

Meeting Minutes
Duralie Coal Community Consultative Committee Meeting
Thursday 17 May 2018

Attendees:

Margaret MacDonald-Hill	CCC Chairperson	Ryan Fenning	MidCoast Council
Brian Eastoe	CCC Member	Cr Karen Hutchinson	MidCoast Council
Alan Fisher-Webster	CCC Member	Michael Plain	Duralie Coal Pty Ltd
Rod Williams	CCC Member	John Cullen	Duralie Coal Pty Ltd
		Gavin May	Duralie Coal Pty Ltd

Guests:

Paul De Szell	MidCoast Council Director, Community Spaces & Services
Lindy Hepple	MidCoast Council Community Coordinator

1. Site Tour

A site tour was undertaken at the end of the meeting. The CCC inspected the Duralie rehabilitation area including recently completed pasture rehabilitation.

2. Welcome and Apologies

The Chair opened the meeting at 12:06pm.

The Chair welcomed Mr De Szell, Director, Community Spaces & Services for MidCoast Council and Ms Hepple, Community Coordinator for MidCoast Council.

The Chair informed the Committee of the resignation of Mr Tersteeg from the Duralie Coal CCC. The Chair sent an email to Mr Tersteeg thanking him for his valuable contribution to the committee over many years and representing the local community.

Apologies: Nil.

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 8th February 2018 were confirmed.

Moved: Brian Eastoe; Seconded: Rod Williams.

5. Business Arising from Previous Meeting

1. Duralie Operations & Stratford Extension Project Update

DCPL provided an update on the progress of the Duralie operations and the transition back to the Stratford Mining Complex. Mr May advised coal mining at Duralie was expected to be completed by September 2018 and would then transition to a crew on day shift undertaking rehabilitation and waste rock rehandle work. Work at Stratford re-commenced during April 2018 and the relocation of buildings and mobile plant from Duralie to Stratford is underway.

2. Action Item 1: The Chair to invite Mr De Szell to provide an update on the Duralie Coal community contributions at the May 2018 CCC meeting.

Mr De Szell (MCC) presented the Duralie CCC with an update on the Duralie Coal community contributions which are made to MidCoast Council. Mr De Szell discussed the funding which was held by Council to be allocated to road and bridge maintenance, community enhancement projects and the Karuah catchment environmental works. Specifically regarding the allocation of community enhancement funds, Mr De Szell presented the Committee with a draft guideline for the “Duralie Community Fund”, which follows a similar structured program to the Stronger Communities Fund. This would include annual advertising and allocation of funds following a review by a panel and based on a financial year.

Mr Eastoe asked how the program would be communicated to the broader community. Mr De Szell advised a process was in place for communication with the community.

In regard to the Karuah Catchment funds, Mr Williams asked if consideration had been given to riparian zone management at the Stroud Showground following the floods. Ms Delaney had previously advised a management plan was being prepared. Mr De Szell advised he was not aware of progress although would take the question on notice. The Committee discussed the ongoing planning and repairs for the Stroud Showground.

The Chair asked if there were any nominations for the Duralie Community Fund panel. The Committee agreed to resolve prior to the next meeting.

New Action Item 1: *The Chair to seek nominations for the Duralie Community Fund panel prior to the next CCC meeting and advise MidCoast Council.*

a) Action Item 2: A new slide to be added to the CCC presentations to include updates on mine closure planning.

A slide on mine closure has been included in the CCC presentation. Mr Plain advised the information was based on the mine closure planning schedule included in the DCM Mining Operations Plan. Information will be updated and presented to the CCC as works are undertaken. The Committee discussed the mine closure planning details.

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

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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.

A slide on mine closure planning has been included in the CCC quarterly presentation. This information will be progressively updated each meeting.

DCPL provided an update on the mine closure planning progress including stakeholder engagement, final landform design, final voids, water management and prescribed dam management. DCPL also provided an update on the rehabilitation progress and the proposed work during the next year.

Mr Eastoe suggested DCPL could consider the involvement of a local farmer in the design of rehabilitated land intended for post-mining agricultural land use. Mr Plain advised the landform design was constrained by the requirements of the Mining Operations & Rehabilitation Management Plan, however there may be value in consultation with such stakeholders for advice on the design of the layout of infrastructure such as fencing, dams, stock routes and cattle camps.

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.

A print media was prepared and published.

Mr Eastoe suggested a topic for the next print media could include the fauna monitoring results, in particular the Koala identified in the rehabilitation area. A second suggestion was also made to include information on mine closure and the timing for coal extraction completion.

6. Correspondence

Correspondence is listed in the CCC meeting agenda.

The Chair advised a response had been received from the Secretary for DPE regarding the Duralie CCC Annual Summary Report.

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 first quarter production at the Duralie mine. Mining continued in the Weismantel pit and coal extraction is expected to be completed by September 2018. Bulk shaping of the waste emplacements has also continued during the quarter.
2. Environment & community activities including monitoring and community programs: (*refer to CCC presentation available on website for further detail*). Items discussed by exception.
 - a. The Committee discussed the new slide on mine closure planning.
 - b. The Committee discussed future beneficial water for the Duralie Mine site, in particular the management of the prescribed dams.

8. General Business

1. The Chair advised following the resignation of Mr Tersteeg the Duralie CCC now only comprises three community representatives. DCPL advised the Committee it was open to the consideration of new member/s on the CCC and this may present a timely opportunity with the nearing completion of coal extraction works and a greater focus on rehabilitation. The Committee discussed the proposal and resolved for the Chair to coordinate advertisement for expressions of interest for a new Duralie CCC member/s.

New Action Item 2: The Chair to coordinate the advertisement and selection of a new member/s for the Duralie CCC.

2. During the site tour Mr Williams raised the opportunity for interest groups to undertake visits of the Duralie operations and rehabilitation areas and suggested there would be a strong interest amongst the local community. Mr Plain advised during the previous year DCPL had coordinated site visits for interest groups including a local high school and an LLS beef industry group. Mr May advised DCPL is open to coordinating site visits however this would be at the discretion of the site management.

No further business.

Next Meeting date: 1:00pm on 9th August 2018 at the Duralie Mine Site

Meeting closed at 1:40pm. The meeting was followed by a site inspection.

Summary of Action Items from this meeting

1. ***New Action Item 1: The Chair to seek nominations for the Duralie Community Fund panel prior to the next CCC meeting and advise MidCoast Council.***
2. ***New Action Item 2: The Chair to coordinate the advertisement and selection of a new member/s for the Duralie CCC.***
3. ***Annual Action Item: MidCoast Council to provide an annual report each August on the spending of the Gloucester and Great Lakes components of the Duralie contributions made to Council.***
4. ***Ongoing Action Item: Open invitation to MCC to provide an update on the Karuah River Catchment Management Plan.***
5. ***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.***
6. ***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.***
7. ***Ongoing Action Item: The committee extended an open invitation to Mr May for future meetings pending availability.***