

Meeting Minutes
Duralie Coal Community Consultative Committee Meeting
Thursday 12 May 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	Paul Stringer	Yancoal Australia Ltd
Brian Eastoe	CCC Member	Alan Andrews	Yancoal Australia Ltd
Rod Williams	CCC Member		
Cr Karen Hutchinson	Great Lakes Council		

1. Site Tour

A site tour was undertaken prior to the meeting and included the Weismantel and Clareval Pit operations.

2. Welcome and Apologies

The Chair opened the meeting at 9:59am. The Chair welcomed Mr Paul Stringer and Mr Alan Andrews from Yancoal. The Chair advised a representative from Karuah Local Aboriginal Land Council had been invited to attend the meeting however no response was received.

Apologies: Lisa Schiff, 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.

Cr Hutchinson declared she is a member of the Rocky Hill CCC.

4. Confirmation of Minutes of Previous Meeting

The Minutes of the Meeting held on Thursday 11th February 2016 were confirmed.

Moved: Tony Tersteeg; Seconded: Rod Williams.

5. Business Arising from Previous Meeting

1. Great Lakes Council report on community infrastructure contributions: Lisa Schiff wasn't present at the meeting and the item will be include as an action for the next meeting.

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

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

Mr Andrews provided an update to the committee regarding weed management and bushfire management activities at Duralie. Mr Plain added that DPI have now been engaged to undertake a trial program for the GPG fungus and will commence in spring 2016. Further updates will be provided during the program.

Mr Williams asked if there was a risk of the hazard reduction burns not taking place again. Mr Andrews advised the burn plan documents had been finalised and received from the RFS and a further site inspection has been completed. The proposed burns are dependent on suitable weather conditions however all plans are in place. Mr Eastoe asked if the RFS burn plans could be made available for inspection by CCC members. Mr Plain advised this would be confirmed with RFS. Cr Hutchinson commended DCPL on coordinating the burn plans with RFS.

Mr Williams asked if there had been any progress on the aggregated land tenders. Mr Andrews advised Yancoal had experienced some delays due to third party interests which have now been resolved and the first round of leases are expected to be finalised in June 2016.

The Chair thanked Mr Andrews for the information provided.

***New Action Item 2:** DCPL to provide an update to the CCC on relevant matters regarding Yancoal owned properties including bushfire management and weeds management.*

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

The Chair provided a response to KLALC and invited a representative to attend the meeting, however no response was received.

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

A further request was received from Mr Eastoe since the last meeting for the above action to include information on rehabilitation consent conditions, rehabilitation planning and cost estimation, rehabilitation funding security and completion criteria. DCPL presented a presentation on the above topics and will make this available for the committee members.

Mr Paul Stringer followed the presentation with information regarding post-mining land use for the Duralie Coal Mine and also for the Yancoal owned properties outside the mine area. Mr Stringer advised an external consultant had been engaged to assess potential post-mining land uses and confirmed that Yancoal is committed to delivering rehabilitation which meets the requirements of the projects approval conditions and also provides a final land use which is of value to Yancoal and the community, and that may include a variety of uses such as native revegetation and farming.

Open discussion continued regarding final land use, rehabilitation and mine closure planning and community consultation during this process. The committee requested updates on the potential final land use options as details become available. DCPL advised there is a process for stakeholder consultation during the mine closure planning process and this would include the CCC. DCPL also advised there are two key process; firstly the relinquishment of Mining Leases following satisfactory completion of rehabilitation and secondly the broader final land use for the Yancoal assets and properties.

Mr Stringer also indicated the CCC would be consulted with regarding strategies for Yancoal's non mining lands as those strategies are being formulated and that if he could not be present at future meetings then brief updates would be provided for tabling at future CCC meetings.

New Action Item 3: DCPL to provide updates on the potential final land use options for both mining lands and non-mining lands as details become available.

Mr Carroll expressed his appreciation to Mr Stringer and the Yancoal management team for the information provided.

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.

Print media completed and published. A list with the CCC topics included in the print media to date was provided to the committee members.

Mr Eastoe suggested topics for the next print media could include holistic land use and rehabilitation and bushfire management activities.

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

Mr Stringer attended the meeting and advised he would be pleased to attend future meetings at the committee's request. The committee extended an open invitation to future meetings pending availability of Mr Stringer.

The Chair expressed a general thanks to Yancoal for the ongoing input to the CCC.

6. Correspondence

In:

- 1/3/16 - email from DCPL invitation to Stroud Weed - Biological Control Workshop from DD.
- 6/5/16 - email from DCPL invitation to Soils Field Day from DD.

Out:

- 12/2/16 - email to Karuah LALC on function of CCC attaching 2007 Guidelines and information on expected revised version.
- 18/2/16 - email DP&E Guidelines and fact sheet to CCC.
- 19/2/16 - email CCC requesting any comments on revised guidelines.
- 3/3/16 - email to Karuah LALC with revised Guidelines.
- 24/3/16 - email CCC DCPL media release and Community Support Program notifications.

- 31/3/16 - email CCC link and extension from DP&E on guidelines.
- 28/4/16 - email invitation to Karuah LALC.
- 6/5/16 - forward email from DCPL invitation to Soils Field Day from DD 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 first quarter production at Duralie mine. Operations are currently ongoing in Clareval pit and operations have recommenced in the Weismantel pit during March 2016.

Cr Hutchinson asked for an update on the Stratford Extension Project (SEP). Mr Plain advised both the State and Commonwealth consents had now been granted and the Avon North Mining Lease had also been granted. Mr Stringer advised currently there is no change to the operations, however it is expected a decision on the future operations under the SEP would be made in 12 to 18 months as the operations at the Duralie Coal Mine begin to wind down.

Cr Hutchinson asked about the proposed interaction with Gloucester Resources and advised she is on the Rocky Hill CCC. DCPL advised a modification to the SEP Development Consent is currently being prepared to allow processing of Rocky Hill ROM coal at the Stratford CHPP. The environmental assessments for the modification have commenced. Mr Stringer also advised of the potential changes resulting from the interaction with Gloucester Resources, however Yancoal has no intention of acquiring the Rocky Hill Project.

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. Discussion on the presentation included complaint responses and surface water monitoring results.
 - c. DCPL provided an update on community engagement including the Education Support Program and the Community Support Program.

8. General Business

1. Mr Carroll confirmed the request for the GLC report on community infrastructure at the next meeting (refer to New Action Item 1).
2. Mr Williams expressed thanks to Mr Stringer and Mr Tersteeg expressed thanks to Mr Andrews for their attendance at the meeting and the valuable information contributed to the discussion.
3. Suggestions were provided for the next site tour by Mr Eastoe.

No further business.

Next Meeting date: 4th August 2016 at Duralie Mine site 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 community infrastructure contributions to Council from the Duralie Extension Project.
2. **New Action Item 2:** DCPL to provide an update to the CCC on relevant matters regarding Yancoal owned properties including bushfire management and weeds management.
3. **New Action Item 3:** DCPL to provide updates on the potential final land use options for both mining lands and non-mining lands as details become available.
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.
5. **Ongoing Action Item:** The committee extended an open invitation to Mr Stringer for future meetings pending availability.