
**MINUTES OF THE ASHTON COAL PROJECT
COMMUNITY CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE
Tuesday 24 November 2015
1:00PM - ASHTON COAL PROJECT SITE OFFICE**

Minutes confirmed as true and correct at the 15 March 2016 CCC Meeting

ATTENDEES:

John McInerney	(JM)	Community Representative
Michael Bestic	(MB)	Community Representative
Debbie Richards	(DR)	Community Representative
Steve Ernst	(SE)	Community Representative
Godfrey Adamthwaite	(GA)	Singleton Shire Council (SSC)
Digby Short	(DS)	Company Rep (Environment & Community Manager)
James Barben	(JB)	Company Rep (Environment & Community Coordinator)

1. OPENING OF THE MEETING BY THE CHAIRPERSON

The Chairperson opened the meeting at 1:04pm.

2. APOLOGIES

Bill Farnworth (Company Rep) and Michael Bestic (Community Rep).
Note: Steve Ernst arrived at 2.10pm

3. DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST BY COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES

Nil

4. MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

Minutes from the meeting held on 28th July 2015 were accepted as a true and accurate record:

Moved: John McInerney **Seconded:** James Barben

5. ACTION ITEMS FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

ITEM	RESPONSIBILITY	PROGRESS COMMENTS
Tree Screen at New England Hwy	DS	Ripping completed and tree planting commenced
Land management contractors to conduct an inspection of the ACOL owned property adjoining JM's land and conduct appropriate weed management works.	JB	Complete
Poor housekeeping at a privately tenanted, Ashton owned residence, in Camberwell requires addressing	DS	

6. REPORTS AND OVERVIEW OF ACTIVITIES

6.1 ASHTON STATISTICS

JB and DS provided a summary of the statistics since the last CCC meeting. This included community donations, production, and safety statistics.

6.2 COMMUNITY SUPPORT PROGRAM

DS presented an overview of the Community Support provided this year and potential projects for the last round of funding for 2015.

6.3 OVERVIEW OF OPERATIONS / PROJECTS / EXPLORATION

JB updated the CCC on production progress for the previous quarter. Currently ACOL is approximately one third of the way through Longwall 104 with development progressing in the Upper Liddell (ULD) and Upper Lower Liddell (ULLD) seams.

South East Open Cut (SEOC): DS provided an update on the SEOC project and presented the Yancoal media release regarding the recent court decision.

JB advised that there had been no surface exploration conducted on EL5860 or EL4918 in the period since the previous CCC meeting.

6.4 APPROVALS UPDATE

JB gave an update on the approvals determined since the previous meeting including:

- ULLD LW201-204 First Workings Approval

JB also gave an update on the development of the LW105-107 Extraction Plan which is currently before the Department of Planning and Environment.

6.5 ENVIRONMENT MONITORING

Dust Monitoring

JB provided an overview of the dust monitoring sites and results for depositional dust gauges, High Volume Air Samplers and real time TEOM PM₁₀ monitors, showing the Rolling Readings for the past 12 months. Of note was the elevated rainfall for April and November and regional dust events during late September and early October 2015 which correspond with lower than average rainfall.

Water Monitoring

JB presented the annual trends for the water monitoring sites. The Glennies Creek upstream monitoring point presented some unusually high salinity results during 2015. The point will continue to be monitored and further investigation into the results will be investigated. Monitoring upstream and downstream of the site does not generally reflect these results.

Noise Monitoring

Attended monthly noise monitoring did not detect any exceedences for the reporting period.

Complaints

There have been no complaints since the previous CCC Meeting.

Other Matters

JB discussed the current weed management program including box thorn mulching. JM mentioned that he had noted some weeds on a neighboring property owned by Ashton Coal. JB committed to having the land management contractors conduct an inspection of the property with John and conduct appropriate weed management works.

DS discussed the rehabilitation maintenance activities that have occurred on the NEOC which include the slashing which is currently taking place.

DS gave an update on the 3 parcels of land that were recently acquired from RMS by Ashton Coal in Camberwell.

DS discussed the progress of the Wonnarua Mine Rehabilitation services in Camberwell.

JB gave an update on the construction of the interseam staple shafts. Drilling has been completed for both shafts and the drilling rig has been demobilised. The shafts need to be shot-creted prior to commissioning.

7. GENERAL BUSINESS

There was discussion regarding the state of one of the properties in Camberwell which Ashton leases to a tenant through the real estate agent. The property has not been maintained in a satisfactory manner to the CCC members. Ashton stated that there had been some improvements but agreed to follow up with the real estate agent to further improve the property.

There was discussion regarding the maintenance of the vegetation surrounding the sign at the entrance to Camberwell. Currently it is being maintained very well, however there was concerns that this may not continue. Ashton committed to maintain the grass around the sign including slashing the grass and brushcutting against the sign.

8. DATE FOR NEXT MEETING

Next Meeting: Tuesday 15th March 2015
Meeting to commence at 1pm

MEETING CLOSED 2:17pm