

MEETING MINUTES



ILLAWARRA COAL COMMUNITY CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE

MEETING: # 32

LOCATION: Appin West

DATE: 28 November 2017

ATTENDEES:

Phillip Costa (PC - Chair)
Danny Stewart (DS)
Sharyn Cullis (SC)
Noel Lowry (NL)
Peter Chaffer (PCh)
Sam Davis (SD)
Barry Durham (BD)
Peter McMillan (PM – South32 Environment)
Amanda Blunt (AB – South32 Community)

APOLOGIES:

John Wisby (JW)
Ray Slee (RS)
Mick Zammit (MZ)

ABSENT:

Andrew Spooner (AS)
Brad Staggs (BS)

1	PURPOSE
	The purpose of the Community Consultative Committee is to facilitate and maintain two-way communication between Illawarra 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.
2	AGENDA
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Site visit to Appin Water Filtration Plant • Welcome / apologies • Acceptance of Previous Meeting Minutes / business arising from previous Meeting Minutes • Declaration of Interests • Questions of Notice Tracker • Illawarra Coal - updates on Operations, Environment and Community • General Business
2A	SITE VISIT – APPIN WATER FILTRATION PLANT
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prior to the meeting all committee members in attendance visited the Appin Water Filtration Plant. The tour was led by Illawarra Coal representatives, Mugunthan Kandasamy and Robert Zylstra. • The tour included an explanation of the current water filtration system and the new system that is planned to be commissioned in 2018.
3	WELCOME / APOLOGIES
	Phillip Costa Independent Chair welcomed all attendees to the meeting, with a special mention to new members Sam Davis and Barry Durham. Apologies for the meeting were noted.
4	DECLARATION OF INTERESTS / CORRESPONDENCE
	Phillip Costa 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 minuted at every meeting.
5A	PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES
	Previous meeting minutes were accepted as a correct record of the meeting. Moved: DS Seconded: SC.
5B	BUSINESS ARISING
	Nothing to report that is not captured in the Questions on Notice Tracker or within the minutes.
6	SOUTH32 ILLAWARRA COAL OPERATIONAL UPDATE

	<p><u>South32 business update</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The South32 Annual AGM was held 23 November. The webcast is available at www.south32.net. • South32 announced it would invest US\$301M in its Klipspruit colliery and manage South Africa Energy Coal (SAEC) as a stand-alone business to improve financial performance. <p><u>Operational Update</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Underground operations at Appin resumed mid-October after a review of controls and plans associated with the Mine's gas extraction system. • Operations will focus on a single longwall for the remainder of FY18, Longwall 707, to allow performance criteria to be embedded. It is expected a two longwall configuration will recommence in FY19 with the operations of Longwalls 902 and 708. <p><u>Appin Area 7 Update</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Longwall 707 has approximately 688metres remaining. <p><u>Appin Area 9 Update</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Longwall 901 has been completed, • The commencement of Longwall 902 is expected in FY19.
7	<p><i>SOUTH32 ENVIRONMENTAL UPDATE</i></p>
	<p><u>Aquatic Ecology Report</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Aquatic ecology monitoring was completed in November 2016 during the period of post extraction for Longwalls 705, 706 and 707A, and during extraction of Longwall 707B. • No observed impacts to indicators of aquatic ecology in the Nepean River that could be attributed to extraction of the longwalls. No evidence of changes to fish and aquatic macrophytes that could be attributed to mining. • Monitoring is occurring in spring 2017 and will include Area 9. <p><u>Subsidence impacts</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Eight active gas release locations in the Nepean River. No new release locations recorded since July 2017. • A map was presented showing the location of all non-active and active gas releases. • A small dip has appeared in the northern lane of Hume Highway. Daily monitoring is continuing and the Hume Highway is considered safe and serviceable. <p><u>Environmental Improvement Program</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • D Gregory was due to present on the Georges River Environmental Improvement Program (EIP2), and Martin Krough from the Office of Environment and Heritage on a separate study. • Given Martin Krough did not have government approvals for his presentation, it was agreed both presentations be held over to January <p>Action: PM to arrange DG to present on the Environmental Improvement Program. Action: PM to bring a range of monitoring technologies to the next meeting.</p>
8	<p><i>SOUTH32 COMMUNITY UPDATE</i></p>

Community Complaints

- Four complaints received October to 28 November.
- Two complaints related to the Appin Pipeline project (an excavated hole that opened up next to a driveway and alleged vehicle damage), one complaint related to noise from Appin West Gas Drainage Plant, and one complaint related to potential odour on Moreton Park Road.

Community Support

- South32 Illawarra Coal supported the Illawarra Convoy earlier this month which raised \$1.9M. The event departed from the West Cliff Coal Prep Plant.
- The Illawarra Coal University of Wollongong Regional Science Fair was being held tomorrow, 29 November, and Illawarra Coal would be participating as judges at the event.
- The Illawarra Coal Community Partnerships Program has agreed to support the Life Education Program for a further three years, heavily subsidising the cost for students to attend.

Cumberland Plain Woodland Enhancement project

- No further updates available since the last meeting.
- The project is pending Federal Government funding outcome which is expected prior to the end of CY17.

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PROJECTS UPDATE

Appin Pipeline Project

- Trenching and laying of the pipe is complete.
- Final work remaining includes threading the pipe through the thrust bore section and the pressure test.
- Road restoration plan underway in conjunction with Wollondilly Shire Council. Positive feedback has been received from many residents re road works.
- Regular engagement with residents is continuing.

Ballast Borehole

- Civil works underway.
- Underground work and service pipe installation has been tendered.
- Construction expected to be complete April 2018.

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GENERAL BUSINESS

- SC request it be minuted that Brennan's Creek Dam be offered as a recreational resource in mine closure plans.
- SC mentioned a Wollondilly koala monitoring program would like access to Appin to carry out activities. AB advised they contact Illawarra Coal Community Call Contact Line directly to arrange.
- AB requested all members attend the January meeting with diaries to review 2018 meeting dates. Proposed dates will maintain the last Tuesday of every second month:
Tuesday 27 March 2018
Tuesday 29 May 2018
Tuesday 31 July 2018
Tuesday 25 September 2018
Tuesday 27 November 2018

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ACTIONS

- Action: PM to provide survey data on the closure of Area 9 at the next meeting.
- Action: PC to follow up with BS regarding his membership
- Action: PM to arrange DG to present on the Environmental Improvement Program.
- Action: PM to bring a range of monitoring technologies to the next meeting.
- Action: All members to bring diaries to January meeting to review 2018 meeting dates

13	<i>CLOSE OF MEETING</i>
	Close of meeting at 6.05pm. Next meeting Tuesday 30 January, 4.00pm – 6.00pm at Douglas Park Community Hall.