

**Draft Meeting Minutes  
Duralie Coal Community Consultative Committee Meeting  
via video/teleconferencing  
Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> August 2021**

**Attendees:**

Ms Margaret MacDonald-Hill	CCC Chairperson	Brian Eastoe	CCC Member
Rod Williams	CCC Member	Noel Smith	CCC Member
Ryan Fenning	MidCoast Council	Mike Plain	Duralie Coal Pty Ltd
Thomas Kirkwood	Duralie Coal Pty Ltd		

**Guests:**

Nil

**1. Site Tour**

No Site tour was planned for this meeting. Next Site tour proposed 3<sup>rd</sup> November meeting.

**2. Welcome and Apologies**

The Chair opened the meeting at 12:35pm.

It is noted Mr Eastoe was only present at the conclusion of the meeting.

Apologies: Cr Karen Hutchinson; John Cullen

**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, Industry & Environment.

The declarations of the Duralie CCC members remain current.

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

The Minutes of the Meeting held on Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> May 2021 were confirmed.

Moved: Ryan Fenning; Seconded: Thomas Kirkwood.

**5. Business Arising from Previous Meeting**

1. **Ongoing Action Item:** DCPL to include updates and progress on the potential final land use options and mine closure and rehabilitation plans in the reports to the CCC.

Refer to details included in the CCC presentation.

2. **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.

Mr Williams suggested topics for the next CCC print media could include the recommencement of rail operations at Duralie and the success of the nest box program in the Rehabilitation area.

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

The 2020/21 Annual Financial Report is expected to be provided at the November meeting.

## **6. Correspondence**

Correspondence was listed in the CCC meeting agenda. No further discussion.

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

DCPL presented the Company Reports and Overview of Activities.

1. Progress at Mine: Mr Kirkwood advised operations continued in the Weismantel pit. Mr Kirkwood also advised the raiing of ROM coal to the Stratford mine had commenced in August 2021. DCPL expected to rail three trains per day on a campaign basis until the end of 2021.
2. Environment & community activities including monitoring and community programs: (*refer to CCC presentation available on website for further detail*). Items discussed by exception.

Information was provided regarding the 2020 Independent Environmental Audit Report and the Resources Regulator Rehabilitation Reforms. The DCM 2021 Annual Review is currently being prepared.

Rehabilitation progress was discussed, including the backfilling of waste emplacement areas. Mr Williams asked if there had been any ongoing issues with heating from the PAF areas and how this would be managed. Mr Plain provided an update on the PAF rehandling progress and advised it was being well managed and had not presented further issues. Mr Plain advised there was no further work scheduled in 2021, although PAF rehandling would recommence in 2022.

Mr Williams asked if any hazard reduction burning was planned in the biodiversity areas as has previously been undertaken. Mr Plain advised the bulk tubestock plantings in the Duralie biodiversity offset had been completed and future works involved mostly infill plantings. The current work program focused on the establishment of planted trees and controlled burning opportunities would be minimal.

The Committee discussed the progress of closure planning for the DCM. DCPL advised work on the preparation of the final closure plan was ongoing and further updates would be provided at the next meetings.

## **8. General Business**

1. Giant Parramatta Grass  
Mr Williams raised concerns about the recurrence of Giant Parramatta Grass (GPG) returning to pre drought levels. Mr Williams inquired as to the outcomes of the GPG study conducted several years

ago. Mr Plain advised the GPG research study with DPI had not been carried through to completion and unfortunately had provided little value. Mr Plain suggested that the MidCoast Council weeds officer may be well placed to provide an update on current recommendations for GPG control. Mr Fenning indicated that he could inquire into this within council.

***New action Item 1:*** Mr Fenning to liaise with weeds officers from MidCoast Council to gain latest advice regarding Giant Parramatta Grass control and management techniques.

Next Meeting date: Proposed 12:30pm on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2021.

Meeting closed at 1:15pm.

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

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