

**Meeting Minutes**  
**Duralie Coal Community Consultative Committee Meeting**  
**Thursday 5 November 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	Scott Fittler	Yancoal Australia Ltd
Alan Fisher-Webster	CCC Member		
Lisa Schiff	Great Lakes Council (meeting only)		
Cr Karen Hutchinson	Great Lakes Council (meeting only)		

**1. Site Tour**

A site tour of the Stratford Coal Handling and Preparation Plant (CHPP) was undertaken at 9:00am prior to the meeting. Areas inspected included the ROM handling area, CHPP, product stockpiles and train loading facility

**2. Welcome and Apologies**

The Chair opened the meeting at 10:28am. The Chair welcomed Mr Scott Fittler, Yancoal Community Relations Coordinator. Scott provided a brief overview of his role with Yancoal providing community relations support to the Yancoal group of mines.

Apologies: Mark Jacobs, Paul Stringer, Rod Williams.

John Cullen advised Paul Stringer had expressed interest in attending the next CCC meeting.

**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.

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

The Minutes of the Meeting held on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> August 2015 were confirmed.

Moved: Brian Eastoe; Seconded: Tony Tersteeg.

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

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

Scott provided an update on correspondence with community member. The offer for a meeting had not been accepted. Further work has been undertaken on the evaporative fans included modelling for potential relocation and orientation, inspections by the supplier and repairs to the AD2 spray bunds. Yancoal suggested that any further discussion had to be at the behest of the community member. Mr Eastoe suggested measures taken by Yancoal to engage with the community member be proactive rather than reactive, i.e. be initiated by Yancoal rather than flowing from the behest of any community member. Yancoal committed to maintaining open contact with the community member if and when the opportunity for a meeting or further discussion occurred.

2. **Action Item 2:** DCPL to provide information on the surface water quality triggers for the Duralie Coal Mine.

Information on the Duralie surface water quality triggers was provided to the committee and included in the CCC presentation.

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

Information was included in the CCC presentation and discussed at the meeting.

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

Mr Mark Jacobs was unable to attend the November CCC meeting and Mr John Cullen provided information in his absence. The Committee requested that the invitation to Mr Jacobs remain an action item.

5. **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 with positive feedback.

## **6. Correspondence**

In:

- 7/8/15 - letter from Ms Gillard (tabled at August meeting)
- 16/9/15 - email from LS, GLC re Duralie CE fund
- 16/9/15 - email from DCPL Draft Media Release
- 13/10/15 - letter from DCPL enclosing 2015 Annual Review

Out:

- 21/8/15 - response to Ms Gillard (copied to CCC members)
- 17/9/15 - email draft media release to CCC members
- 28/9/15 - email from LS sent to CCC members
- 20/10/15 - email Annual Review and link to CCC members

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

DCPL presented the Company Reports and Overview of Activities.

1. Progress at Mine: Mr Cullen advised the Stratford and Duralie mine sites have transitioned to owner operator on 1 September 2015. Mr Eastoe asked how the transition had been accepted by the employees and community. Mr Cullen advised the general feedback has been very positive and the transition has been successful. Overall the disturbance to the operations and the employees has been minimised.

Mining is continuing in the Clareval Pit and expect to recommence mining in the Weismantel Pit in March 2016.

2. Environmental Projects/Activities including monitoring and community complaints: (refer to presentation for further detail). Items discussed by exception.
  - a. Yancoal discussed the various reporting requirements for the project which had been submitted during the last quarter. The Duralie Coal Mine Annual Review 2015 was provided to the CCC members and is also available on the website.
  - b. Yancoal provided an update on the progress with the proposed back-burning. Yancoal approached the RFS in July to coordinate a hazard reduction burning program on Yancoal properties and offset areas. Due to delays no burning has been undertaken at this point however Yancoal will continue to work with RFS to undertake burning during summer or into 2016. Mr Tersteeg expressed his concerns in undertaking hazard reduction burning this late in the year. Mr Eastoe encouraged Yancoal to have employees trained, qualified and available for release from day to day duties to be able to assist RFS in fire fighting when and if it occurs.

## **8. General Business**

1. Mr Carroll asked GLC to provide information on the allocation of \$1.5 million in Duralie contributions currently held by Council that was provided to 4 programs under Duralie Project Approval and advised he had received several community queries on the funding. The query followed advice from Council that expenditure on one of the four 2014 Duralie contributions had been placed on hold until the issues surrounding flood relief funding in Stroud from the NSW government had been resolved. GLC confirmed spending of the funds had been placed on hold. Council representatives committed to provide a report on all four programs to the next CCC meeting.

***New Action Item 1:*** GLC to provide an update report on the allocation of all four compulsory contributions to Council from the Duralie Extension Project.

2. Mr Eastoe raised several questions regarding the 2015 Annual Review which were addressed by Yancoal. Yancoal will provide a full copy of the 2015 irrigation monitoring report.

The Chair wished the committee a Merry Christmas and thanked them for their contributions during 2015.

No further business

The committee discussed the timing for meetings during 2016.

Next Meeting date: 11<sup>th</sup> February 2016 at Duralie Mine site proposed at 9:00am.

Meeting closed at 11:50am.

**Summary of Action Items from this meeting**

1. ***New Action Item 1:*** *GLC to provide an update report on the allocation of all four compulsory contributions to Council from the Duralie Extension Project.*
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.*
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