

**Draft Meeting Minutes**  
**Stratford Coal Community Consultative Committee Meeting**  
**Thursday 12 May 2016**

Attendees:

Margaret MacDonald-Hill	CCC Chair	John Cullen	Stratford Coal Pty Ltd
Norm Bignell	CCC Member	Michael Plain	Stratford Coal Pty Ltd
Philip Greenwood	CCC Member	Paul Stringer	Yancoal Australia Ltd
Kevin Lowrey	CCC Member		
Jim Henderson	Gloucester Shire Council		

**1. Site Tour**

A site tour was undertaken following the meeting. The areas inspected included the codisposal area, BRN rehabilitation, Stratford Main Pit and rehabilitation area.

**2. Welcome and Apologies**

The Chair opened the meeting at 1:05pm. The Chair welcomed back Mr Jim Henderson who replaces Mr Tersteeg as the Gloucester Shire Council representative. The Chair also welcomed Mr Paul Stringer, Yancoal Regional General Manager for Open Cut Operations.

Apologies: Richard Clarke and Anthony Berecny.

**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, a member of the Mine Subsidence Board and Chair AGL's Camden Gas Project CCC.

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

The Minutes of the Meeting held on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> November 2015 were confirmed with a correction to the attendees; Norm Bignell was present.

Moved: Norm Bignell; Seconded Philip Greenwood.

**5. Business Arising from Previous Meeting**

1. **Action Item 1:** SCPL will update the layout of the CCC presentation and provide for comment prior to the next meeting.

The CCC presentation format was updated by SCPL and distributed for comment prior to this CCC meeting. The committee members generally agreed on the new format. Mr Greenwood requested the inclusion of new relevant sections when the Environmental Management Plans are updated for the Stratford Extension Project (SEP). Mr Lowrey requested the inclusion of lighting management for any new changes.

***Deferred Action Item 2:*** SCPL to include new relevant sections in the CCC presentation when the Environmental Management Plans are updated for the Stratford Extension Project

2. **Deferred Action Item 1:** SCPL to provide a short presentation on interpreting noise graphs. Defer until operations recommence.

Deferred.

## **6. Correspondence**

In:

- 22/12/16 - email/letter from SCPL on GRL
- 1/3/16 - email from SCPL invitation to Krumbach Weed - Biological Control Workshop from GLC.

Out:

- 18/2/16 - email DP&E Guidelines and fact sheet to CCC.
- 19/2/16 - email request for comments on revised guidelines.
- 31/3/16 - email link and extension from DP&E on guidelines.
- 11/5/16 - Interim 2015 Annual Review tabled at meeting.

The committee discussed the revised CCC guidelines and the Chair advised a response had been provided to DP&E on the CCC's in general and not specifically from the Stratford Coal Mine CCC.

## **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 engagement: (refer to presentation for further detail). Items discussed by exception:
  - a. SCPL provided the *SCM Interim Annual Review 2015* to the committee members. SCPL advised the interim annual review had been prepared to align with the conditions of the SEP Development Consent to move to calendar year reporting and has been submitted to DP&E.
  - b. SCPL advised a modification to the SEP Development Consent is currently being prepared to allow processing of Rocky Hill ROM coal at the Stratford CHPP. The environmental assessments for the modification have commenced. Mr Greenwood and Mr Lowrey raised questions regarding noise management and reject placement respectively. SCPL advised these issues would be considered in the modification to the Rocky Hill project and also in the SEP modification.
  - c. Discussion on the CCC presentation also included rehabilitation works and biodiversity management including weeds and bushfire. Mr Alan Andrews joined the meeting specifically to provide an update on weeds management. Mr Plain added that DPI have now been engaged to undertake a trial program for the GPG fungus and will commence in spring 2016.

Mr Greenwood ask if any follow-up had occurred regarding the identification of Broad Leaf Paspalum on Yancoal property near the perimeter slashing in the spotted gum plantation

on the Ex-Billins property. SCPL will arrange a site inspection and a formal identification from the local weeds officer including advice on control measures.

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Mr Lowrey ask for an update on the aggregated land tenders. Mr Andrews advised Yancoal had experienced some delays due to third party interests which have now been resolved and the first round of leases are expected to be finalised in June 2016.

- d. SCPL provided an update on community engagement including the Education Support Program and the Community Support Program.

## **8. General Business**

1. Mr Stringer provided an update on the Stratford Extension Project. Currently there is no change to the operations, however it is expected a decision on the future operations under the SEP would be made in 12 to 18 months as the operations at the Duralie Coal Mine begin to wind down. Mr Stringer also advised of the potential changes resulting from the interaction with Gloucester Resources, however Yancoal has no intention of acquiring the Rocky Hill Project.

Discussion continued regarding post-mining land use for the Stratford Coal Mine and also for the Yancoal owned properties. Mr Stringer advised an external consultant had been engaged to assess potential post-mining land uses and confirmed that Yancoal is committed to delivering rehabilitation which meets the requirements of the projects approval conditions and also provides a final land use which is of value to Yancoal and the community.

2. Mr Greenwood asked what would happen with the Stratford Mine rehabilitation if the extension project doesn't go ahead. The Chair advised there has been recent speculation surrounding mining companies' abilities to meet rehabilitation requirements and the adequacy of bonds. SCPL advised if the SEP doesn't proceed then the site would be rehabilitated as described in the original Stratford Mine Development Consent. This would alter the final location of rehabilitated waste emplacements and final voids however the ultimate land use would be similar.

Mr Lowrey and Mr Greenwood acknowledged it was positive to hear the proactive plans regarding final land use and property management and thanked Mr Stringer for his attendance.

No further business

Next Meeting date: 10<sup>th</sup> November 2016 at Stratford Mine site at 1:00pm.

- Note: An extraordinary meeting may be called pending action on the SEP.

Meeting closed at 2:30pm. Site tour undertaken following meeting.

### **Summary of Action Items from this meeting**

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