

**Meeting Minutes**  
**Duralie Coal Community Consultative Committee Meeting**  
**Thursday 6 August 2015**

**Attendees:**

Margaret MacDonald-Hill	CCC Chair	Scott Mitchell	Duralie Coal Pty Ltd
Tony Tersteeg	CCC Member	John Cullen	Duralie Coal Pty Ltd
Donald Carroll	CCC Member	Michael Plain	Duralie Coal Pty Ltd
Brian Eastoe	CCC Member		
Rod Williams	CCC Member		

**1. Site Tour**

A site tour was undertaken at 9:00am prior to the meeting. Areas inspected included the lower section of the Coal Shaft Creek Diversion and the rehabilitation runoff dams (VC1). Information was provided on the separation of clean water and mine water.

**2. Welcome and Apologies**

The Chair opened the meeting at 10:30am.

Apologies: Ms Lisa Schiff, Cr Karen Hutchinson, Mr Alan Fisher-Webster.

**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, a member of the Mine Subsidence Board and Chair AGL's Camden Gas Project CCC.

Ms MacDonald-Hill advised she has ceased her role as Chair of the ministerial committee of AGL (Hunter CCC) as it has now been dissolved.

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

The Minutes of the Meeting held on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> May 2015 were confirmed.

Moved: Brian Eastoe; Seconded: Rod Williams.

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

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

DCPL provided additional information on responses to complaints including complaint outcomes. This was provided in the CCC presentation and an extended list of complaint responses was provided at the meeting.

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

A response letter was provided by the Chair on 11 May 2015 and distributed to the CCC. A second letter was tabled by the Chair during the CCC meeting. The Chair advised the CCC maintains the same position and will provide a response to the community member advising to engage with the company. Mr Eastoe advised he also had discussions with the community member discussing their frustrations at the situation and the mine's response. Discussion continued regarding mine noise, the perceptions of the community and appropriate means of communicating with the community. The CCC also discussed the circumstances in resolving certain matters which were ongoing between the company and the complainant.

DCPL advised of the responses which had been provided to the complaint over a period of time and the actions which had been taken and the offer for ongoing engagement with the complainant. The Chair suggested DCPL should continue to engage with the complainant particularly to introduce new personnel and the mine.

***New Action Item 1:** DCPL to continue proactive engagement with community member regarding noise concerns.*

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

Completed.

4. **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.

Completed and published. The print media was accepted by the CCC as a whole and some discussion continued over the content of the article.

Suggestions for the next print media included the detail on the site tour and the tender for Yancoal agricultural lands.

## **6. Correspondence**

In

- 2/7/15 - email from DCPL advising publication dates for media

Out

- 8/5/15 - email Ms Gillard letter to CCC
- 11/5/15 - response to Ms Gillard
- 22/5/15 - email Ms Gillard response to CCC

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

DCPL presented the Company Reports and Overview of Activities.

1. Progress at Mine: DCPL's John Cullen provided information on the restructure currently in progress at the Duralie operation (refer to presentation). John Cullen also provided an update on the Stratford Extension Project progress. Approvals are still pending for the Commonwealth consent and Mining Leases.

Mr Tersteeg asked about Yancoal's intentions for the commencement of mining and the potential impacts on the community and council. Further update on the SEP will be provided at the next meeting regarding Yancoal's intentions for the commencement of mining.

2. Environmental Projects/Activities including monitoring and community complaints: (refer to presentation for further detail). Items discussed by exception.
  - a. Surface water pH and TSS results were discussed. Mr Tersteeg suggested the relevant ANZECC guidelines could be displayed on the surface water charts to assist interpretation. DCPL advised there are no specific surface water quality criteria, rather there are performance indicators and measures based on the relevant ANZECC guidelines. The monitoring results are used to assess against the performance indicators and measures to determine if a potential impact has occurred.

***New Action Item 2:*** DCPL to provide information on the surface water quality triggers for the Duralie Coal Mine and consider in inclusion in graphs.

- b. Dust deposition results were discussed in particular the high level of contaminated results and how these should be interpreted. DCPL advised of the inherent deficiencies in dust deposition methodology despite consent conditions still requiring this monitoring and reporting. DCPL advised that HVAS results provide more reliable data when contamination occurs in the dust gauges. Mr Carroll suggested this information could be added to the presentation slides.

***New Action Item 3:*** Include detail on the interpretation of dust deposition and HVAS results on the presentation slides.

- c. Blasting – Mr Williams asked how the fume rating was assessed for each blast. DCPL advised the Department of Planning & Environment requires the rating of fume from every blast in accordance with the Australian Explosives Industry and Safety Group guideline relevant to the management of blast fume.
- d. Complaints – An extended version of the complaints was provided and positive feedback provided on the detail of investigations. Mr Eastoe commended DCPL on the proactive responses to complaints regarding train noise in Wards River.

## **8. General Business**

1. Weeds Management – Rod Williams asked if any progress had been made on the proposed GPG fungus trial. DCPL advised they had contacted the GLC Weeds Officer and were still waiting for a reply. The CCC encouraged GLC to follow-up with DCPL.
2. Mr Tersteeg asked about Gloucester Shire Council's request for discussions with Stratford Coal regarding the Stratford Extension project. This matter has previously been raised at the Stratford Coal CCC. A response was provided by SCPL at their last CCC meeting. DCPL advised they could keep Gloucester Shire Council informed of progress with the SEP approvals and any intentions for commencement of works.

Discussions regarding Gloucester Shire Council and the Stratford Extension Project should remain a matter for the Stratford Coal CCC.

3. Mr Williams asked if Yancoal regional or corporate staff would be available to engage with the CCC and suggested there was benefit in having direct contact at a site level. Suggested the General Manager for Environment or the Regional General Manager would be appropriate. DCPL advised they would request the attendance of Mark Jacobs and/or Paul Stringer to an upcoming CCC meeting.

***New Action Item 4:*** DCPL the request attendance of Mark Jacobs and/or Paul Stringer to an upcoming CCC meeting.

4. DCPL provided advice on the Yancoal agricultural land tender proposed to be advertised over the coming weeks. A draft article was provided to the committee. The CCC commended DCPL and look forward to progress updates on the first tender and to comparable action on the company's rural lands at Duralie.

No further business

Next Meeting date: 5 November 2015 at Stratford Mine site proposed at 1:00pm (time to be confirmed).

- A site tour of the Stratford Coal Handling and Processing Plant will be undertaken at next meeting.

Meeting closed at 12:30pm.

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

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