

Meeting Minutes
Stratford Coal Community Consultative Committee Meeting
via video/teleconference
Wednesday 9th February 2022

Attendees:

Ms Margaret MacDonald-Hill	CCC Chairperson	Richard Clarke	CCC Member
Ryan Fenning	MidCoast Council	Kevin Lowrey	CCC Member
Michael Bird	Stratford Coal Pty Ltd	Norm Bignell	CCC Member
Thomas Kirkwood	Stratford Coal Pty Ltd	Anthony Berecny	CCC Member
Mike Plain	Stratford Coal Pty Ltd	Philip Greenwood	CCC Member

Guests:

Louise Duff, Catchment Management Coordinator MidCoast Council

1. Site Tour

No site tour was scheduled for this meeting due to Covid restrictions.

2. Welcome and Apologies

The Chair opened the meeting at 9:00am.

The Chair informed the Committee, MidCoast Council has recently elected new council representatives for the Stratford Coal CCC. Cr Katheryn Smith is now the primary representative and Cr Claire Pontin is the alternate.

The Chair informed the Committee, Stratford Coal has restructured staff roles with Mr Kirkwood now the primary site contact for environmental & community matters and Mr Plain moving to a mine closure planning role.

Apologies: Mr John Cullen, Cr Katheryn Smith, Cr Claire Pontin.

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 Stratford CCC members remain current.

4. Confirmation of Minutes of Previous Meeting

The Minutes of the Meeting held on Wednesday 3 November 2021 were confirmed.

Moved: Richard Clarke; Seconded: Norm Bignell.

5. Business Arising from Previous Meeting

1. **Action Item 1:** SCPL to provide mapping of the proposed biodiversity offset planting areas for 2022.

Mr Kirkwood provided mapping of the proposed biodiversity offset planting areas for 2022 to the committee on 9/2/2022. Further discussion regarding the 2022 planting program was included with the CCC presentation.

2. **Annual Action Item:** MidCoast Council to provide an annual financial report each November on the spending of the Stratford Coal community enhancement contributions made to Council.

Due November 2022 meeting.

6. Correspondence

Details of correspondence was included in the meeting agenda. There was no further discussion.

7. Company Reports and Overview of Activities

SCPL presented the Company Reports and Overview of Activities:

1. Progress at Mine: Mr Kirkwood advised operations continued in Avon North and Stratford East. Backfilling in the BRN pit continued in Q4 2021. The Roseville West pit is currently being dewatered to BRN.
2. Environmental & community activities including monitoring, mine closure and rehabilitation: (*refer to CCC presentation available on website for further detail*). Items discussed by exception:

Mr Greenwood inquired whether SCPL was still intending on relocating the powerline adjacent to Stratford East Pit and if so, how long would the power be disrupted during the powerline move. Mr Plain advised that the Stratford East Pit may be truncated and not progress to full approved southern extent, and therefore may not need to relocate the powerline. Mr Plain continued, if the powerline move did go ahead, the disruption to power users would be no more than a few hours with the alternate line constructed prior to decommissioning the old line.

Mr Plain provided an update to the plans for Roseville West Extension Pit. Mr Plain advised that the mining operations at Stratford were approved to continue until the end of 2025, however the current mine plan does not include the mining of the Roseville West Extension Pit.

Mr Clarke asked SCPL; with the current demand for metallurgical coal, does SCPL intend to continue to mine beyond the current mining term or is there any potential for future mining operations? Mr Plain responded that mining was approved under the current Development Consent until the end of 2025 and this would then be followed by rehabilitation and mine closure. Mr Plain advised SCPL/Yancoal are not currently pursuing any further extensions or new approvals at the Stratford Mining Complex.

8. General Business

1. Louise Duff – MidCoast Council Catchment Coordinator, presented the Manning River Catchment & Estuary Management Plan. This program is applicable to the catchment in which Stratford Coal Mine is located and is similar to the Karuah River Catchment Management Plan previously presented to the Committee.

The Chair thanked Louise Duff on behalf of the Committee. Mr Plain also thanked Ms Duff for the presentation and highlighted the value of this management plan to the broader catchment. Mr Plain added Stratford Coal was supportive of sharing monitoring data and information which could add value to the Manning Catchment plan.

A copy of this presentation will be included with these minutes.

2. Mr Clarke suggested it may be beneficial to review the meeting dates to allow greater participation by council representatives. The Committee agreed and the upcoming meeting dates were discussed by the Committee and the following dates have been recommended by the Chair. The following dates will be confirmed with all CCC members.
 - 9:00am on Thursday 5th May 2022
 - 9:00am on Thursday 11th August 2022
 - 9:00am on Thursday 3th November 2022
3. The Chair informed the Committee her Annual CCC Report for 2021 would be prepared during February 2022 and invited the CCC members to comment on the past year's activities if they so desired.

Next Meeting date: Proposed 9:00am on Thursday 5th May 2022.

The next meeting is intended to be held at the Stratford Mine Site and a site tour will be undertaken if possible.

Meeting closed at 10:21am.

Summary of Action Items from this meeting

1. ***Annual Action Item: MidCoast Council to provide an annual financial report each November on the spending of the Stratford Coal community enhancement contributions made to Council.***