

**Meeting Minutes**  
**Duralie Coal Community Consultative Committee Meeting**  
**Thursday 6 November 2014**

**Attendees:**

Margaret MacDonald-Hill	CCC Chair	Doug Gordon	Duralie Coal Pty Ltd
Ms Lisa Schiff	Great Lakes Council	Michael Plain	Duralie Coal Pty Ltd
Cr Karen Hutchinson	Great Lakes Council	Tony Dwyer	Duralie Coal Pty Ltd
Alan Fisher-Webster	CCC Member		
Donald Carroll	CCC Member		
Brian Eastoe	CCC Member		
Tony Tersteeg	CCC Member		

**1. Site Tour**

A site tour was undertaken of the Duralie Coal Mine including the Clareval Pit, establishing rehabilitation areas and Auxiliary Dam 2 irrigations area at the conclusion of the meeting.

**2. Welcome and Apologies**

The Chair opened the meeting at 1:01pm.

Apologies: Rod Williams

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

Ms MacDonald-Hill declared that she is the Independent Chair, approved by the Director-General of Planning & Environment, a member of the Mine Subsidence Board, a member of the Minister's Arbitration Panel, and Chair of the ministerial committee of AGL (Hunter CCC) and Chair AGL's Camden Gas Project CCC.

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

The Minutes of the Meeting held on Thursday 7 August 2014 were confirmed.

Moved: Donald Carroll; Seconded: Cr Karen Hutchinson.

**5. Business Arising from Previous Meeting**

1. Traffic calming devices in DCM Biodiversity Offset - Ms Schiff advised further discussion had been held at Great Lakes Council and a response letter provided by Matt Bell. GLC's letter will be provided to DCPL and the recommendation for a meeting to be arranged between the two parties will be follow-up by GLC.

***New Action Item 1:*** Update on discussions on traffic calming devices to be provided at next CCC meeting.

2. Karuah River Catchment Management Plan (KRCMP) – The draft KRCMP has been completed and expected to be on exhibition with GLC next Tuesday. The plan will be on public exhibition for 28 days and

consultation will be arranged with specific target groups. The CCC requested Deb Delaney to attend the February CCC meeting and GLC will forward the invitation.

3. Evaporative fans – Mr Eastoe raised discussions on the science behind the use of evaporative fans further to the action item for the August 2014 meeting. Mr Eastoe asked for DCPL to provide further information on the science behind the use of evaporative fans particularly with respect to any potential impacts from the airborne transfer of evaporated water.

***New Action Item 2:*** DCPL to provide further information on the science behind the use of evaporative fans particularly with respect to any potential impacts from the airborne transfer of evaporated water.

4. **Action Item 1:** Duralie Open Pit Modification to be discussed further at next meeting.

The DCM Modification was referred to the PAC on 3-Nov-2014 for determination along with the secretary's report and draft conditions of consent. DCPL has been notified of the intended PAC public meeting to be held at 4:00pm on Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> November 2014 at the Wards River Community hall.

5. **Action Item 2:** DCPL to report on any new noise mitigation measures which have been implemented and found to be effective.

Response has been provided in the CCC November presentation.

6. **Deferred Action Item 3:** DCPL to draft a small print media for consideration of the Committee.

DCPL provided a draft print media for the discussion of the CCC. MR Eastoe and Ms Schiff suggested further detail could be included to improve context of statements and highlight positive actions. The Chair suggested the inclusion of a brief introduction about the Duralie CCC. Committee agreed to provide further comment on the print media and aim for submission prior to the next meeting.

***New Action Item 3:*** Chair to expand on the draft print media and to provide to the CCC members for comment prior to finalising and submission by DCPL prior to the next meeting.

7. **Action Item 4:** Chair to draft letter to Deb Delaney GLC regarding the Karuah River Catchment Management Plan

The Chair composed a letter to Deb Delaney expressing the CCC's thanks for the work undertaken on the KRCMP.

## **6. Correspondence**

Out:

- letter 21/8/14 to Deb Delaney GLC recognising her efforts
- email 31/10/14 to CCC on AR

In:

- letter 29/8/14 from DCPL enclosing 2014 AR

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

DCPL presented the Company Reports and Overview of Activities.

1. Progress at Mine: Good quarter for production, low rainfall. Mining at northern limit in Clareval pit and now progressing downwards.
2. Environmental Projects/Activities including monitoring and community complaints: (refer to presentation for further detail). Items discussed by exception.

Mr Tersteeg asked about the definitions of dust deposition gauge analysis which appears to have changed. Mr Plain will follow-up with laboratory to update the definitions for the visual analysis component for the dust deposition gauges.

***New Action Item 4:*** DCPL to follow-up with laboratory to update the definitions for the visual analysis component for the dust deposition gauges.

Mr Eastoe suggested further detail could be provided for responses to complaints to provide greater understanding of the actions undertaken by DCPL.

***New Action Item 5:*** DCPL to provide additional detail in complaints response register.

## **8. General Business**

1. Ms Schiff advised GLC had received a letter regarding the DCM Independent Environmental Audit scheduled for November 2014. The letter from the lead auditor was requesting comment on any suggested items for inclusion in the audit. Mr Dwyer advised the Independent Environmental Audit is a condition of the Duralie Extension Project Approval and requires consultation with the relevant agencies. Ms Schiff asked for any comments from the CCC members. Mr Eastoe suggested inclusion of evaporative fan use in the audit program.
2. DCPL advised correspondence had been received from Pacific National regarding state wide changes to the company's requirements for train horn usage at level crossings.
3. DCM Annual Review - Mr Eastoe asked about several items in the annual review including bushfire management on DCPL lands. Mr Dwyer advised DCPL is currently in discussions with RFS for developing a back-burning strategy on company owned lands including the biodiversity offset.

***New Action Item 6:*** DCPL to include a bushfire management update as a project item in the next CCC presentation.

4. Mr Fisher-Webster raised concerns over a blast at the mine on 18-Oct-14. DCPL advised the blast had exceeded the 115dB(L) limit for which 5% of blasts are permitted and was below the 120dB(L) limit. An internal investigation into the cause of the elevated overpressure reading is currently being undertaken. Mr Fisher-Webster questioned the installation of the blast monitor on his property and DCPL advised the monitor is installed in accordance with the Australian Standard.
5. A discussion was held over the CCC meeting time and day. The committee agreed to keep the meeting on Thursday and bring forward to 11am for the February meeting.
6. Mr Plain advised Wayne Jones of DP&E intends to attend the February CCC meeting.

7. The Chair advised the committee Mr Dwyer will be leaving Duralie Coal. The committee extended its thanks to Mr Dwyer for his efforts and contributions to Duralie Coal CCC. Mr Eastoe requested a letter of thanks be sent to Mr Dwyer.
8. The Chair wished the committee a Merry Christmas and expressed thanks for the committee's contributions during 2014.

No further business

Next Meeting date: 5 February 2015 at Duralie Mine site at 11:00am.

Meeting closed at 2:30pm. (Site tour undertaken after meeting)

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

1. **New Action Item 1:** *Update on discussions on traffic calming devices to be provided at next CCC meeting.*
2. **New Action Item 2:** *DCPL to provide further information on the science behind the use of evaporative fans particularly with respect to any potential impacts from the airborne transfer of evaporated water.*
3. **New Action Item 3:** *Chair to expand on the draft print media and to provide to the CCC members for comment prior to finalising and submission by DCPL prior to the next meeting.*
4. **New Action Item 4:** *DCPL to follow-up with laboratory to update the definitions for the visual analysis component for the dust deposition gauges.*
5. **New Action Item 5:** *DCPL to provide additional detail in complaints response register.*
6. **New Action Item 6:** *DCPL to include a bushfire management update as a project item in the next CCC presentation.*