

**Meeting Minutes**  
**Duralie Coal Community Consultative Committee Meeting**  
**Thursday 09 August 2018**

**Attendees:**

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

**Guests:** Nil

**1. Site Tour**

No site tour was undertaken at this meeting.

**2. Welcome and Apologies**

The Chair opened the meeting at 1:00pm.

Apologies: Alan Fisher-Webster, Cr Karen Hutchinson (MCC), Paul De Szell (MCC).

**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.

Mr Williams declared he has been nominated as a panel member for the Duralie Community Fund. It is noted that Mr Plain has also been nominated as the Duralie Coal representative.

The declarations of the Duralie CCC members remain current.

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

The Minutes of the Meeting held on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> May 2018 were confirmed.

Moved: Brian Eastoe; Seconded: Rod Williams.

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

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

The Chair announced that the Duralie Community Fund panel members had been confirmed by MidCoast Council and included Rod Williams as the community representative and Michael Plain as the Duralie Coal representative.

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

The Chair advised the application process for new member/s on the Duralie Coal CCC had been advertised and had now closed. The Chair advised the applications would be reviewed and referred to the Secretary for the Department of Planning and Environment to finalise the nomination of member/s.

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.

Mr De Szell was unavailable to attend the August CCC meeting. The Chair recommended postponing this action until the November meeting.

4. **Ongoing Action Item:** Open invitation to MCC to provide an update on the Karuah River Catchment Management Plan.

Mr Eastoe suggested inviting MidCoast Council to an upcoming meeting to provide an update on the Karuah River Catchment Management Plan. This was agreed by the Committee.

***New Action Item 1:** The Chair to invite 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.

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

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.

An advertisement for applications for new CCC members was published following the previous CCC meeting.

It was suggested that the Rehabilitation Workshop be the subject for the next print media.

## **6. Correspondence**

Correspondence is listed in the CCC meeting agenda.

## **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 second quarter production at the Duralie mine. Mining continued in the Weismantel pit and coal extraction is expected to be completed by October 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 mine closure planning progress as detailed in the presentation.
  - b. DCPL advised the Resource Regulator undertook an unannounced site inspection during May 2018 as part of a state-wide compliance operation. The inspection focused on compliance with rehabilitation and mine closure planning commitments in the approved Mining Operations Plan. The Committee discussed the outcomes of the inspection which concluded the rehabilitation and mine closure planning progress was currently in accordance with the MOP requirements.
  - c. DCPL advised the Noise Management Plan had been updated to reflect monitoring requirements during periods when no operations are occurring. Mr Plain advised when evening and night-time works cease at Duralie noise monitoring would no longer be required to be undertaken at these times. Noise monitoring will continue at times when operations including rehabilitation bulk shaping earthworks are occurring.
  - d. The Committee discussed the biodiversity management works during the quarter. DCPL advised a revision of the Biodiversity Management was currently being prepared to reflect works which have now been completed and the ongoing management and maintenance requirements. Mr Eastoe asked if information could be provided on the key changes to the BMP.

***New Action Item 2:*** SCPL to provide a summary of the biodiversity management works completed and the key changes to the revised Biodiversity Management Plan.

## **8. General Business**

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 October 2018 and would then transition to a crew on day shift undertaking rehabilitation and waste rock rehandle work. The first crew transitioned from Duralie during July 2018 and the second crew is planned to transition to Stratford during September 2018.

Mr Williams asked what volume of coal remained to be mined at Duralie and when shuttle trains would be operating. Mr May advised there was approximately 90 thousand tonnes remaining to be mined. This coal would be railed to Stratford up until October.

2. Mr Plain advised that DCPL was proposing to run a rehabilitation workshop session as part of the planning for the agricultural rehabilitation areas. This follows comments from community members

at the previous CCC meeting. The rehabilitation workshop is proposed to include a selection of local landholders and key organisations such as LLS and Landcare. Mr Williams asked if the involvement of any other interest groups had been considered. Mr Plain advised DCPL was open to suggestions to ensure appropriate representation from within the local community, however the process would be by invitation only. The Chair suggested information on the rehabilitation workshop could be included in the next print media. In response to a question about rehabilitation timeframes, it was indicated that rehabilitation shaping and topsoil placement will be ongoing for at least another two years as it progresses northwards, and that revegetation work would follow.

3. Mr Eastoe asked for an update on Yancoal's rural land management. Mr May advised the tender process for agistments on Yancoal property had recently been discussed as this project had not been progressed. Mr May advised DCPL is aiming to have the new agistments finalised over the next six months. Mr Plain advised DCPL have continued to implement weeds and pest control programs. Mr Eastoe expressed a hope that, compared to rural land management proposals by Duralie some years ago, the latest proposal result in achievements.

Mr Eastoe advised he had received some feedback that there was still some reluctance from neighbouring landholders to engage with DCPL, particularly in relation to issues like Giant Parramatta Grass, fuel reduction burning and blackberry infestations, due to the perception that no action would be taken. Mr Plain advised DCPL aim to respond to all community enquiries in an appropriate time frame and continue to engage with neighbouring landholders, however acknowledge there may be cases which DCPL are unaware of. Mr Eastoe suggested DCPL adopt a more proactive approach for community engagement.

4. Mr Williams asked how the PAF rehandle work was progressing and indicated there were still occasions when odours were noticeable. Mr Cullen advised DCPL was continuing rehandle the PAF material and management areas of heating in the waste emplacement which would be relocated to the Clareval void. This work is likely to continue for another two years.

No further business.

Next Meeting date: 12:00nn on 8<sup>th</sup> November 2018 at the Duralie Mine Site

Meeting closed at 2:55pm.

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

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