

**Draft Meeting Minutes**  
**Duralie Coal Community Consultative Committee Meeting**  
**Duralie Mine Site**  
**Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2022**

**Attendees:**

Ms Margaret MacDonald-Hill	CCC Chairperson	Ryan Fenning	MidCoast Council
Michael Plain	Duralie Coal Pty Ltd	Annette Baldwin	CCC Member
Thomas Kirkwood	Duralie Coal Pty Ltd	Rod Williams	CCC Member
Lauren Byrne	Duralie Coal Pty Ltd	Noel Smith	CCC Member
John Cullen	Duralie Coal Pty Ltd	James Harris	CCC Member
Matt Clinch	CCC Member	Brian Eastoe	CCC Member

**Guests:**

Lyndie Hepple – MidCoast Council – Coordinator Community Development

**1. Site Tour**

A site tour was undertaken prior to the meeting. The site tour included Completed rehabilitation areas, Clareval Pit and Auxiliary Dam No.2.

**2. Welcome and Apologies**

The Chair opened the meeting at 2:10pm.

The Chair introduced the three new Committee members, whom have been recommended by the Chair and endorsed by the Secretary of DP&E following a process calling for nominations. Introductions from all Committee members was undertaken around the table.

Apologies: Cr Katheryn Smith

**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, Industry & Environment.

The declarations of the Duralie CCC members remain current.

Mr Eastoe declared he is an Officer Bearer with Stroud Road RFS and a Committee Member with Stroud and District Historical Society.

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

The Minutes of the Meeting held on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> May 2022 were confirmed. It was noted that the May minutes required a minor correction to the date presented in Annual Action Item 3 (corrected to 2022 instead of 2021).

Moved: Rod Williams; Seconded: Noel Smith

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

1. ***Ongoing Action Item:*** DCPL to include updates and progress on the potential final land use options and mine closure and rehabilitation plans in the reports to the CCC.

Refer to details included in the CCC presentation.  
Mr Plain advised the CCC on updates on mine closure.

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.

Mr Eastoe requested that the CCC look into other avenues to inform the community the regular Duralie CCC print media. These included the use of email or social media.

Mrs Baldwin advised that she is the admin of local Stroud social media page. DCPL advised that they would send Mrs Baldwin the content required to be posted. The Chair would also investigate avenues available through MidCoast Council media.

***New Action Item 1:*** DCPL to provide print media article to Mrs Baldwin for posting on social media.

3. ***Annual Action Item:*** MidCoast Council to provide an annual financial report each November on the spending of the Gloucester and Great Lakes components of the Duralie contributions made to Council.

Ms Hepple presented the FY 2021/22 MidCoast Council Annual Financial Report on the Duralie Coal community enhancement and environmental contributions. This report included the contributions to both the Stroud and Gloucester areas. The Committee thanked Ms Hepple for high quality of the report. A copy of the Financial Report will be included with these minutes.

Council advised that the next round of planning for funding allocation is in scheduled for February 2023. Mr Kirkwood and Mr Plain committed to delegate a site representative to provide input into the funding allocation discussions.

Mr Eastoe advised that it would be beneficial if it was noted in the next DCPL Print Media release that all Mine contributions to the upgrade of local roads has been utilised. The Chair agreed with this statement.

Mr Plain advised since coal mining operations have ceased, no further contributions are required under the Project Approval conditions.

***New Action Item 2:*** DCPL to appoint a Yancoal representative to the assessment panel for the community funding round.

#### **4. Recruitment of New Members**

Complete. Successful applicants received invitations to this meeting.

#### **6. Correspondence**

Correspondence was listed in the CCC meeting agenda.

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

DCPL presented the Company Reports and Overview of Activities.

1. Progress at Mine: Mr Kirkwood advised mining operations ceased at Duralie in the Weismantel pit on 21<sup>st</sup> December 2021 and that bulk earthworks at the Duralie Coal Mine will begin at the end of November 2022 and are expected to finish August 2023.

Mr Eastoe recommended that in the next DCPL print media release the proposed hours of operation at Duralie should be included and discussion on how environmental monitoring continues post mine closure should be emphasised. Mr Williams agreed.

2. Environment & community activities including monitoring and community programs: (*refer to CCC presentation available on website for further detail*). Items discussed by exception.

Mr Kirkwood advised the planned tubestock planting program in April 2022 has been postponed due to wet weather and will be rescheduled in early 2023.

Mr Plain provided an update on the progress of mine closure planning activities. Mr Plain advised a stakeholder engagement strategy had been prepared and an independent consultant engaged to undertake the socio-economic impact assessment for closure. Surveys and interviews are currently underway, and the results will be reported back to the CCC.

#### **8. General Business**

3. Mr Eastoe requested that a special meeting of the CCC be held with invited stakeholders for mine closure planning, outside of the scheduled CCC meetings. The Chair informed the committee that there is a process for the CCC to comment as part of the Stakeholder Engagement Process for mine closure. Mr Plain acknowledged this request and will present it to the Stakeholder Engagement Consultant.
  4. Mr Williams suggested that DCPL draw upon other individuals that have previously been involved with a successful socio-economic study as an opportunity to learn from examples of effective community liaison and to help guide broader community discussions. Mr Plain acknowledged this request and will present it to the Stakeholder Engagement Consultant.
1. 2023 proposed Meeting dates:
    - 12:30pm on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> May 2023
    - 9:00am on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> November 2023

Meeting closed at 3:15pm.

**Summary of Action Items from this meeting**

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