
**MINUTES OF THE ASHTON COAL PROJECT
COMMUNITY CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE
Tuesday 15 March 2016
1:00PM - ASHTON COAL PROJECT SITE OFFICE**

Minutes confirmed as true and correct at the 6 July 2016 CCC Meeting

ATTENDEES:

Debbie Richards	(DR)	Community Representative
Steve Ernst	(SE)	Community Representative
Godfrey Adamthwaite	(GA)	Singleton Shire Council (SSC)
William Farnworth	(WF)	Company Rep (Operations Manager)
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 1:07pm.

2. APOLOGIES

John McInerney (Community Rep) and Michael Bestic (Community Rep).

3. DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST BY COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES

Nil

4. MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

Minutes from the meeting held on 24th November 2015 were accepted as a true and accurate record:

Moved: *Debbie Richards* **Seconded:** *Steve Ernst*

5. ACTION ITEMS FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

ITEM	RESPONSIBILITY	PROGRESS COMMENTS
Tree Screen at New England Hwy	DS	Complete
Poor housekeeping at a privately tenanted, Ashton owned residence, in Camberwell requires addressing	DS	Complete
Provide hard copies of the AEMR to CCC Members when finalised	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.

6.3 OVERVIEW OF OPERATIONS / PROJECTS / EXPLORATION

JB and WF updated the CCC on production progress of the mine. ACOL is in the final stages of extraction of 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. There has been no movement with this project since the previous meeting.

DS gave an update on the status of the Wonnaruah Mining Services business in Camberwell.

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:

- LW105-107 Extraction Plan Approval
- Bore Licence for the South East Open Cut for dewatering hardrock aquifers

JB and DS gave an update on DA309-11-2001-i Modification 5 which has been referred to the Planning Assessment Commission (PAC) by the Department of Planning and Environment. This modification is largely an administrative modification relating to the integration of the Ashton Coal Project Approval into the South East Open Cut Project Approval. The PAC public hearing is scheduled for the 30 March 2016.

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 November, December and January and an isolated high HVAS air quality reading in mid-December related to a house fire in Camberwell.

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. Continued monitoring of these sites has not detected any unusual 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 proposed installation of some additional groundwater monitoring bores.

JB gave an overview of the weed management activities conducted recently including treatment of weeds along the riparian corridor of Glennies Creek.

DS gave an update on the archaeological salvage and artefact analysis works that are currently being conducted.

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

DS gave an update on the proposed diversion of water off the North East Open Cut rehabilitation area. There were no objections or comments on the matter. There was discussion regarding the suitability of the landform for livestock with regard to the availability of watering points. DS advised that there is currently 3 dams on the rehabilitation area.

DS gave an update on the 2016 Community Support Program

WF and DS gave an update on recent business matters within Yancoal including the new financing arrangements as announced in the Press Release and placing Donaldson into Care and Maintenance. Discussion was held around the processes that the company is undertaking to look after employees including Voluntary Redundancies and moving employees to other sites.

DS provided an update on the recent house fire that occurred in Camberwell and the lodgment of the Annual Environmental Management Report. All CCC members requested hard copies of the document and one CCC member requested both a hard and electronic copy.

GA gave an update on the draft CCC guidelines. GA had spoken with the Department of Planning and Environment to consider what the potential changes may be for the Ashton Coal CCC. CCC members were encouraged to read the guideline which was distributed to members by JB.

7. GENERAL BUSINESS

Nil

8. DATE FOR NEXT MEETING

Next Meeting: Tuesday 5th July 2016
Meeting to commence at 1pm

MEETING CLOSED 2:07pm