

**Meeting Minutes**  
**Duralie Coal Community Consultative Committee Meeting**  
**Thursday 11 February 2016**

**Attendees:**

Margaret MacDonald-Hill	CCC Chair	John Cullen	Duralie Coal Pty Ltd
Tony Tersteeg	CCC Member	Michael Plain	Duralie Coal Pty Ltd
Donald Carroll	CCC Member		
Brian Eastoe	CCC Member		
Rod Williams	CCC Member		
Lisa Schiff	Great Lakes Council		
Cr Karen Hutchinson	Great Lakes Council		

**1. Site Tour**

No site tour at this meeting.

**2. Welcome and Apologies**

The Chair opened the meeting at 9:01am. The Chair advised the committee of the resignation of Mr Scott Mitchell – Yancoal Environment & Community Manager.

Apologies: Paul Stringer, Alan Fisher-Webster.

Mr John Cullen advised Paul Stringer had expressed interest in attending a CCC meeting, however was unable to attend this meeting due to other commitments.

**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 5<sup>th</sup> November 2015 were confirmed.

Moved: Brian Eastoe; Seconded: Tony Tersteeg.

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

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

Ms Schiff provided an update report to the committee on the allocation of contributions to Great Lakes Council from the Duralie Extension Project. The report was discussed by the committee with focus on the allocation of the community infrastructure funds. Funding is still on hold since the floods in April 2015 which affected the Stroud showground.

Mr Williams requested GLC to provide further detail on the community infrastructure funds when this information becomes available. Ms Schiff advised work was continuing to gain further flood relief funding using the Duralie contributions as leverage. Ms Hutchinson advised that the Stroud Show was still scheduled for April 2016 and additional assistance from state and federal government was being sought.

Mr Cullen thanked Ms Schiff for providing the report on Duralie's council contributions to the committee.

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.*

Completed and published. The print media was accepted by the CCC with positive feedback. Rehabilitation photo to be used on next print media.

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

Mr John Cullen advised Paul Stringer had expressed interest in attending a CCC meeting, however was unable to attend this meeting due to other commitments. The invite will remain open for Mr Stringer to attend a CCC meeting. Mr Eastoe suggested the next CCC meeting could be scheduled to accommodate the attendance of Mr Stringer.

4. Mr Plain confirmed that there had been further correspondence/contact with Ms Gillard since the last meeting. Mr Mitchell who is no longer with Yancoal, called Ms Gillard following the complaint made on 21 October 2015. No further correspondence since this date.

## **6. Correspondence**

In:

- 17/11/15 - email from DCPL (John Cullen) re water discharge incident
- 18/12/15 - email from DCPL (Scott Mitchell)

Out:

- 18/12/15 - forward DCPL email re water discharge to CCC

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

DCPL presented the Company Reports and Overview of Activities.

1. Progress at Mine: DCPL advised of the fourth quarter production at Duralie mine. Operations are currently ongoing in Clareval pit and works are expected to recommence in the Weismantel pit during February 2016. Mr Cullen advised production at Duralie has been good given the constraints during the second half of 2016.

Mr Williams asked if timber had been recovered from the new areas in Weismantel pit. DCPL advised a local tree harvesting contractor had been engaged to undertake clearing activities to the northern extent of the approved Weismantel pit.

Mr Eastoe asked what dust controls would be in place when moving back into the Weismantel pit. DCPL advised of the ongoing noise and dust mitigation measures which would continue to be implemented. Additionally, refresher training would be undertaken with operators regarding the key environmental management measures for mining into new areas.

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

- a. Yancoal discussed the key activities and projects undertaken during the previous quarter.
- b. Mr Eastoe asked for an update on bushfire management particularly on Yancoal owned properties outside of the Mining Lease. DCPL provided an update on the hazard reduction burning program for 2016 which covers the Mining Lease, Offset areas and immediate surrounds. Alan Andrews was requested to provide further information to the committee on management of other Yancoal properties and was invite to attend the next CCC meeting.

Mr Eastoe asked for an update on weeds management activities on Yancoal owned properties. DCPL advised weed control was continuing on the Mining Lease and within the Offset areas. Mr Andrews would be invite to provide further information regarding Yancoal owned properties.

***New Action Item 1:*** Invite to be extend to Alan Andrews for the next CCC meeting to provide an update on bushfire management and weeds management on Yancoal owned properties.

- c. Mr Williams asked for an update on the Giant Parramatta Grass control trial. DCPL advised Yancoal was finalising a proposal for GPG fungus control with DPI. Correspondence would continue with the intention of having the program underway for next spring.

## **8. General Business**

1. Yancoal Education Support Program: Mr Plain advised the Education Support Program was continuing in 2016. The overall funding would be reduced as the contribution from the Stratford Project is calculated based on the number of fulltime employees which has significantly reduced whilst no operations are occurring. Funding would continue to be provided from the Duralie Project. The 2016 round of applications has closed and these applications have been reviewed by

the Education Support Program board. A presentation to the successful recipients is scheduled in March 2016.

2. Aggregated Lands Tender: Mr Plain provided an update to the committee on the aggregated lands program. Unfortunately delays were encountered due to interests from third parties. These have now been resolved and the program will recommence with re-notification to the parties previously registered. The first lots are expected to be finalised by mid 2016 with the remaining lots including properties near Duralie by the end of 2016.
3. Water Discharge Incident: Mr Plain advised no response had been provided by the regulators despite requests from Yancoal. Actions had been completed to rectify the cause of the incident.
4. DCPL advised burning activities had been undertaken adjacent to the Duralie Mine site during early February 2016. The fire had spread to the surrounding pasture and the RFS and ARTC were contacted to provide assistance. No infrastructure was damaged and no native vegetation was burnt.
5. Revised CCC Guidelines: DCPL and the Chair advised the Department of Planning & Environment had advertised the release of the revised Community Consultative Committee Guidelines and were seeking comment. The Chair advised the guidelines were not yet available and would notify the committee when they are released.
6. Yancoal Fact Sheet: DCPL provided a fact sheet to on the Yancoal Company for the information of the committee.
7. Ms Schiff advised the committee of an enquiry from the Karuah Local Aboriginal Lands Council to Great Lakes Council. The Chair agreed to provide a response to KLALC on behalf of the CCC.

***New Action Item 2:*** *The Chair to provide a response to the Karuah Local Aboriginal Lands Council.*

8. Mr Eastoe thanked DCPL for providing a copy of the Duralie Coal Mine Annual Irrigation Area Monitoring Report.
9. Mr Eastoe asked what system was in place by Yancoal to ensure sufficient funds were allocated to undertake complete rehabilitation of the mine site following final completion. DCPL advised the rehabilitation of mine sites was legislated by the Division of Resources and Energy (DRE) under the Mining Act. In accordance with the Mining Lease conditions approved by DRE companies are required to prepare a Mining Operations Plan which includes a Rehabilitation Cost Estimate. These documents are approved by DRE and a rehabilitation bond in the form of a bank guarantee is required to be submitted by the company. Mr Eastoe and Ms Schiff asked if an overview of this process could be provided in the next CCC presentation.

***New Action Item 3:*** *DCPL to provide information on the system for determining rehabilitation cost estimates and the associated security at the next meeting.*

No further business.

Next Meeting date: 12<sup>th</sup> May 2016 at Duralie Mine site at 9:00am.

Site tour next meeting: General inspection of Clareval operations and the new areas in Weismantel pit requested by Mr Tersteeg and Mr Eastoe.

Meeting closed at 11:01am.

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

1. ***New Action Item 1:*** Invite to be extend to Alan Andrews for the next CCC meeting to provide an update on bushfire management and weeds management on Yancoal owned properties.
2. ***New Action Item 2:*** The Chair to provide a response to the Karuah Local Aboriginal Lands Council.
3. ***New Action Item 3:*** DCPL to provide information on the system for determining rehabilitation cost estimates and the associated security at the next meeting.
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.
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