

Meeting Minutes
Duralie Coal Community Consultative Committee Meeting
Thursday 7 May 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	John Cullen	Duralie Coal Pty Ltd
Donald Carroll	CCC Member	Michael Plain	Duralie Coal Pty Ltd
Brian Eastoe	CCC Member		

Visitors/Speakers:

Wayne Jones	DP&E
Debbi Delaney	Great Lakes Council
Lindsay Gilbert	Gilbert's and Associates
Judith Cox	Pacific Environment Ltd

1. Site Tour

No site tour was undertaken due to the large number of agenda items.

2. Welcome and Apologies

The Chair opened the meeting at 12:00nn and welcomed Mr John Cullen, the new Stratford & Duralie Operations Manager. Scott Mitchell advised Doug Gordon has retired. John Cullen introduced himself to the committee and provided his professional background.

The Chair welcomed the visitors and speakers to the Duralie CCC.

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.

4. Confirmation of Minutes of Previous Meeting

The Minutes of the Meeting held on Thursday 5 February 2015 were confirmed.

Moved: Brian Eastoe; Seconded: Rod Williams.

5. Business Arising from Previous Meeting

1. Debbi Delaney of Great Lakes presented to the CCC an update on the Karuah River Catchment Management Plan. The presentation included a background on the management plan development and the implementation of the plan going forward. Debbi provided information on what are the next key steps and projects which will be the focus for implementation. Documents are available on the GLC website.

The Duralie CCC commended the work of Deb Delaney on the KRCMP and supported the continuing contribution by DCPL.

2. **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.

DCPL arranged presentations from two expert consultants outlining the water quality and modelling of spray drift.

- Lindsay Gilbert (Gilberts & Associates) presented on the use of “Evaporative Fans at the Duralie Coal Mine and the Potential Impacts on the Water Quality in Karuah Catchment”.
- Judith Cox (Pacific Environment Ltd) presented on the “Assessment of Evaporative Fan Spray Drift”

Discussion continued following the presentations around water qualities of the spray drift water and the concentrations of the settled particulates. The conclusion of the assessments undertaken concerning the settled spray drift is the predicted increases in concentrations in Mammy Johnsons River are considered to be too small to be noticeable or to have any environmental significance. The suggestion by Duralie’s Environmental personnel that the evaporated water is unlikely to have concentrations greater than the settled spray water was accepted by the Committee as logical. The model inputs were stated to be based on conservative assumptions and Consultants indicated that the true particulate concentrations could be expected to be even lower.

The committee thanked the speakers for their presentations and thanked Duralie for having the consultants develop and present their presentations.

Wayne Jones of DP&E attended the meeting and provided a response from the department on the use of the evaporative fans and advised that the siting of the fans has been assessed and approved. Mr Jones also acknowledged the speakers and support of the additional assessments undertaken.

The Chair tabled a letter also received from DP&E which referred to the settled spray from the evaporative fans and the Planning and Assessment Commission (PAC) letter to the Secretary in relation to the Duralie Modification 2 and highlighted conditions relating to the matter.

3. **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

Print media following the February meeting was published. Mr Eastoe commented the article should be presented to come from the CCC and not the company. DCPL invited the committee to provide any topics for inclusion in the print media.

Mr Williams suggested an evaporative fan discussion summary and provide comment on management during the recent storm event. Several other suggestions were also received after the meeting.

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 to the media for printing.

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

Report provided by DCPL. DCPL answered questions regarding the conservation bond and submission of a bank guarantee and query around the seed collection program.

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

Duralie BTEX monitoring results were provided to the committee. DCPL informed the annual BTEX results have always been below the detectable limit. Results are to be included in the Duralie Annual Review.

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

Hardcopies of the consolidated Project Approval were provided.

7. Lisa Schiff commented on the benefit of the speakers and presentations which have been arranged for the CCC meetings and the valuable information and education it provides. Ms Schiff encouraged this to continue and thanked DCPL.

6. Correspondence

In

- email 10/2/15 from Lisa Schiff on CCC
- email 4/3/15 from DP&E
- email 11/3/15 from GLC on appointment of 2 community reps on Duralie Mine Community Grants Committee
- email 20/3/15 from DCPL attaching draft CCC media release
- email 5/4/15 from Brian Eastoe on mists observation

Out

- email 10/2/15 reply to Lisa Schiff and copied to CCC
- email 12/2/15 invitation to DP&E to attend CCC meeting
- email 27/2/15 update to CCC on dust complaint

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. Good production during Q1 2015.
2. Environmental Projects/Activities including monitoring and community complaints: (refer to presentation for further detail). Items discussed by exception.

- a. Items discussed included Coal Shaft Creek EC levels and dust deposition results.
- b. Complaints – An extended version of the complaints was provided and positive feedback provided on the detail of investigations.

New Action Item 1: Mr Carroll requested DCPL to include comment on the complaint outcomes.

8. General Business

1. Mr Eastoe tabled a letter from a local community member addressed to the Duralie CCC regarding noise concerns and the complaints management process. A related letter was also received by Cr Hutchinson and forwarded to DCPL in February 2015. DCPL had previously provided a response to the community member. The CCC Chair will provide a response to the letter received.

New Action Item 2: The CCC Chair will provide a response to letter from community member.

2. Weeds Management – DCPL provided an update on the site visit and discussions with GLC Weeds Officer Terry Inkson. Discussions included management of riparian weeds in the offset areas and GPG on company owned lands. A proposal is being developed to undertake a GPG fungus trial in association with DPI on Yancoal owned properties. Whilst on site Terry Inkson also inspected the visual screen area and provided feedback to GLC's Lisa Schiff.
3. Offset traffic controls – DCPL provided an update on discussions with GLC Ecologist Matt Bell. Current controls are adequate however a review will be required as revegetation establishes within the offset area.
4. Mr Tersteeg ask about notes from the meeting between the PAC and GLC in December 2014 and comments regarding a mine water discharge event in November 2012. DCPL explained this related to a self-report incident in November 2012 involving rainfall runoff from irrigation areas and not mine water discharge. DCPL advised this had been explained within a previous CCC meeting.
5. Mr Williams asked if DCPL could provide an update on the status of the Stratford Extension Project approval. DCPL advised the DP&E Final Assessment Report and Recommended (Draft) Conditions of Approval have been referred to the PAC for final determination. The PAC was accepting written comments on the submission up to 4th May 2015.
6. Mr Jones (DP&E) provided an update on current amendments to the Integrated Mining Policy and review in progress of the approvals process. DP&E can be contacted for further information.
7. In response to questions from the Committee Duralie confirmed that the heavy rainfall event on 21/22 April 2015 did not lead to any mine water leaving the site or flowing into Mammy Johnsons River.

New Action Item 3: Hardcopies of the CCC documentation to be provided to GLC and the Chair.

No further business

Next Meeting date: 6 Aug 2015 at Duralie Mine site at 9:00am.

Meeting closed at 4:00pm.

- Site tour of the lower section of Coal Shaft Creek to be undertaken at next meeting

Summary of Action Items from this meeting

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2. **New Action Item 2:** *The CCC Chair will provide a response to letter from community member.*
3. **New Action Item 3:** *Hardcopies of the CCC documentation to be provided to GLC and the Chair.*
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