

MEETING MINUTES



ILLAWARRA COAL COMMUNITY CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE

MEETING: # 34

LOCATION: Douglas Park Community Hall

DATE: 27 March 2018

ATTENDEES:

Phillip Costa (PC - Chair)
Danny Stewart (DS)
Sharyn Cullis (SC)
Peter Chaffer (PCh)
Barry Durham (BD)
Noel Lowry (NL)
Dave Gregory (DG – South32 Environment)
Amanda Blunt (AB – South32 Community)
Ngairé McCarthy (NM – South32 Community)_

APOLOGIES:

Sam Davis (SD)
Ray Slee (RS)
Peter Chaffer (PCh)
Peter McMillan (PM – South32 Environment)

ABSENT:

Mick Zammit (MZ)
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"> • 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
3	WELCOME / APOLOGIES
	Phillip Costa Independent Chair welcomed all attendees to the meeting. Apologies for the meeting were noted. Welcome to Ngaire McCarthy from South32
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 stated in the minutes 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
	Mountbatten House visit has been deferred to later in the year. Dave Gregory present representing South32 Environment Team.
6	SOUTH32 ILLAWARRA COAL OPERATIONAL UPDATE
	<p><u>South32 business update</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • South32 is continuing to progress operating South Africa Energy Coal (SAEC) as a standalone business. • SAEC was traditionally supported by centralised functional teams in South32's Head Office (Perth). Due to a reduction in the functional team accountabilities, a restructure is underway to determine the best use of resources in Head Office and at all South32 operations. <p><u>Illawarra Coal business update</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jason Economides joined Illawarra Coal as the new Vice President Operations on 22 January 2018. • Craig Manz will commence 3 July 2018 as the Appin General Manager. Craig has 26 years of underground coal mining experience and firsthand experience of Illawarra Coal's operations previously working as Longwall Manager for four years. <p><u>Appin Area 7 Update</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Longwall 707B is progressing and has extracted 1740 metres with approximately 319 metres remaining. • Major fault lines and dykes were detailed as requested at the January 2018 meeting. It was noted the faults and dykes influence the mine planning process. There is a requirement to provide buffers around such faults. • Other factors influence the mine planning process and include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Development float and mine schedule

- Gas and ventilation
- Approvals
- Surface infrastructure
- Groundwater

Appin Area 9 Update

- Longwall 901 has been completed.
- The commencement of Longwall 902 is expected in FY19.

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SOUTH32 ENVIRONMENTAL UPDATE

Water Filtration Plant upgrade

- As mentioned previously, the Appin Water Filtration Plant is being upgraded and is currently processing 2.6ML/day. The upgrade will increase capacity to 4.7ML/day.
- South32's current license discharge limit is 3ML/day which is less than what the upgraded plant will have the capacity to produce.
- The Georges River Working Group and the EPA have been advised of this licence variation which is pending sign off from Company Directors.

Georges River Environmental Improvement Program

- Next meeting is planned for 26 April 2018.
- Results from the monitoring program to date and updates on water projects will be shared.

Subsidence impacts

- There are currently 13 active gas release locations in the Nepean River, which is an increase from the last meeting. 1 new release location was recorded in February 2018.
- A map was presented showing the location of all non-active and active gas releases.
- Minor cracks to southbound breakdown lane of the Hume Highway have been detected. No repairs are required at this stage.

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SOUTH32 COMMUNITY UPDATE

Community Complaints

- One complaint received since the last meeting.
- The complaint was related to a bump in the north bound lane of the Hume Highway. The Hume Highway is regularly monitored and the issue was identified prior to the complaint and restoration work was completed

Community Support

- South32 Illawarra Coal will be supporting a few events in the coming months. These include:
 - Wollondilly IlluminARTE (\$3,000) – 5 May
 - Illawarra School Careers Expo (\$2,000) – 8 and 9 May
 - Mountain to Mountain (\$2,000) – 29 July
- South32 Illawarra Coal is reviewing its Community Investment Plan and focus for the coming years. There may be opportunities to partner on local and state government initiatives. Members are asked to provide any input to South32 Illawarra Coal.
- The Illawarra Coal Community Partnership Program has celebrated the completion of supported projects in the last two months. These include:
 - Wilton Rural Fire Brigade shed extension – more than \$18,000 donated
 - Wilton Community Centre extension – more than \$55,000 donated
 - Appin Mens Shed official opening – date pending
 - Menangle Rural Fire Brigade opening – 14 April
- Two Illawarra Coal employees were nominated as finalists in the NSW Women in Mining Awards which highlight the role women play in our Industry.
- Kristy Christensen was successful in her category and was named Exceptional Young Woman in

Mining for NSW in 2018. Kristy a Geotechnical was nominated for her passion and action to identify barriers to females being able to perform the same duties as males and working to close the gap on these differences

Cumberland Plain Woodland Enhancement Project

- At this stage South32 Illawarra Coal are reconsidering how the project looks and will share this information once it's received.
- The CCC expressed their support for the project and requested further details regarding the rejection for funding of the project be shared once known.
- A tree planting day with Douglas Park Primary School and Landcare Australia is planned for 22 May 2018. This will take place at a Biobanking site near South32 Illawarra Coal's Appin West pit top.

Action: PM to provide a map and explanation of its Biobanking sites at the next meeting.

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PROJECTS UPDATE

Appin Pipeline Project

- Site demobilisation and rehabilitation is completed.
- Road restoration is complete and Council sign off has been received.
- The commissioning of the pipeline and the Gas Drainage Plant upgrade is underway and is expected to be completed in April 2018.

Ballast Borehole

- Access road and fence works continue.
- The operation of the borehole is on hold.
- South32 Illawarra Coal will provide an update to residents in the area in April 2018.

Exploration

- Exploration activities are due to commence in late April. The activities require access to private properties, with these negotiations commencing towards the end of last year.
- Exploration in the area will continue 2018 - 2020, 2019 and 2020 in the Razorback area and further north east.

Mountbatten Stud Housing

- The Conditions of Consent for Mountbatten were discussed. A conservation management plan must be publicly available for potentially affected heritage items. This is on the South32 website.
- It was noted an update to the committee would be provided as soon as it was available.
- The state of the Chapel roof is being investigated by a few builders to determine the best way forward with repairs.
- It was noted two trees will be removed due to termite damage, with a third being trimmed back.

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GENERAL BUSINESS

- CCC site tour Tuesday 24 April 2018 – details to be sent after Easter.
- BD requested an update on the Appin Water Filtration Plant. DG advised a dry and wet trial of the Plant had been completed. The Plant will be partially turned on in April 2018.
- DS requested information from SA NSW of properties that have received subsidence damage in the Douglas Park area. This was captured on the Questions on Notice Tracker. It was subsequently followed up with SA NSW who provided the following response – Claim information, including claimant addresses, is kept confidential between the claimant, SA NSW and the Mine Proprietor (where applicable). As a result, SA NSW is unable to provide a map showing the properties that had been the subject of a claim for compensation.
- DS requested information regarding the exact measurements of the active gas areas of the Nepean River from the longwall (specifically the distance of the furthest impact from the longwall).

12	ACTIONS
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Action: PM to arrange DG to present on the Georges River Environmental Improvement Program (EIP2). • Action: PM to arrange DG to present the aquatic ecology report once complete. • Action: PM to provide a map and explanation of its Biobanking sites at the next meeting. • Action: PC to follow up with Campbelltown Council regarding a new representative (staff or councillor). • Action: AB to arrange for an Illawarra Coal representative to attend next meeting to provide more detailed explanation on faults and dykes. • Action: AB to extend invitation to potential new members to join the CCC combined tour in April.
13	CLOSE OF MEETING
	<p>Close of meeting at 5.53pm.</p> <p>Combined CCC Tour: Tuesday 24 April at Appin North operations.</p> <p>Next meeting: Tuesday 15 May, 4.00pm – 6.00pm at Douglas Park Community Hall.</p>