

Meeting Minutes
Stratford Coal Community Consultative Committee Meeting
Thursday 7 August 2014

Attendees:

Margaret MacDonald-Hill	CCC Chair	Doug Gordon	Stratford Coal Pty Ltd
Anthony Berecny	CCC Member	Michael Plain	Stratford Coal Pty Ltd
Philip Greenwood	CCC Member		
Kevin Lowrey	CCC Member		
Tony Tersteeg	Gloucester Shire Council		

1. Site Tour

The committee agreed no site tour was necessary as operations in Roseville West and Bowens Road North have ceased.

2. Welcome and Apologies

The Chair opened the meeting at 9:09am.

Apologies: Jim Henderson, Richard Clarke, Tony Dwyer, Norm Bignell.

3. Declaration of Pecuniary and Non-Pecuniary Interests

Ms MacDonald-Hill declared that she is the Independent Chair, approved by the Director-General of Planning & Environment, a member of the Mine Subsidence Board, a member of the Minister's Arbitration Panel, and Chair of the ministerial committee of AGL (Hunter CCC) and Chair AGL's Camden Gas Project CCC.

4. Confirmation of Minutes of Previous Meeting

The Minutes of the Meeting held on Thursday 7 August 2014 were confirmed.

Moved: Philip Greenwood; Seconded: Kevin Lowrey.

5. Business Arising from Previous Meeting

1. **Action Item 1:** SCPL to report back on stock withholding periods on chemicals used under the Weeds Program.

Mr Greenwood queried APMA (Australian Pesticides and Medicines Authority) that the labels on products such as Taskforce and Freoc say that stock must not be grazed on treated areas within 14 days prior to slaughter but for how long after treatment of the pasture does that restriction apply. APMA advised Flupropanate is very persistent in the environment, no data is available to confirm how long the slaughter interval needs to be observed so it remains in effect for perpetuity. DCPL advised Mr Andrews had received the same information that the restriction applies in perpetuity.

New Action Item 1: SCPL to investigate energy contractors accessing Yancoal properties and protocols for weeds management, i.e. spread of Giant Parramatta Grass from vehicles.

2. **Action Item 2:** SCPL to review and change the reference to period of Real Time Noise Monitoring and the mining operations.

Complete.

3. **Action Item 3:** SCPL to contact the Laboratory and discuss testing and reporting standard.

The following advice was received from the laboratory:

“The EA119 visual analysis method we run in house is only semi quantitative. The % values are a % composition based on coverage determined via microscopic analysis. The analysis is of the entire Total Insoluble Matter.”

No further action required.

4. **Action Item 4:** SCPL to review the distribution procedure of the draft Minutes and documents for Meetings.

Several members advised there have been issues with opening the pdf files previously sent. Mr Greenwood asked for the provision of hard copies to include the agenda presentation and minutes.

New Action Item 2: SCPL to investigate pdf files not opening. CCC packages to include hardcopies of agenda, presentation and minutes.

5. **Deferred Action Item:** Review Report contents for future reporting.

Still deferred

6. **Previous action item:** Drought Release

Drought release response from EPA discussed. Mr Greenwood stated the need to ensure all stakeholders are aware of drought release intentions, i.e. GSC, Mid-Coast Water. The committee agreed any release should be at the request of stakeholders and not SCPL.

New Action Item 3: Mr Tersteeg to raise with GSC the topic of a potential drought release of waters from the Stratford East Dam and report back to the CCC.

6. Correspondence

In:

- letter dated 24/7/14 - response from EPA

Out:

- 6/8/14 - email EPA response to CCC

7. Company Reports and Overview of Activities

1. SCPL presented the Company Reports and Overview of Activities:
 - a. Progress at Mine: BRN mining completed in July 2014. Minimal operations only from the co-disposal area. CHPP continuing to receive Duralie coal.
 - b. Environmental Projects/Activities including monitoring and community complaints: (refer to presentation for further detail). Discussed by exception.
 - i. Mr Lowrey asked if additional noise monitoring sites could be included in the quarterly surveys. This was taken on notice for Tony Dwyer to respond.
 - ii. Mr Greenwood queried deviation in the measured and modelled noise levels during the recent quarterly noise survey at the Devereux location. SCPL advised any deviation will be investigated and reported on in the quarterly noise reports.
 - iii. Mr Lowrey requested the provision of the Mobile Plant report to the CCC members.

New Action Item 4: SCPL to provide Mobile Plant report as hardcopy with CCC packages and included for discussion at next CCC meeting.

- iv. Mr Lowrey asked if any lighting projects had been continued since the last meeting. SCPL advised it would include an update in the presentation for the next meeting.

New Action Item 5: SCPL to include an update of any lighting projects in the presentation for the next CCC meeting.

8. General Business

1. Mr Lowrey asked about the progress of the upcoming exploration programme. SCPL advised the REF has been approved and exploration is expected to commence in the short-term.
2. Mr Tersteeg requested SCPL to engage with GSC regarding discussions to resolve issues over the Stratford Extension Project. Mr Gordon advised the request would be forwarded to Yancoal corporate.

New Action Item 6: SCPL to provide Mr Tersteeg request for SEP discussions to Yancoal corporate.

No further business

Next Meeting date: 6 November 2014.

Meeting closed at 10:20pm.

Summary of Action Items from this meeting

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6. **Action Item 6:** *SCPL to provide Mr Tersteeg request for SEP discussions to Yancoal corporate.*
7. **Deferred Action Item:** *Review Report contents for future reporting.*