

**Meeting Minutes**  
**Stratford Coal Community Consultative Committee Meeting**  
**Thursday 16 May 2019**

**Attendees:**

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

**Guests:**

Nil

**1. Site Tour**

No site tour was undertaken at this meeting.

**2. Welcome and Apologies**

The Chair opened the meeting at 9:04am.

Apologies: Cr Karen Hutchinson (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.

The declarations of the Stratford CCC members remain current.

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

The Minutes of the Meeting held on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> February 2019 were confirmed.

Moved: Norm Bignell; Seconded: Richard Clarke.

**5. Business Arising from Previous 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.

Report to be provided in August 2019 by Mr Paul De Szell.

**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 continued in the BRN cutback and the Avon North Open Cut. Construction works for the Stratford East Open Cut have been delayed. Currently two excavator and truck fleets are operating out of Avon North.
2. Environmental & community activities including monitoring and community programs: (*refer to CCC presentation available on website for further detail*). Items discussed by exception:
  - a. The Committee discussed in detail the current works being undertaken in the Biodiversity Offset areas and the works being implemented for the Squirrel Glider Program.
  - b. The Committee discussed the results of the 2019 Community Support Program and Education Support Program.

## **8. General Business**

1. Rocky Hill Determination  
The Chair advised the Committee the Rocky Hill court appeal had now been finalised and no further appeals against the Land & Environment Court determination had been launched by GRL. Mr Clarke asked what impact this would have on Stratford Coal. Mr Plain advised the Rocky Hill determination would have no ongoing impact for the Stratford Coal operations. GRL had proposed to transport ROM coal to the Stratford CHPP where it would be washed and transported, however if this did not occur it had no other bearing on the Stratford Coal operations.
2. Stratford Coal Mine CCC Annual Report 2018  
The Chair advised the CCC Annual Report for 2018 was now available on the DP&E website and the link would be forwarded to the Committee. The CCC Annual Report is also available on the Stratford Coal website.
3. Stratford Extension Project Update  
SCPL provided a progress update on the Stratford Extension Project. Mr May advised the Mining Lease Application for the Stratford East Open Cut had not yet been granted and this was causing ongoing challenges for the operations. Mr May advised there had been a strong focus on culture in the current work force and the morale has generally been very positive.  
  
Mr May advised SCPL are currently recruiting for new operators and trainees. SCPL has appointed 12 new experienced operators and 3 mature trainees. SCPL has also appointed 4 junior trainees on a 2 year program which will see them gain experience across multiple departments in the business.
4. Stratford Coal Family Day  
Mr May advised SCPL were currently planning to hold a Family Day on 25 May 2019. The Family Day would be by invitation only which included the families and friends of employees and also several local community groups who have a close association with the mine. Invitations have been sent to all CCC members.
5. Stratford Coal rural property management  
Mr Plain provided an update on the leasing of rural properties owned by Stratford Coal. The new leases for the rural lands commenced on 1 May 2019 and aggregate landholdings with the overall

aim to improve rural land management. Mr Greenwood asked if maps were available of the lease areas. Mr Plain advised the maps were publicly available during the tender process and a copy could be made available. Mr Greenwood also asked if contacts of the leasees could be provided to neighbours. Mr Plain advised these contact details could be provided.

***New Action Item 1: SCPL to provide a copy of the maps showing the rural lease areas.***

6. Meeting Schedule

Mr Greenwood suggested that as a general guideline, re-scheduled meetings shouldn't proceed if fewer than 50% of the community representatives are available, as occurred for the February 2019 meeting. The Committee agreed this was reasonable.

Mr Lowrey raised concerns with holding CCC meetings on Thursdays since this coincided with cattle sale days and all the community members on the CCC are involved in the cattle industry. The Chair suggested for future meetings to be moved to Wednesdays. This was accepted by the CCC members present. The Chair advised the meeting schedule would also be confirmed with MidCoast Council representatives.

No further business.

Next Meeting date: Proposed 9:00am on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> August 2019.

Meeting closed at 10:30am.

**Summary of Action Items from this meeting**

1. ***New Action Item 1: SCPL to provide a copy of the map showing the rural lease areas.***
2. ***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.***