

Meeting Minutes
Duralie Coal Community Consultative Committee Meeting
Thursday 5 February 2015

Attendees:

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

1. Site Tour

A site tour was undertaken following the CCC meeting. Areas inspected include the rehabilitation on the southern waste dump and Clareval Pit.

2. Welcome and Apologies

The Chair opened the meeting at 11:20am and welcomed Mr Scott Mitchell, the new Environment & Community Manager for the Stratford & Duralie operations.

Apologies: Nil

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, Chair of the ministerial committee of AGL (Hunter CCC) and Chair AGL's Camden Gas Project CCC. The Chair did not reapply for the Minister's Arbitration Panel.

4. Confirmation of Minutes of Previous Meeting

The Minutes of the Meeting held on Thursday 6 November 2014 were confirmed.

Moved: Brian Eastoe; Seconded: Tony Tersteeg.

5. Business Arising from Previous Meeting

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

Traffic calming devices in DCM Biodiversity Offset - Ms Schiff advised there had been no further progress from GLC regarding the traffic calming devices. Ms Schiff advised council was disappointed with DCPL's response to this matter as GLC had spent significant time and resources on providing advice and does not have further resources to continue to review this matter. Ms Schiff also raised the historical issue of the visual screen and GLC's disappointment in how this issue was managed. DCPL advised previous consultation had been undertaken with GLC and DCPL had installed all signage in the offset area which had been committed to. DCPL also provided information indicating the installation of physical traffic controls in this location was not necessary to protect wildlife. DCPL also advised that all the

recommendations provided by GLC with regard to the visual screen had been implemented with the exception of the final positioning of the screen which was not flexible due to the location of Optus and Telstra services.

The CCC notes the issue concerning traffic calming along Johnson's Creek Rd is a matter for further discussion between DCPL and GLC, is currently unresolved. It is not an action item for the CCC, however the CCC wishes to be kept informed of any progress. DCPL have undertaken to communicate with the GLC ecologist to continue discussions.

2. **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.

DCPL advised since the last CCC meeting the Duralie modification had been approved and included a noise abatement condition regarding evaporative fans and map of irrigation areas (Refer Project Approval Schedule 3 Condition 7 and Appendix 4 that requires *"the construction of earth bund walls around evaporative fan units located on the waste rock emplacement area"*).

DCPL advised this modification also necessitates a review of the Water Management Plan which includes the Surface Water Management Plan and Irrigation Management Plan and progress is currently underway for provision to DP&E. Additionally DCPL have engaged a consultant to develop an operational protocol for the use of the evaporative fans. DCPL advised this protocol is currently in draft format and requires further review prior to finalising and should be available by next CCC meeting.

Discussion continues in General Business.

3. **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.

The CCC was pleased with the outcome of the print media and requested this be continued after each CCC meeting.

New Action Item 1: *Print media to be drafted following each CCC meeting and provided to the committee for comment prior to finalising and submission by DCPL.*

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

Completed and included in CCC presentation.

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

Additional detail on complaints responses was provided in hardcopy to the CCC with a summary in the presentation. Discussions were held regarding complaints response. The CCC was pleased with this format and requested the complaints details continue to be provided in this way. Mr Carroll raised the policy of non disclosure of the complainants and the potential difficulty as a community member in knowing that action had been taken. The Chair said it was a privacy issue and standard practice is not to identify specific people. However, this could be overcome by reference to 'complainant x' which would indicate if there were any ongoing concerns by the community. Mr Carroll could ask for further information from DCPL but this would not be recorded in the minutes.

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

Completed and included in CCC presentation.

7. GLC advised Deb Delaney will attend the May 2015 CCC meeting to provide an update on the Karuah River Catchment Management Plan.

6. Correspondence

Out:

- 12/11/14 - email to Tony Dwyer thanking him for his contribution
- 21/11/14 - email media release and publication date to CCC
- 26/11/14 - email dust incident response forwarded to CCC

In:

- 18/11/14 - email from BE on behalf of DC re site inspection to CCC
- 26/11/14 - email response from DCPL re above

7. Company Reports and Overview of Activities

DCPL presented the Company Reports and Overview of Activities.

1. Progress at Mine: All mining currently 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.

- a. Mr Eastoe requested a copy of the Annual Implementation of the Biodiversity Management Plan report.

New Action Item 2: DCPL to provide a copy of the Annual Implementation of the Biodiversity Management Plan report.

- b. BTEX monitoring was raised following recent findings from AGL water sampling. DCPL advised the Surface Water Management Plan specified BTEX sampling be undertaken annually in the mine water dam and upstream and downstream on Mammy Johnsons River. This has been undertaken since 2011.

New Action Item 3: BTEX monitoring results to be made available to the CCC.

- c. Mr Williams suggested including the real-time noise monitoring system in the next CCC media release.

8. General Business

1. Evaporative fans – Mr Eastoe expressed frustration at DCPL's continued inability to provide information on the impact of the evaporative fan output on the Karuah Catchment and on the science behind the use of evaporative fans. Mr Eastoe asked if DCPL can guarantee that evaporated water lands only on irrigation areas and not offsite. DCPL's response was that no one could give such a guarantee. Is DCPL operating

within the consent? He had researched the consent and could only find one reference to evaporative fans, on Page 7 specific to a noise condition applicable to the waste rock area. There was some confusion as to which consent was applicable. Discussions continued on exactly what information Mr Eastoe was requesting. Mr Eastoe clarified that he has requested information be provided regarding what is the impact on the Karuah Catchment from the use of the evaporative sprays and this may include the science applicable to the evaporative fans.

Ms Schiff stated her disappointment and more effort should be made by DCPL to communicate information. DCPL advised as stated earlier in the meeting, that a consultant had been engaged and was currently developing a protocol for the use of the evaporative fans, however this is still in draft format and can be provided at the next meeting. The CCC requested DCPL to arrange an expert to present to the committee information regarding the use of and impacts from evaporative sprays.

ADDENDUM NOTE TO THE MINUTES; Following the CCC meeting Mr Eastoe provided an email to the Chair clarifying his discussion at the meeting and requesting the inclusion of Consent Conditions 28 and 29 and Water/Irrigation Management Plan issues regarding the use of evaporative fans other than on the waste rock emplacement areas, in the report being prepared by Duralie Coal for the next CCC meeting.

DCPL will provide clarification on Consent conditions 28 and 29 and the Chair will also request information from DP&E and their attendance at the next CCC meeting.

New Action Item 4: The CCC requested DCPL to arrange an expert to present to the committee information regarding the use of and impacts from evaporative sprays. What is the impact on the Karuah Catchment? An accompanying report will also be provided on the draft protocol for evaporative fans; and DCPL will provide clarification on Consent conditions 28 and 29. The Chair will invite a representative from DP&E to attend the next CCC meeting.

2. Mr Tersteeg requested a hardcopy of the consolidated Project Approval following the recent modification approval on 5th December 2014. DCPL advised the consolidated approval was available on the Duralie Coal website and the DP&E website.

New Action Item 5: DCPL to provide a hardcopy of the consolidated Project Approval and include links to the websites.

3. Mr Carroll advised he had no further comment on the dust issue following the site tour at the November 2014 CCC meeting.
4. Mr Fisher-Webster asked about the results of the blast on 30-Jan-15. Mr Fisher-Webster stated it caused a large dust event which was confirmed by neighbours, there was an acrid smell and it caused his grandson to vomit around the same time. DCPL advised the blast was larger than others in recent times however was still well under the compliance limits. DCPL advised of general practices and considerations for blasting and Mr Mitchell agreed to discuss further with Mr Fisher-Webster.
5. 2015 Meeting Schedule:
 - 7th May 2015 @ 12:00nn
 - 6th August 2015
 - 5th November 2015

No further business

Next Meeting date: 7 May 2015 at Duralie Mine site at 12:00nn.

Meeting closed at 1:20pm. (Site tour undertaken after meeting)

Summary of Action Items from this meeting

1. ***New Action Item 1:*** *Print media to be drafted following each CCC meeting and provided to the committee for comment prior to finalising and submission by DCPL.*
2. ***New Action Item 2:*** *DCPL to provide a copy of the Annual Implementation of the Biodiversity Management Plan report.*
3. ***New Action Item 3:*** *BTEX monitoring results to be made available to the CCC.*
4. ***New Action Item 4:*** *The CCC requested DCPL to arrange an expert to present to the committee information regarding the use of and impacts from evaporative sprays. What is the impact on the Karuah Catchment? An accompanying report will also be provided on the draft protocol for evaporative fans; and DCPL will provide clarification on Consent conditions 28 and 29. The Chair will invite a representative from DP&E to attend the next CCC meeting.*
5. ***New Action Item 5:*** *DCPL to provide a hardcopy of the consolidated Project Approval and include links to the websites.*