

MEETING MINUTES



ILLAWARRA COAL COMMUNITY CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE

MEETING: # 35

LOCATION: Douglas Park Community Hall

DATE: 15 May 2018

ATTENDEES:

Phillip Costa (PC - Chair)
Danny Stewart (DS)
Sharyn Cullis (SC)
Peter Chaffer (PCh)
Barry Durham (BD)
Noel Lowry (NL)
Sam Davis (SD)
Michael McGrath (MM)
Peter McMillan (PM – South32 Environment)
Dave Gregory (DG – South32 Environment)
Amanda Blunt (AB – South32 Community)
Ngairé McCarthy (NM – South32 Community)
Amber Cleary (AC – South32 Community)

APOLOGIES:

ABSENT:

Mick Zammit (MZ)
Brad Staggs (BS)

1	PURPOSE
	<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	AGENDA
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Welcome / apologies • Acceptance of Previous Meeting Minutes / Business Arising from previous Meeting Minutes • Welcome to new member and apologies • Declaration of Interests • Questions of Notice Tracker • Update from South32 Illawarra Coal • Update on Proposed Future Exploration area • Georges River Environmental Improvement Program update • General Business • Meeting close
3	WELCOME / APOLOGIES
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Phillip Costa Independent Chair welcomed all attendees to the meeting. No apologies for the meeting had been received. • Welcome to Amber Cleary (South32 Community Team) and Dave Gregory (South32 Environment Team). <i>Dave Gregory joined the meeting at 5pm.</i> • Welcome to our new member Michael McGrath who resides in Menangle and is involved with the local Rural Fire Service Brigade. • PC noted there are 2 community representative vacancies on the Committee, and a vacancy for Campbelltown Shire Council representative. PC continues to follow up with Campbelltown Shire Council on a representative to join the Committee. He will also follow up Brad Staggs to determine if he wishes to remain on the Committee as a community representative. • Lee Perry and Joanne Page have left Illawarra Metallurgical Coal, and both will be missed. The Committee would like a Service letter sent to both thanking them for the work they have done over the years. <p>Action: PC to contact Brad Staggs and Campbelltown Shire Council regarding Committee representation.</p> <p>Action: PC to write Service Letter to Lee Perry and Joanne Page to thank them for the work they completed on behalf of the Committee.</p>
4	DECLARATION OF INTERESTS / CORRESPONDENCE
	<p>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.</p>
5	PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

Previous meeting minutes require amendments. SD was an apology which was amended upon notification.

- DS would like it noted that he requested information of properties that had received subsidence damage in the Douglas Park area. These were not noted in the last minutes. AB advised it was noted at the March 2018 meeting from the questions on notice tracker – ‘SA NSW was contacted. Claim information, including claimant addresses, is kept confidential between the claimant, Subsidence Advisory NSW (SA NSW) and the Mine Proprietor (where applicable). As a result, SA NSW would be unable to provide a map showing the properties that had been the subject of a claim for compensation. Information previously presented to the committee may not have as much detail as previously given due to changes in the Act.’
AB recommended that the Committee draft a request to Subsidence Advisory NSW and ask for a representative to attend a meeting with a set agenda including topics/questions that they would like SA NSW to respond to, including an update on the updated Mine Subsidence Act.
- DS would like it noted that he 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).

These minutes were not approved or seconded, and an updated version will be circulated prior to the next meeting.

Action: AB to update minutes with amendments

Action: PC to request SA NSW to attend the next meeting and provide an update on the updated Mine Subsidence Act.

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SOUTH32 ILLAWARRA COAL OPERATIONAL UPDATE

South32 business update

- South32 is shifting away from thermal coal investments, with South Africa Energy Coal successfully splitting from the Company 30 April 2018. This represents a swing towards base metals, of which metallurgical coal is a valued commodity to the Company.
- South Africa Energy Coal was traditionally supported by centralised functions in the Head Office (Perth based), and this change has resulted in reduced accountabilities and restructure of South32 functional staff.
- Given Australia operations also receive support from the centralised functions in Head office, these have been involved in the restructure. The restructure was completed 30 April 2018.

Illawarra Metallurgical Coal business update

- Changes to the Illawarra Coal Corporate Affairs team have resulted from the South32 restructure. A Corporate Affairs Specialist role has been added to enable the business to realise its focus on improved social licence and community investment activities.
- There is an emphasis on improving the business position, with reduced costs, reduced absenteeism and increased production a focus for the remainder of the financial year.
- Craig Manz will commence 2 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.

Appin Area 7 Update

- Longwall 707B is progressing. 1,984 metres has been extracted with approximately 68 metres remaining. It is approximately 660 metres from the Nepean River.
- The longwall is expected to be completed slowly as roof bolting is required in the last section.
- Major fault lines and dykes were detailed on the map again as requested at the January 2018 meeting. It was noted the faults and dykes influence the mine planning process, as does economics. There is a requirement to provide buffers around such faults.

	<p><u>Appin Area 9 Update</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Longwall 902 commenced Saturday 12 May with 1 metre being extracted. The longwall is 2,170 metres long and is expected to be completed in 12 months. Longwall 902 is about 675 metres from the Nepean River. • LW902 and LW903 are shorter than LW904 due to the dyke highlighted on the map. Economics determined the length of the longwalls in this case, with a step around of the dyke required of LW904.
7	<i>SOUTH32 ENVIRONMENTAL UPDATE</i>
	<p><u>Environment team update</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PM advised recertification was achieved for Illawarra Coal for ISO14001 (Environmental Management System Standard). • PM advised a license variation to increase the water discharge limit at Appin West would be requested in line with Water Filtration Plant upgrade. This forms part of the Environmental Improvement Plan and consultation group led by David Gregory. • The Water Filtration Plant commissioning has been delayed to August 2018 due to operational constraints underground. There is a long lead time on pre-fabricated items as these are being transported from Germany to Australia. <p><u>Impacts update</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No new gas releases have been identified in the Nepean River since the last Committee meeting. • There are 10 active gas zones in the Nepean River, and 15 others inactive. • There are no impacts to report on the rail line and no requirement to alter train speeds. The rail line has been designed to take slight movement. Monthly surveys of the rail line are continuing. • There are no new impacts to Hume Highway with 24hour electric monitoring and weekly survey inspections continuing. • Two bumps noticeable on the Hume Highway are being monitored. The Roads and Maritime Services will be resurfacing the area 21 and 22 June 2018.
8	<i>SOUTH32 COMMUNITY UPDATE</i>
	<p><u>Community Complaints</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Four complaints received since the last meeting - two each in March and April. • One noise complaint was received regarding the Appin West Gas Drainage Plant. The resident was concerned about noise from the flares. The investigation identified the flares were running at full capacity and these were reduced to half as a result of the complaint. The resident was happy with the outcome. • Three dust complaints were received regarding dust from Ventilation Shaft 6. On all occasions the dust could be seen from the residential area. The investigation determined that the dust coincided with stone dusting underground with extreme winds above ground contributing to the visibility of the dust. Illawarra Coal staff working on the surface alerted operations of the visible dust and the stone dusting activity was ceased just prior to the third complaint being received. • Dust monitoring was completed Friday 11 March to coincide with routine stone dusting activities. No major difference in the average airborne particulate was found in measurements before, during and after stone dusting activities. The results indicate the activity was well below the short-term impact assessment criteria of 50µg/m³, and TSP (Total Suspected Particulate) measured with the portable unit was well below the long term average amenity goal of 90µg/m³. • Illawarra Coal is well below limits, noting home fires in the area create higher levels of dust, however it continues to investigate mitigation methods to visible dust which includes altering underground activities to reduce dust where possible. To date the foggers trialed at Appin West were deemed not fit for purpose. <p><u>Community Support</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AB provided an overview of past and present South32 Illawarra Coal supported events: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Wollondilly IlluminARTE (\$3,000) – held 5 May

- Illawarra School Careers Expo (\$2,000) – held 8 and 9 May. Illawarra Coal employees volunteered at the Expo to provide advice to year 9-11 students
- Mountain to Mountain (\$2,000) – will be held 29 July
- South West Sydney Academy of Sport (\$20,000) – Illawarra Coal attended the Wollondilly and Campbelltown Civic receptions with 34 future athletes from the Wollondilly area recognised. The Committee discussed Wollondilly Council continued involvement in the Program.
- AB advised the Illawarra Coal Community Partnerships Program recently approved \$30,000 to the Douglas Park 355 Committee Terracing Project. The Project will see the remainder of the oval entry terraced at the Douglas Park Sports Ground.
- A media release on donations to Menangle, Wilton and Douglas Park Rural Fire Brigades will celebrate the \$100,000 contribution from the Community Partnerships Program. MM noted and thanked the Program for the support provided to the Menangle Brigade.
- The Community Partnerships Program has also worked on new signage to display at funded projects to highlight its support.

Mountbatten Stud Housing

- AB advised Illawarra Coal continues with pest treatment (when required) and maintenance of the lawn and garden fortnightly. Over the last few years more than \$115,000 has been spent to complete this.
- The stable/church roof was damaged during a storm event last year and remediation requirements are being investigated. To ensure any required remediation work is completed to heritage standard, Illawarra Coal has engaged heritage consultants, Niche, to coordinate this work.
- Over the last 12 months Niche arranged for five builders to attend the site and provide quotes; one quote has been received to date. At least two quotes will be required to assist the business case to seek Company approval to complete any required remediation work.
- Ongoing updates will be provided to the Committee, with a site visit to be planned for the September or November 2018 Committee meeting.
- The Consent Conditions for the management of the Property are available on the South32 website here: [https://www.south32.net/docs/default-source/illawarra-coal/bulli-seam-operations/appin/management-plans-\(vent\)/appin-mine-ventilation-shaft-no-6-heritage-management-plan.pdf?sfvrsn=9896d50a_2](https://www.south32.net/docs/default-source/illawarra-coal/bulli-seam-operations/appin/management-plans-(vent)/appin-mine-ventilation-shaft-no-6-heritage-management-plan.pdf?sfvrsn=9896d50a_2)
- The Heritage Assessment which includes mention of the property is available on the South32 website here: https://www.south32.net/docs/default-source/illawarra-coal-bulli-seam-operations/bulli-seam-operations-project-environmental-assessment/appendix-h-non-aboriginal-heritage-assessment.pdf?sfvrsn=b1a9608a_9.

Current exploration and mine leases

- AB shared the current approved mine lease and exploration lease as was requested at the previous meeting.
- Exploration activities will occur in these areas from late May to early June 2018. Activities will continue for about 18 months.
- The Committee questioned if the Tri-Cities Plan would impact potential mining in the area. Members of the Committee advised the Plan was back on the Government agenda.

Action: AB to investigate the Tri-Cities Plan.

	<p><u>Future exploration licence project</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AC provided an update on the engagement process for a potential application requesting a new exploration licence in an area to the West of the current approved exploration licence. • Illawarra Coal is at Week 4 of its community engagement program with communications via mailouts, door knocking and face to face. The program is being led by expert consultation firm, Umwelt on behalf of Illawarra Coal. • Meetings have been held with Wollondilly Shire Council, Member for Campbelltown, the DCCC/IC CCC and is expecting to brief Member for Hume and Member for Wollondilly. • Residents are generally neutral to the proposal. • The community engagement program will continue for another three weeks.
10	<p>ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM – 6 MONTHLY PROGRESS MEETING</p>
	<p><u>Georges River Environment Improvement Program</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DG advised he held his six-monthly meeting with the Georges River Environment Improvement Program Group (EIP) recently and presented the latest research results. • The EIP aim is to improve the aquatic health of the Upper Georges River by reducing the concentration of pollutants and monitoring the changes to biota in-stream and within the sediment of the Upper Georges River as water quality improvement projects are commissioned. • DG advised the Illawarra Coal is continuing its partnership with Mount Annan Royal Botanical Gardens to successfully re-germinate the Persoonia Hirsuta, pledging \$135,000 to continue the work of the PhD.
11	<p>GENERAL BUSINESS</p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SC advised she was disappointed Illawarra Coal has not shared any Biobanking materials and would appreciate a thorough update at the next meeting. • SC noted she would be late to the next meeting. • A Committee member highlighted an idea for Illawarra Coal to consider corridors for the local koala population in the area. • PCh raised the proposed Wilton New Town development and is this resulted in Area 8 steralisation. AB advised Illawarra Coal had a commercial arrangement with the Developers which would allow them to conduct surface activities as it wished. <p>Action: PM to provide a map and update of its Biobanking sites at the next meeting.</p>
12	<p>ACTIONS</p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Action: PC to contact Brad regarding his representation on the Committee. This leaves 2 vacancies on the Committee • Action: PC to follow up on a new Campbelltown Shire Council Representative • Action: PC to write Service Letters to Lee Perry and Joanne Page and thank them both for the work they have done over the years on behalf of the Committee • Action: PC to request SA NSW to attend the next meeting and provide an update on the updated Mine Subsidence Act. • Action: AB to investigate if the Tri-Cities Plan would impact Illawarra Coal’s potential mining in the area. • Action: AB to update previous meeting minutes with requested amendments and recirculate to the Committee. • Action: PM to confirm the measurements for the furthest points of active gas areas in the Nepean River (O21 and O22 sites). • Action: PM to provide a map and update of its Biobanking sites at the next meeting.

13	<i>CLOSE OF MEETING</i>
	Close of meeting at 6.42pm. Next meeting: Tuesday 31 July, 4.00pm – 6.00pm at Douglas Park Community Hall.