Duralie mine. Operations have been completed in the Clareval pit in October 2017 and have moved into the Weismantel pit.

2. Environment & community activities including monitoring and community programs: (*refer to CCC presentation available on website for further detail*). Items discussed by exception.
 - a. DCPL advised the DCM Annual Review 2017 had been finalised and distributed to CCC members. Hard copies of the Annual Review were provided at the meeting.
 - b. Discussion included the air quality monitoring program and the analysis of high results received at the D5 dust gauge. Mr Eastoe and Mr Fenning queried the ongoing high results at D5. Mr Plain advised the results don't appear to be related to mining activities and a second dust gauge has been installed to assist with verifying the results and any potential contamination. Mr Eastoe and Mr Fenning requested that, while the HVAS results have in the past been a means for explaining the ongoing problems with D5, could DCPL provide a specific explanation for the continuing problems with D5.
 - c. The Committee discussed rehabilitation works and the final landform design at Duralie. Mr Plain advised the detailed rehabilitation criteria is contained in the MOP and Rehabilitation Management Plan. Final landform designs will be developed progressively and future rehabilitation will consist of both native vegetation and agricultural grazing lands. The site tour of the Stratford rehabilitated pasture was undertaken following discussions at the August meeting regarding final land uses. Mr Eastoe suggested that the rehabilitation plan in the MOP becomes a permanent part of the DCPL report to the CCC so that as this information becomes available it will record progress with rehabilitation of the mine as the coal extraction phase of the operation at Duralie concludes.
 - d. The committee discussed the community complaints and the community engagement activities. Mr Eastoe asked that Duralie be proactive in advising the community about potential odour issues if they are anticipated, so that odour issues are less likely to arise as complaints.

8. General Business

1. DCPL advised the Duralie Annual Review 2017 had been finalised and was available on the Duralie Coal website.
2. DCPL provided an update on the Stratford Extension Project (SEP) and the Modification currently in progress to allow processing of Rocky Hill ROM coal. Both applications from Stratford Coal and Gloucester Resources Ltd have been referred to the Planning Assessment Commission and a meeting is scheduled on 14 November 2017 in Gloucester.
3. Mr Cullen provided an update on the current Duralie operations. Coal mining at Duralie under the existing Project Approval is expected to be finalised around October 2018. DCPL has moved to a new roster in November 2017 which involves two shifts five days a week. There is currently no night shift or weekend work. During this time additional rehabilitation and bulk shaping work will commence.

Mr Tersteeg asked if there would be any further mining at Duralie after next year. Mr Cullen advised there was no further mining approved beyond the current Project Approval and Mining Lease. Mr Williams asked if there was any minable coal left in the current Mining Lease beyond what is planned in the next year. Mr Cullen advised the majority of the approved and economically

recoverable coal would be mined. A small volume of coal may remain in the Weismantel pit due to water management constraints. There may be opportunity to recover this at a later date

4. Mr Cullen advised DCPL are continuing to consider the opportunity to recommence mining under the approved Stratford Extension Project however this would still require approval from the Yancoal board. If a decision was made by Yancoal to commence mining at Stratford a notification would be required to relevant stakeholders including the CCC.

No further business.

Next Meeting date: 8th February 2018 at Duralie Mine Site

Proposed meeting schedule for 2018:

- 8 February 2018
- 10 May 2018
- 9 August 2018
- 8 November 2018

No site tour is proposed at the next meeting.

The Chair thanked the Committee for their ongoing contribution throughout 2017 and wished them a Merry Christmas. The Committee thanked the Chair for her continuing service to the CCC and conveyed its Christmas wishes to Ms MacDonald-Hill.

Meeting closed at 12:02pm.

Summary of Action Items from this meeting

1. ***New Action Item 1:*** Two members of the Duralie CCC to meet with MCC prior to the February 2018 meeting to discuss the Council report on Duralie contributions.
2. ***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.
3. ***Deferred Action Item:*** MCC to provide an update on the Karuah River Catchment Management Plan at the February meeting.
4. ***Ongoing Action Item:*** DCPL to include updates and progress on the potential final land use options and mine closure and rehabilitation plans in the quarterly reports to the CCC.
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.
6. ***Ongoing Action Item:*** The committee extended an open invitation to Mr May for future meetings pending availability.