

**Meeting Minutes**  
**Stratford Coal Community Consultative Committee Meeting**  
**Thursday 6 November 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	Tony Dwyer	Stratford Coal Pty Ltd
Kevin Lowrey	CCC Member		
Norm Bignell	CCC Member		
Richard Clarke	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 9:00am.

Apologies: Nil.

**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.

Mr Clarke declared he no longer leases land from SCPL.

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

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

Moved: Kevin Lowrey; Seconded: Tony Tersteeg.

**5. Business Arising from Previous Meeting**

1. Noise Monitoring Sites – Mr Lowrey asked about the inclusion of additional noise monitoring sites in quarterly surveys. SCPL advised the EPL had recently been varied to include revised noise monitoring sites following a request from the EPA. Mr Lowrey asked if noise monitoring could be undertaken on his own property or on neighbouring properties. SCPL advised the noise monitoring sites would potentially be revised following a determination on the Stratford Extension Project. Mr Greenwood requested a copy of the updated monitoring sites figure showing the revised noise monitoring sites.

***New Action Item 1: SCPL to provide a copy of the updated monitoring sites figure.***

2. **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.

SCPL is waiting on feedback from Alan Andrews who has been in contact with relevant contractors.

Item Deferred.

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

Addressed.

4. **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.

Mr Tersteeg advised the matter had been raised with GLC and a motion put forward to raise with Mid-Coast Water for comment.

Discussions continued around the potential difficulties associated with the use of the drought release of waters condition and this would possibly only be to the benefit of a few landholders.

Mr Dwyer advised the matter would still require internal legal review and EPA approval.

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

Report provided.

Mr Greenwood asked of the plant which exceeded the noise targets what action has been taken. SCPL advised the majority of the plant has now been removed from site or is currently not in use due to the ceasing of operations at Stratford. Two dozers including the stockpile dozer were inspected and found to have loose ripper housings causing excess rattling noise. This was addressed and a follow-up noise test undertaken. The additional report was provided to the CCC and this indicated the noise levels had been reduced to below the target level. Mr Greenwood suggest including in the CCC environmental presentation any continuous improvements of noise such as the stockpile dozer.

***New Action Item 2: SCPL to include in the CCC environmental presentation any continuous improvements of noise.***

Mr Greenwood suggested further detail could be provided for responses to complaints to provide greater understanding of the actions undertaken by SCPL, particularly regarding noise.

***New Action Item 3: SCPL to provide additional detail in complaints response register.***

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

Completed.

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

SCPL advised the request had been provided to Yancoal corporate.

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

## **6. Correspondence**

In:

- letter 29/8/14 from SCPL enclosing 2014 AR

Out:

- email 31/10/14 to CCC on AR

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

SCPL presented the Company Reports and Overview of Activities:

1. Progress at Mine: BRN mining completed in July 2014. Minimal operations only from the co-disposal area. CHPP continuing to receive Duralie coal.
2. Environmental Projects/Activities including monitoring and community complaints: (refer to presentation for further detail). Items discussed by exception. Discussions held over reject beach sampling and management. No actions

## **8. General Business**

1. Mr Berecry asked about the exploration program progress. SCPL advised that drill rigs were currently operating in the Stratford Nth area and following completion of that program would relocate to the Avon north area.
2. The Chair advised the committee Mr Dwyer will be leaving Stratford Coal. The committee extended its thanks to Mr Dwyer for his efforts and contributions to the Stratford Coal CCC.
3. Mr Tersteeg advised he had been elected to replace Jim Henderson as the GLC representative for the Stratford CCC. The CCC thanks Mr Henderson for his efforts and the Chair will send a letter.

***New Action Item 4:*** Chair to forward a letter of thanks to Mr Henderson.

4. 2015 Meeting Schedule – The committee discussed the ongoing frequency of the Stratford CCC meetings. The committee agreed to schedule the February 2015 meeting and then potentially decrease to 6 monthly meetings, to be discussed further at next meeting.
5. The Chair wished the committee a Merry Christmas and expressed thanks for the committee's contributions during 2014.

No further business

Next Meeting date: 5 February 2015 at Stratford Mine site at 9:00am.

Meeting closed at 10:15am.

**Summary of Action Items from this meeting**

1. ***New Action Item 1:*** SCPL to provide a copy of the updated monitoring sites figure.
2. ***New Action Item 2:*** SCPL to include in the CCC environmental presentation any continuous improvements of noise.
3. ***New Action Item 3:*** SCPL to provide additional detail in complaints response register.
4. ***New Action Item 4:*** Chair to forward a letter of thanks to Mr Henderson.
5. ***Deferred Action Item:*** Review Report contents for future reporting.