

Meeting Minutes
Stratford Coal Community Consultative Committee Meeting
Thursday 5 February 2015

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	Scott Mitchell	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. A site tour will be undertaken at the next meeting and include the establishing rehabilitation areas and the Avon North area.

2. Welcome and Apologies

The Chair opened the meeting at 9:10am and welcomed Mr Scott Mitchell, the new Environment & Community Manager for the Stratford & Duralie operations.

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, Chair of the ministerial committee of AGL (Hunter CCC) and Chair AGL's Camden Gas Project CCC. The Chair did not reapply for the Minister's Arbitration Panel.

4. Confirmation of Minutes of Previous Meeting

The Minutes of the Meeting held on Thursday 6 November were confirmed.

Moved: Tony Tersteeg; Seconded: Norm Bignell.

5. Business Arising from Previous Meeting

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

Figure provided to CCC, action complete.

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

Item included in presentation, action complete.

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

Additional detail on complaints responses was provided in hardcopy to the CCC with a summary in the presentation. The CCC requested the complaints details continue to be provided in this format.

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

Action complete, refer to Correspondence.

5. Mr Greenwood asked if Alan Andrews had provided an update on weeds management activities on company owned lands. No update was available. Discussion was held regarding the appropriate forum to discuss activities on company lands which are outside Mining Lease areas. An update on any relevant activities including weeds management could be provided. Additionally Mr Alan Andrews (Yancoal) can be contacted directly regarding these matters.

New Action Item 1: SCPL to provide an update on weeds management activities on company owned lands.

6. Correspondence

In:

- Nil

Out:

- Email to Jim Henderson on 19/1/15 as per Action Item 4 on the agenda.

7. Company Reports and Overview of Activities

SCPL presented the Company Reports and Overview of Activities:

1. Progress at Mine: 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:
 - a. Discussions held regarding ongoing water management and monitoring now operations had ceased. SCPL advised works had been undertaken on unused haul roads and sediment dams to divert waters directly to pits where possible. All monitoring continues to be undertaken unchanged, including management of sediment dams and pits.
 - b. Complaints were discussed which included further discussion regarding the stockpile dozer and mobile plant monitoring. SCPL advised mobile plant monitoring was scheduled for March 2015 and would include review of the performance of the stockpile dozer. Mr Lowrey requested SCPL to investigate further options to reduce dozer noise such as attenuation or operational controls. Controls will be considered following survey assessment in March 2015.

New Action Item 2: SCPL to investigate further options to reduce dozer noise such as attenuation or operational controls.

8. General Business

1. Mr Tersteeg advised Yancoal corporate had proposed a meeting with the General Manager of Gloucester Shire Council in March to discuss the SEP.
2. Mr Clarke raised the historic issue of spontaneous combustion which occurred in 2006 and discussed the release of odours and gases from the reaction. Mr Clarke asked if there was any measurement of H₂S or SO₂ from the spontaneous combustion or if any BTEX monitoring was undertaken. This led into discussions surrounding BTEX monitoring and Mr Greenwood asked if any BTEX monitoring was undertaken at the Stratford mine.

New Action Item 3: SCPL to advise of any monitoring undertaken during spontaneous combustion in 2006 and what requirements there are for BTEX monitoring at the Stratford operation.

3. Mr Lowrey advised he had seen a plume of dust from near the operations at 3:30pm on 4-Feb-2015 which was moving towards Stratford village and asked of the potential cause. SCPL will investigate (response to Mr Lowrey by email).
4. Historic bore holes were discussed, what is being done and who is responsible? The Chair reminded the committee of discussions held last year and informed the correct path was through the Division of Resources and Energy. The Chair will send an email query to DRE to get an update on the correct process regarding historic bore holes and SCPL will provide any additional feedback.

New Action Item 4: The Chair will send an email query to DRE to get an update on the correct process regarding historic bore holes and SCPL will provide any additional feedback.

5. Mr Berecny asked what work SCPL had undertaken with regard to measuring fugitive methane emissions. SCPL advised a program had been undertaken to develop fugitive emissions factors for the operations and these are used to calculate emissions including methane and reported in the annual National Greenhouse Emissions Reporting (NGER) and National Pollutant Inventory (NPI) reports.
6. Mr Greenwood asked about exploration progress in the Avon North area and Burrell property. Mr Gordon provided an update on activities and advised the current program was nearing completion for this year.
7. 2015 Meeting Schedule: The committee discussed the frequency of CCC meetings and agreed to maintain quarterly meetings at this time. As the DP&E report back to the PAC was anticipated prior to the next scheduled meeting of the CCC, the Chair advised it was DP&E's preference to maintain quarterly meetings at this stage.

No further business

Next Meeting date: 7 May 2015 at Stratford Mine site at 9:00am.

Meeting closed at 10:20am.

Summary of Action Items from this meeting

1. ***New Action Item 1:*** SCPL to provide an update on weeds management activities on company owned lands.
2. ***New Action Item 2:*** SCPL to investigate further options to reduce dozer noise such as attenuation or operational controls.
3. ***New Action Item 3:*** SCPL to advise of any monitoring undertaken during spontaneous combustion in 2006 and what requirements there are for BTEX monitoring at the Stratford operation.
4. ***New Action Item 4:*** The Chair will send an email query to DRE to get an update on the correct process regarding historic bore holes and SCPL will provide any additional feedback.
5. ***Deferred Action Item:*** *Review Report contents for future reporting.*