

**Meeting Minutes**  
**Stratford Coal Community Consultative Committee Meeting via video/teleconferencing**  
**Wednesday 13 May 2020**

**Attendees:**

Margaret MacDonald-Hill	CCC Chairperson	Alarna Bristow	Stratford Coal Pty Ltd
Gavin May	Stratford Coal Pty Ltd	Kevin Lowrey	CCC Member
Tom Kirkwood	Stratford Coal Pty Ltd	Philip Greenwood	CCC Member
John Cullen	Stratford Coal Pty Ltd	Richard Clarke	CCC Member

**Guests:** Nil

**1. Site Tour**

No Site Inspection was proposed for this meeting due to Covid19. Site tour of Stratford East to be scheduled for next meeting.

***Action Item 1:** Site tour of Stratford East to be scheduled for next CCC Meeting.*

**2. Welcome and Apologies**

The Chair opened the meeting at 9:08am.

Apologies: Cr Karen Hutchinson, Paul De Szell, Lyndie Hepple, Ryan Fenning, Norm Bignall and Anthony Berecry.

**3. Declaration of Pecuniary and Non-Pecuniary Interests**

Ms MacDonald-Hill declared that she is the Independent Chair, approved by the Secretary of the Department of Planning, Industry & Environment.

The declarations of the Stratford CCC members remain current.

**4. Confirmation of Minutes of Previous Meeting**

The Minutes of the Meeting held on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> February 2020 were confirmed.

Moved: Phillip Greenwood; Seconded: Kevin Lowrey.

**5. Business Arising from Previous Meeting**

1. **Action Item 1:** Site tour of Stratford East to be scheduled for next CCC Meeting.

Site tour postponed, action item to remain.

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2. **Action Item 2:** SCPL to provide a copy of the map showing rural lease area for Stratford South Superlot.

Stratford South Superlot map was provided to Committee members by Mrs Bristow via email on 12/2/2020.

3. **Action Item 3:** MidCoast Council 2019 annual financial report on the spending of the Stratford Coal community enhancement contributions to be discussed at the meeting in May 2020.

Updated 2019 report provided to the Committee member by Ms Macdonald-Hill via email on 12/5/2020. Committee members wish to discuss the Stratford component with Council representatives: at the meeting in August 2020. Action included in Annual Action item below.

4. **Action Item 4:** SCPL to provide GPS map of SCPL access tracks to Mr Greenwood once available.

Map not yet available, action item to remain.

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5. **Action Item 5:** SCPL to present an update on current Exploration Leases at next CCC Meeting.

Covered in section 7. Company Reports and Overview of activities.

6. **Action Item 6:** SCPL to review lighting compliance audit.

Mrs Bristow reviewed the lighting audit with compliance to the Australian Standard established. Possible improvements to be determined following an external Audit late 2020. Following the commencement of the evening shift in Stratford East Pit and the receipt of a complaint in Q1 an internal review of lighting was undertaken. On advice from Mr May lighting at the heavy vehicle wash down bay now have a 30minute timer installed, lower wattage lights have been ordered for CV4 on the product stockpile and operators have been instructed to turn lights off when not in use. Additionally, tool-box talks were undertaken identifying sensitive receivers for operators working in the Stratford East Pit.

7. **Annual Action Item:** MidCoast Council to provide an annual report each August on the spending of the Stratford Coal community enhancement contributions made to Council.

## **6. Correspondence**

07/2/20 - AB email to PG & KL October and November Noise Monitoring Compliance Reports & Financial report to KL

12/2/20 - AB email to CCC on Stratford South Superlot

27/2/20 - AB email to CCC on Assessment Lease & Exploration Licence information

11/3/20 - MMH email Chair's Annual Report to DPIE

12/05/20- MMH email to CCC with updated 2019 MidCoast Council Financial Report

## **7. Company Reports and Overview of Activities**

SCPL presented the Company Reports and Overview of Activities:

1. Progress at Mine: SCPL advised operations continued in Avon North and Roseville West pit. Coal production in Stratford East Pit has commenced during the last quarter.
2. Tenements: SCPL provided an update on recent ELA No.5910 and ALA No.74.
  - Mr Greenwood commented that the CCC members feel somewhat blindsided by the lack of communication prior to the advertisement of the recent ELA and ALA. Mr Greenwood remarked that the notice produced in the Gloucester Advocate was scant on information and did not clearly indicate if exploration would follow. Furthermore, the link that was included in the advertisement for public comment did not lead to an avenue for public comment, which in his opinion may have invalidated the community consultative process. Mr Greenwood also questioned why the offset area, 'Offset Area 3' was not removed from the ALA area when it is protected in perpetuity. Mr Greenwood expressed that the offset area not being removed from the ALA leads to increased cynicism from the wider community and it was a breach of trust to not take the opportunity to remove the offset areas.  
Mr Greenwood stated that there was not satisfactory consultation with the CCC with no discussion regarding the two applications prior to submission.
  - Mrs Bristow responded that the Yancoal Tenements team is best to answer why the areas haven't been removed as the application was led by the corporate team. Mrs Bristow advised the advertisement including the map and links provided were done so in accordance with strict guidelines provided by the Division of Resources and Geoscience which are required to satisfactorily complete the application process.
  - Mr May explained that an Exploration Lease does not provide permissions to explore without the appropriate Review of Environmental Factors and consultation completed prior to undertaking such works. Areas with existing covenants are advised by the department to be left in the exploration lease areas to simplify the process.
  - Ms MacDonald-Hill offered to invite a representative from the Division of Resources and Geosciences (land titles) to attend a CCC meeting.
  - ***New Action Item 3: SCPL to invite a member of the Yancoal Tenements team to attend the August CCC meeting.***
3. Environmental & community activities including monitoring and rehabilitation: (*refer to CCC presentation available on website for further detail*). Items discussed by exception:
  - a. The Committee discussed the air quality monitoring results.
  - b. Mr Lowrey questioned the Blast monitoring results which were below the monitor triggering threshold (less than results) requesting clarification on actual values. Mrs Bristow stated that the thresholds are established to reduce triggers by non-target sources to minimise the risk of miss recording a blast. SCPL will continue to look at improvements of blast monitoring systems.
  - c. Mr Greenwood stated that the Stockpile Dozers have been noticeable for the first time in the past few weeks. Mrs Bristow indicated that the noise was most likely to have originated from the dozers shaping the new Stratford East Haul Road and is only scheduled to continue for the coming few weeks until completion.
  - d. Mr Clarke requested an update from SCPL regarding the water sharing program that had been discussed at the previous meeting. Mrs Bristow advised the infrastructure for the council water fill point was completed with the council awaiting a response to their application for use from the EPA. Council had indicated their intent to use the fill point during upcoming road works scheduled along the Bucketts Way South and surrounds. Mrs Bristow also took the opportunity to mention on behalf of Mr Ryan Fenning that following the last CCC meeting he had discussed with council roads team staff the potential impacts

to Stratford residents resulting from truck movements, stating they are aware of such potential and will look to incorporate the circular movement around the village reducing potential impacts.

- e. Mr Lowrey inquired as to the visible damage that was seen to have occurred during the February rain events to the Avon North Rehabilitation and asked if the sediment dam captured all of the runoff. Mrs Bristow informed the CCC that there was minor erosion of the Avon North Waste Emplacement Rehabilitation, that the sediment washed from this area was captured in the below sediment dam. A minor spill was recorded and monitored from the sediment dam during the February rain event with details to be included in the 2020 Annual Review.
- f. Mrs Bristow stated that the upcoming cat trapping programs results will be provided at the next CCC meeting.

## **8. General Business**

No further Business

Next Meeting date: Proposed 9:00am on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> August 2020.

Meeting closed at 10:37am.

### **Summary of Action Items from this meeting**

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