

# MEETING MINUTES



## ILLAWARRA COAL COMMUNITY CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE

MEETING: # 38

LOCATION: Douglas Park Community Hall

DATE: 27 November 2018

ATTENDEES:



Mike Archer (MA - Chair)  
Sharyn Cullis (SC)  
Peter Chaffer (PC)  
Barry Durham (BD)  
Noel Lowry (NL)  
Sam Davis (SD)  
Michael McGrath (MM)  
Danny Stewart (DS)  
Peter McMillan (PM – South32 Environment)  
Amanda Blunt (AB – South32 Community)  
Craig Manz (CM – South32 Appin General Manager)

APOLOGIES:

ABSENT:

1	<b>PURPOSE</b>
	<p>The purpose of the Community Consultative Committee is to facilitate and maintain two-way communication between Illawarra Metallurgical Coal, key stakeholders and local residents. It is to promote open discussion on the activities of Illawarra Coal's Bulli Seam Operations, including underground mining and surface operations of Appin; environmental performance and community relations; and to keep all stakeholders informed on these matters.</p>
2	<b>AGENDA</b>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mountbatten property visit</li> <li>• Welcome / apologies</li> <li>• Declaration of Interests</li> <li>• Acceptance of Previous Meeting Minutes / Business Arising from previous Meeting Minutes</li> <li>• Questions of Notice Tracker</li> <li>• Update from South32 Illawarra Coal</li> <li>• Annual Environmental Management Report (AEMR)</li> <li>• General Business <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ 2019 meeting dates</li> <li>○ Christmas hampers</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Meeting close</li> </ul>
3	<b>MOUNTBATTEN PROPERTY VISIT</b>
	<p>Prior to formally meeting, the Committee met at Douglas Park Hall and travelled to the Mountbatten property. The Mountbatten property is heritage listed and Illawarra Coal must maintain the heritage value of the building to meet its Conditions of Consent.</p> <p>The Committee viewed the stone building damaged by a storm and walked around the homestead.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The stone building roof was damaged during a storm and remediation work is required. Heritage consultants, Niche, have been engaged to assist in the work and John McDonald Building Services have been appointed to complete the work.</li> <li>• Given the heritage nature of the building, additional steps to be completed prior to any building activities include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Excavation around the foundations to ensure possible relics are not disturbed</li> <li>○ Pre-work inspection to determine the condition of the building footings</li> <li>○ Removal of trees and root systems to the building exterior</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Work required to improve the stone building condition is still to be confirmed following pre-work, however it is likely to include stabilising works; scaffolding and a number of building components.</li> <li>• The Committee were supportive of the work and noted it would take some time to complete the project given the numerous steps.</li> <li>• Illawarra Coal maintains the grounds of the homestead and has spent more than \$115,000 over the last six years. Illawarra Coal must manage and conserve the property in a manner consistent with its heritage values, and at present the homestead is boarded up for preservation.</li> <li>• SD noted the fascias of the homestead could use a paint and commented this could be easily completed and for a small cost. AB advised Illawarra Coal's efforts are focused on the stone building at this time, and the work involved in painting the fascias should not be underestimated given the heritage value of the building. SC believed the veranda poles should be a preference to painting given the heritage significance.</li> </ul>

	<i>WELCOME / APOLOGIES</i>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• MA, new Independent Chair, introduced himself and welcomed all attendees to the meeting.</li> <li>• All members took the opportunity to share a little about themselves with MA.</li> </ul>
5	<i>DECLARATION OF INTERESTS / CORRESPONDENCE</i>
	MA declared he receives payment from South32 to fulfil the role of Independent Chair. It is a requirement of the Government CCC Guidelines that this be noted and stated in the minutes at every meeting.
6	<i>PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES AND BUSINESS ARISING</i>
	<p>Previous meeting minutes (September 2018) were approved by NL and seconded by SD.</p> <p>Actions from previous meeting (September 2018):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• AB advised the Tri-Cities Plan would have minimal impact to Illawarra Coal's potential mining given it is heavily focused to the north of its operations. Illawarra Coal's preference remains for the development of feeder communities be completed after mining is completed, and there is ongoing engagement with the State Government on property development. This generated discussion on the matter of the Wilton development. Earlier in the week, media had reported mining rights had been relinquished for that area <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ AB confirmed Illawarra Coal did reach agreement with the developers to relinquish mining rights in the Wilton area when it was rezoned. Illawarra Coal's preference remains to defer urban development until mining has occurred.</li> <li>○ DS requested a map of the relinquished area be included in the minutes – see end of minutes.</li> <li>○ NL commented that the Local Government is left out of strategic planning; this is completed by the State Government with little shared at a local level.</li> <li>○ SC questioned why mining rights could be relinquished under future urban areas, and not areas within the drinking water catchment. PM noted each mining area, urban and catchment, have different coal seams and it is the blended coal that make the business viable.</li> <li>○ PC questioned if mining areas could be easily changed? PM noted the detailed application process required by the Department of Planning involving 3 levels of approval through the mine life starting with the Development Approval. The surface structures, surface features and geology influence the location of mining areas, and assist the business reach its continuity of resource.</li> <li>○ The Committee sentiment was that mining was important to the area as it provided jobs and business opportunities to those living in the area. The Committee's view is that mining should occur prior to development where possible.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• AB advised there is no further update on the exploration licence covering the Mt Gilead area. To remain as an action.</li> <li>• AB circulated details on the Community Partnership Program following the previous meeting.</li> <li>• PM will present on the annual Review and AEMR in this meeting.</li> <li>• AB included the website link to the Appin Area 9 Longwall 901 End of Panel Report in the minutes as requested.</li> </ul> <p><b>Action: AB to provide an update, if available, on the exploration licence covering the Mount Gilead area at the next meeting.</b></p>

Illawarra Coal update

- CM advised our first quarter FY2019 results have been released. We have made strong progress in production, recording a 54 per cent increase on last quarter's clean coal tonnes.

Georges River

- PM advised that in October we made the Committee aware of an incident where a water treatment chemical was released into a dam near our Appin East operation.
- A successful remedy was implemented and resulted in the majority of the affected water being removed from the river and contained to be treated. The matter remains with the Environmental Protection Authority (EPA) for formal investigation.
- SC requested a full report on the incident when the EPA investigation was finalised.

**Action: PM to provide a report of the Georges River incident at the conclusion of the EPA investigation.**

Appin Area 9 Update

- CM advised there was consistent production in Area 9 with Longwall 902 expected to be complete in March 2019. Once completed operations will move into Area 7.
- 1,380 metres has been completed of Longwall 902 as at 21 November 2018. The longwall face is 1,000 metres from the Nepean River.

Appin Area 7 Update

- CM advised a step around had been included in Longwall 708 to avoid a fault in the area, creating Longwall 708A and Longwall 708B.
- CM confirmed Longwall 708A would commence when Longwall 902 was completed in Area 9. This would be followed by Longwall 903.
- DS questioned if pillaring at the West Cliff (Appin North) mine was going to occur. CM advised pillaring at West Cliff was not in the business plan.

Impacts and Environment Update

- AB advised there has been no new gas releases identified since the September 2018 meeting. 12 previously active zones are active, and 14 previously identified zones remain inactive.
- AB noted RMS has repaired key impact areas on the Hume Highway, however the larger section scheduled for repair has been delayed by RMS due to redesign work. The original design would result in a patchwork result rather than a smooth finish.
- There are no new impacts to report on the rail with weekly monitoring of the rail occurring in Area 9.

Community Complaints

- AB noted two community complaints had been received since the last meeting related to dust and incorrect mailing.
- One complaint related to the delivery of the November edition of the community newsletter to a household with a No Junk Mail sign. This was followed up with the distributor immediately which advised this was not normal practice and staff would be reminded not to deliver to marked households.
- One complaint related to a report of dust from Ventilation Shaft No 6 in November. The event was immediately reported to site which confirmed that a planned stone dust activity had occurred. Stone dusting is a required activity of all underground mines as it acts as a fire suppressant. The dust emitted on this occasion was within compliance requirements, however the operation is seeking opportunities to limit the stone dust emission in the future and will be trialing a wet stone dust technique in the coming year.

Community Support

- AB outlined Illawarra Coal supported projects in the area:
  - i98FM Illawarra Convoy, 18 November. Lead trucks will be departing our Appin North operations as in previous years.

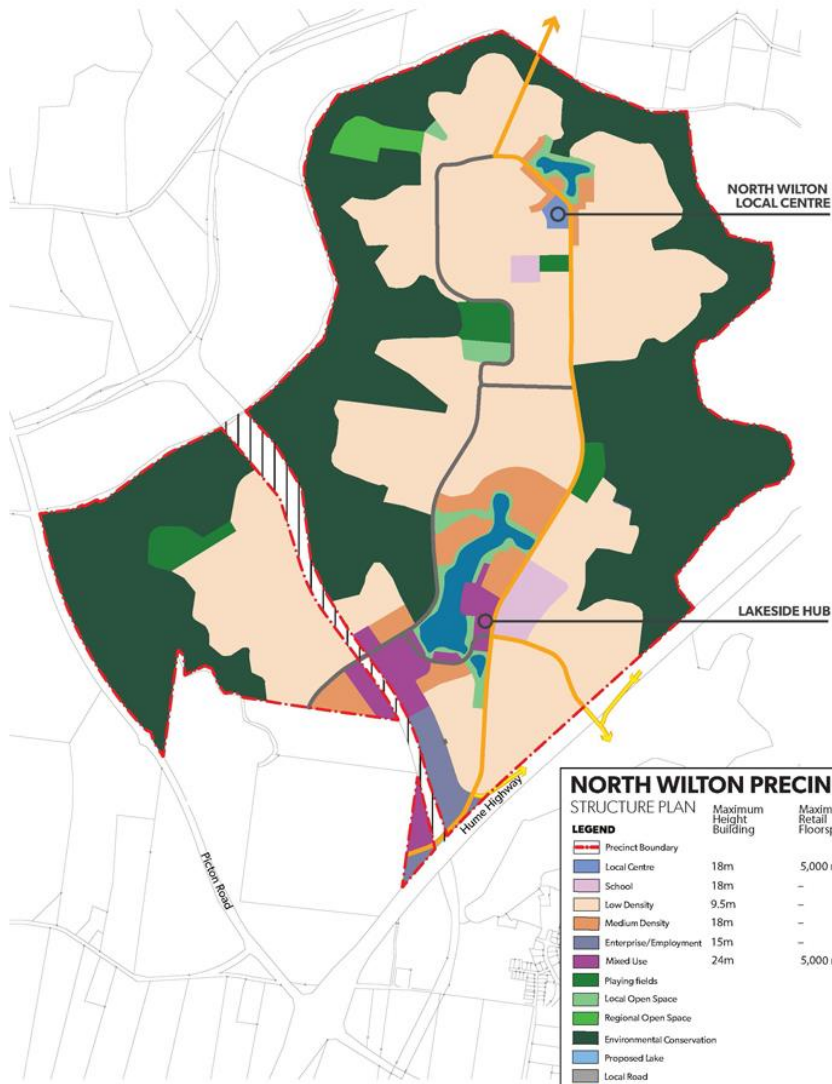
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ University of Wollongong Illawarra Coal Science Fair, 28 November. The event encourages students of the area to think in the STEM space and design/present a project of innovation and science. Illawarra Coal is Principal sponsor and provide employees to attend the event to judge projects.</li> <li>● AB advised the Community Partnership Program had its last meeting for 2018 last month. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Appin Mens Shed was provided \$4,010 toward the provision of equipment.</li> <li>○ An application from Douglas Park Little Athletics Club for a multi-purpose storage facility at the Douglas Park recreational ground was discussed at the meeting, however more information from the Club was required before a decision could be made.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<b>8</b>	<b><i>ANNUAL REVIEW AND ANNUAL ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT REVIEW</i></b>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● PM provided an overview to the Annual Review and Annual Environmental Management Review (AEMR). The Annual Review has been prepared to meet the requirements of Schedule 6, Condition 4 of the Bulli Seam Operations Development Consent, and the requirement to submit an AEMR under the mining lease for the Bulli Seam Operations.</li> <li>● A copy of the documents are available on the South32 website here: <a href="https://www.south32.net/what-we-do/places-we-work/illawarra-metallurgical-coal/documents">https://www.south32.net/what-we-do/places-we-work/illawarra-metallurgical-coal/documents</a></li> <li>● The Annual Review summarises mining performance and compliance for the financial year. Projects included in the Review which the Committee is familiar with includes the Ballast Borehole, Water Filtration Plant and gas drainage projects. BD questioned if the Water Filtration Plant had commenced operation, and PM advised some faults had been detected during the initial commissioning which has delayed the final commissioning until February 2019. SC noted this is 18 months later than originally planned and PM noted the February 2019 date is the current timeframe agreed with the EPA.</li> <li>● DS noted there is works being completed to the buildings at Appin West. CM advised the buildings were being repainted a dark grey which blend into the surroundings well.</li> </ul>
<b>9</b>	<b><i>GENERAL BUSINESS</i></b>

- SC is still keen to see the Cumberland Plain project occur in Douglas Park. There are Federal Government grants available for rehabilitation – CO2 and emissions reduction funding. AB advised she would investigate the funding options however it is unlikely the business will entertain the project.
- SC would like the Mountbatten visit and plans for the stone building minuted. Amanda to action this.
- DS requested the hard copy longwall update maps shared at the meeting be in A3.
- DS asked Illawarra Coal to coordinate a gathering of the Douglas Park Advisory Panel, Community Partnership Program and Community Consultative Committee for a Christmas dinner in the future.
- SD noted the bump in road on Spaniards Hill is getting worse. NL noted remediation is an ongoing discussion between Wollondilly Council and Subsidence Advisory NSW.
- MA offered to try and obtain approval for a tour of BlueScope Steel for the Committee, noting it would take about 2.5 hours plus meeting time. The Committee were keen to take part if it was possible.
- MA thanked PC for being flexible with the meeting time on this occasion and in future a change in time will warrant consultation with the Committee. The Committee agreed the meeting end time would not be set in stone, and agreed to extend the meeting if it was warranted, understanding that members may leave in the extended time if required.
- AB tabled the meeting dates for 2019, requesting the meeting month and week change. It was agreed the next meeting be Tuesday 29 January, commencing 4pm, and the next meeting be Tuesday 15 April, commencing 4pm. All future meetings would occur every second month on the third Tuesday of that month.
- AB tabled an option to donate the cost of a Christmas Hamper for each member to the Dilly Drought Drive this year, and members forego their Christmas Hamper this year. The Committee agreed to the donation.

**Action: AB to investigate CO2 and Emissions Reduction Funding opportunities for a Cumberland planting project in Douglas Park.**

**Action: AB to minute the Mountbatten property visit.**

<b>10</b>	<b>ACTIONS</b>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Action: AB to provide update (if available) on exploration licence covering the Mount Gilead area.</li> <li>• Action: PM to provide a report of the Georges River incident at the conclusion of the EPA investigation.</li> <li>• Action: AB to investigate CO2 and Emissions Reduction Funding opportunities for a Cumberland planting project in Douglas Park.</li> <li>• Action: AB to minute the Mountbatten property visit.</li> <li>• Action: AB to process a donation to Dilly Drought Drive on behalf of the Committee.</li> </ul>
<b>11</b>	<b>CLOSE OF MEETING</b>
	<p>Close of meeting at 7.40pm.</p> <p>Next meeting: Tuesday 29 January, 4.00pm – 6.00pm at Douglas Park Community Hall.</p>



**NORTH WILTON PRECINCT**  
**STRUCTURE PLAN**

LEGEND	Maximum Height Building	Maximum Retail Floorspace	Maximum individual tenancy size
Local Centre	18m	5,000 m <sup>2</sup>	-
School	18m	-	-
Low Density	9.5m	-	-
Medium Density	18m	-	-
Enterprise/Employment	15m	-	-
Mixed Use	24m	5,000 m <sup>2</sup>	250 m <sup>2</sup>

Precinct Boundary  
 Local Centre  
 School  
 Low Density  
 Medium Density  
 Enterprise/Employment  
 Mixed Use  
 Playing fields  
 Local Open Space  
 Regional Open Space  
 Environmental Conservation  
 Proposed Lake  
 Local Road  
 Sub-Arterial Road  
 Hume Highway  
 On and Off Ramp  
 Maldon-Dombarton Freight Rail Corridor Reservation

11 October 2018