

Meeting Minutes
Duralie Coal Community Consultative Committee Meeting
Thursday 4 August 2016

Attendees:

Margaret MacDonald-Hill	CCC Chairperson	John Cullen	Duralie Coal Pty Ltd
Lisa Schiff	MidCoast Council	Michael Plain	Duralie Coal Pty Ltd
Karen Hutchinson	LRC MidCoast Council		
Tony Tersteeg	CCC Member		
Rod Williams	CCC Member		
Alan Fisher-Webster	CCC Member		

1. Site Tour

No site tour was undertaken at this meeting. A site tour is planned to be undertaken at the next meeting.

2. Welcome and Apologies

The Chair opened the meeting at 9:05am. The Chair welcomed back Ms Karen Hutchinson as the nominated representative for the MidCoast Council LRC and Lisa Schiff for the MidCoast Council.

Apologies: Brian Eastoe, Donald Carroll.

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 12th May 2016 were confirmed.

Moved: Ms Hutchinson; Seconded: Tony Tersteeg.

5. Business Arising from Previous Meeting

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

Since the last CCC meeting Ms Schiff provided email correspondence advising *“the unallocated Community Infrastructure Funding will be directed to the Stroud showground, the funds are not Section 94 funds but are restricted funds and are treated accordingly”*.

The committee was pleased with the level of detail in the report tabled by Ms Schiff in February 2016 regarding the Duralie Coal funding for the Bucketts Way structural works and Karuah Catchment Management Program. Mr Carroll and Mr Eastoe in email correspondence requested a similar level of detail be provide for the Community Infrastructure funding.

Ms Schiff advised the committee the total funding spent to date on community infrastructure was \$570,248 and this was expended on 49 projects. Ms Schiff also advised the total balance remaining was \$345,216 which is being held for the Stroud showground repairs. Mr Plain asked if this information could be included in the next report from council to which Ms Schiff agreed.

The Chair asked Ms Hutchinson if under the amalgamated MidCoast Council any measures were in place to ensure the Duralie funding is allocated within the local area and not the broader council region. Ms Hutchinson advised the council have a guideline for the expenditure of the Duralie funds which include the area to which they would be allocated, i.e. Stroud and surrounds.

Mr Williams suggested this information could be included in the CCC media release and Mr Plain confirmed.

Mr Williams asked if there was scope for leveraging off the Duralie funds for the Stroud showground to source additional funding. Ms Schiff advised this was the case and council was investigating funding options.

Mr Plain asked if under the amalgamated MidCoast Council it had been considered how the funding from the Duralie Project to Gloucester Shire Council would be managed. Ms Schiff advised she would investigate and provide a response to the committee.

New Action Item 1: MidCoast Council to update the CCC on the allocation of funding from the Duralie Project previously provided to Gloucester Shire Council.

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

Mr Plain provided an update to the committee regarding bushfire management activities at Duralie and advised the RFS would undertake hazard reduction burns as soon as conditions are suitable. Mr Williams suggested if further delays were experienced the CCC could prompt the RFS as it was in the interest of the broader community.

Mr Plain advised that DPI have now been engaged to undertake a trial program for the GPG fungus and an initial site visit by DPI was undertaken in June 2016. The trial will commence in spring 2016. Further updates will be provided during the program.

Mr Plain advised there had been no further progress on the aggregated land tenders, however it remains a priority for Yancoal and an update will be provided at the next meeting. Ms Hutchinson asked if there was provision for pasture improvements in the current leases. Mr Plain advised it

was not detailed in the existing leases however it would be included in the agreements for the aggregated land packages.

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3. **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.

DCPL advised the report on final land use options had not been finalised and further information would be provided at the next meeting. DCPL also advised the preparation of the Mine Closure Plan was due to commence in the second half on 2016 and further detail would be provided as the plan is developed.

Mr Williams asked what community consultation would occur and suggested there would be value in holding information sessions in Stroud. DCPL advised there is a process for stakeholder consultation during the mine closure planning process and this would include the CCC. Information sessions could be held as the plan is developed. Ms Schiff agreed it would be constructive to release some information on mine closure planning, timing and stakeholder engagements.

Ongoing Action Item: DCPL to provide updates on the potential final land use options and mine closure plans 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.

Print media completed and published.

Suggestions for the next print media topics included Councils allocation of the Duralie Project funding and information on spontaneous combustion and odours.

5. **Ongoing Action Item:** The committee extended an open invitation to Mr Stringer for future meetings pending availability.

Mr Stringer will be invited to attend the November 2016 CCC meeting.

6. Correspondence

In:

- 13/5/16 - email response from Ms Schiff on allocation of funds
- 3/8/16 - email from MidCoast Council on representation

Out:

- 13/5/16 - email to Ms Schiff on allocation of funds
- 24/5/16 - email update on GLC allocation of funds to CCC
- 26/5/16 - email from DCPL with RFS Hazard reduction plans to CCC
- 2/6/16 - email media release to CCC

New Action Item 2: DCPL to include the correspondence log in the CCC agenda.

7. Company Reports and Overview of Activities

DCPL presented the Company Reports and Overview of Activities.

1. Progress at Mine: DCPL advised of the second quarter production at Duralie mine. Operations are currently ongoing in Clareval pit and Weismantel pit.
2. Environmental Projects/Activities including monitoring and community complaints: (refer to CCC presentation for further detail). Items discussed by exception.
 - a. DCPL discussed the key activities and projects undertaken during the previous quarter including reporting obligations.
 - b. DCPL provided an update on Community Support Program funding for 2016 which has been finalised. A full list of this year's recipients is included in the CCC presentation.

Ms Hutchinson asked why the community support funding was extended to Dungog. Mr Cullen advised the funding had generally included Gloucester, Stroud and Dungog, however this could be realigned with the MidCoast Council area for Stroud to Gloucester next year.

8. General Business

1. DCPL advised two areas on spontaneous combustion had been recently identified near the northern end of the operations. This had coincided with three separate complaints relating to odour from the mine site. Mr Cullen provided information on the causes of spontaneous combustion and the management measures which had been undertaken. DCPL have provided responses to the complaints and additional monitoring is also being undertaken. Instances of spontaneous combustion have generally been isolated and uncommon at Duralie, however this will continue to be monitored and the necessary management actions taken. Mr Williams and Mr Fisher-Webster commented the odours had been noticeable over the last few weeks.
2. DCPL provided an update on the Stratford Extension Project (SEP) Modification to allow processing of Rocky Hill ROM coal at the Stratford CHPP. Formal lodgement for the Modification was expected to occur on 5 August 2016 with the environmental assessment documentation to go on public exhibition in mid-August.
3. Mr Fisher-Webster raised two concerns regarding lighting which was visible from his property and an access track which had been disturbed during wet weather. DCPL advised they would investigate and respond directly to Mr Fisher-Webster.
4. Mr Tersteeg requested a general site tour for the next meeting.

No further business.

Next Meeting date: 10th November 2016 at Duralie Mine site at 9:00am.

Meeting closed at 10:30am.

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