

Meeting Minutes
Stratford Coal Community Consultative Committee Meeting
Thursday 09 August 2018

Attendees:

Margaret MacDonald-Hill	CCC Chairperson	Ryan Fenning	MidCoast Council
Norm Bignell	CCC Member	Gavin May	Stratford Coal Pty Ltd
Philip Greenwood	CCC Member	Michael Plain	Stratford Coal Pty Ltd
Kevin Lowrey	CCC Member	John Cullen	Stratford Coal Pty Ltd

Guests: Nil

1. Site Tour

A site tour was undertaken at the end of the meeting. The areas inspected included the BRN Cutback, Avon North Boxcut, Main Pit and general infrastructure/construction works.

2. Welcome and Apologies

The Chair opened the meeting at 9:01am.

Apologies: Anthony Berecny, Richard Clarke, Cr Karen Hutchinson (MCC), Paul De Szell (MCC).

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 & Environment and a member of the Mine Subsidence Board.

The declarations of the Stratford CCC members remain current.

4. Confirmation of Minutes of Previous Meeting

The Minutes of the Meeting held on Thursday 17th May 2018 were confirmed.

Moved: Philip Greenwood; Seconded: Norm Bignell.

5. Business Arising from Previous Meeting

1. **Action Item 1:** SCPL to provide a short presentation on interpreting noise graphs at the August 2018 CCC meeting.

SCPL arranged for SLR to provide a presentation to the CCC regarding the compliance noise monitoring at the Stratford Mining Complex and the noise survey reports. SLR is the acoustic consultant engaged by SCPL to undertake noise monitoring.

The presentation included information on general sound principles and terminology, interpretation of the noise reports and graphs and the process for determining the mine noise contribution and

compliance. The Committee discussed the noise management and mitigation measures at Stratford Coal. Mr Greenwood asked about the process for assessing noise modifying factors and the exclusion of results due to certain weather conditions. Mr Davenport (SLR) advised of the process under the Industrial Noise Policy for calculating modifying factors including low frequency noise and inversion conditions.

Mr Plain provided information on the real-time noise management system and the process for recording and responding to noise triggers.

The presentation will be made available to the CCC members.

2. **Action Item 2:** SCPL to provide information on the heritage significance of the Craven Church and potential options for long-term management.

SCPL prepared a summary of information on the heritage significance of the Craven Church. A Non-Aboriginal Heritage Assessment for the Stratford Extension Project was undertaken by Dr Michael Pearson of Heritage Management Consultants (2012) and is included in the EIS. The report states:

Craven was created to service the Craven sawmill in 1914, as was the Glen Railway. Seven cottages and the church relate to the early development of the village, and the Craven sawmill site survives as an archaeological site. Craven is representative of a relatively intact industrial settlement of the early 20th Century. Craven would not be directly impacted by mining activities.

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SCPL would maintain Yancoal-owned buildings within Craven to a standard consistent with the condition of the building/residence when acquired by Yancoal and facilitate occupation of the buildings, if in a suitable condition.

Following the May CCC meeting Cr Hutchinson, Mr De Szell and Mr Plain inspected the Craven Church and discussed options for management, however the building is not heritage listed.

3. **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.

Mr De Szell was unavailable to attend the August CCC meeting. The Chair recommended postponing this action until the November meeting.

6. Correspondence

Correspondence is listed in the CCC meeting agenda.

7. Company Reports and Overview of Activities

SCPL presented the Company Reports and Overview of Activities:

1. Progress at Mine: SCPL advised operations commenced in the BRN cutback during April 2018. Operations also commenced in Avon North Open Cut during July 2018. The CHPP is continuing to receive and process Duralie ROM coal. Construction works for the Stratford Extension Project have continued.

2. Environmental & community activities including monitoring and community programs: (*refer to CCC presentation available on website for further detail*). Items discussed by exception:

- a. SCPL advised the Resource Regulator undertook an unannounced site inspection during May 2018 as part of a state-wide compliance operation. The inspection focused on compliance with rehabilitation commitments in the approved Mining Operations Plan. Further detail is included in the presentation.
- b. SCPL advised a variation to EPL 5161 had been granted during the previous quarter and EPL 11745 had been surrendered.
- c. The committee discussed the Stratford Coal monitoring data.

Mr Greenwood asked about building inspection timing and availability to residents. Mr Plain advised baseline building inspections are available to all residents located within 2 kilometres of blasting activities. The inspections can be requested at any stage during the operations. Updates to previous building inspections may also be requested.

Mr Lowrey asked about the changes to the current stockpile dozer. Mr Cullen advised an Emeco hire dozer was currently in use on the stockpile and a new dozer had been ordered and is scheduled by mid-2019. Mr Plain advised mobile plant sound power level testing was proposed to be undertaken in the second half of 2018.

8. General Business

1. Stratford Extension Project

SCPL provided an update on progress for the commencement of the Stratford Extension Project. Mr May discussed the planned crew changes, shift times and proposed mining schedules. The first crew transitioned from Duralie during July 2018 and the second crew is planned to transition to Stratford during September 2018.

Work in the Bowens Road North cutback commenced in April 2018 and construction of the Avon North Open Cut commenced in July 2018. The current operations are Monday to Friday with dayshift only. An evening shift will commence in September 2018.

Mr Plain advised the Environmental Management Plans were currently being updated to include mining in the Stratford East area which is proposed to commence in late 2018.

Mr Lowrey asked if there would be any evening and nightshift work. Mr May advised the evening shift will start in September. The BRN cutback will remain day work only.

Mr Greenwood asked how long Ditchfield would undertake contract operations for. Mr May advised Ditchfield had been engaged to commence the BRN cutback operations and the construction work for Avon North. Ditchfield would potentially be involved in the construction work for Stratford East. The duration of work in BRN is expected to be two years.

No further business.

Next Meeting date: Proposed 9:00am on Thursday 8th November 2018 at the Stratford Mine Site. A site tour has not been proposed for the next meeting although can be undertaken on request.

Meeting closed at 10:30am.

Summary of Action Items from this meeting

1. ***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.*