

**Draft Meeting Minutes**  
**Stratford Coal Community Consultative Committee Meeting**  
**Wednesday 5 February 2020**

**Attendees:**

Margaret MacDonald-Hill	CCC Chairperson	Alarna Bristow	Stratford Coal Pty Ltd
Norm Bignell	CCC Member	Gavin May	Stratford Coal Pty Ltd
Kevin Lowrey	CCC Member	Tom Kirkwood	Stratford Coal Pty Ltd
Philip Greenwood	CCC Member	John Cullen	Stratford Coal Pty Ltd
Phoebe Hodge	MidCoast Council	Ryan Fenning	MidCoast Council

**Guests:****1. Site Tour**

No Site Inspection was proposed for this meeting. Site tour of Stratford East to be scheduled for next meeting.

***New Action Item 1:*** Site tour of Stratford East to be scheduled for next CCC Meeting.

**2. Welcome and Apologies**

The Chair opened the meeting at 9:00am.

Apologies: Anthony Berecny, Richard Clarke, Cr Karen Hutchinson, Paul De Szell and Lyndie Hepple.

**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, Industry & Environment.

The declarations of the Stratford CCC members remain current.

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

The Minutes of the Meeting held on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> November 2019 were confirmed.

Moved: Norm Bignall; Seconded: Philip Greenwood.

**5. Business Arising from Previous Meeting**

- Action Item 1:*** SCPL to provide a copy of the maps showing rural lease areas for the remaining properties.

The maps showing the rural lease areas were received by the CCC. Mr Greenwood pointed out the Stratford South Superlot was not included within those maps received. P Greenwood to provide copies

of the correspondence received so Mrs Bristow could source the Stratford South map and provide to the CCC members. Action item to remain.

2. **Action Item 2:** *MidCoast Council 2019 annual financial report on the spending of the Stratford Coal community enhancement contributions to be discussed at the meeting in February 2020.*

MidCoast Council representative Mrs Hepple not in attendance to provide detail on the community enhancement contributions. Action item to remain.

3. **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.*

## **6. Correspondence**

28/10/2019 – Rural Lease Areas from MP to CCC

## **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 Avon North, Roseville West pit recommenced and Construction for Stratford East Pit has commenced during the last quarter.
- Mr May provided information on SCPL providing RFS water access for firefighting purpose during the second half of December and early January. The CCC was also informed that the NSW Department of Planning, Industry and Environment granted the Stratford Extension Project modification to allow offsite water transfer by a public authority. It is intended that SCPL mine water will be used for civil construction works such as road work dust suppression. The CCC was informed that the Council would be taking responsibility of the water and the waters use after it had left site. Mr Greenwood commended SCPL for the water sharing agreement. Mr Lowrey expressed concern about the 50 maximum truck movements associated with the location of the water access point. Mr Lowrey suggested utilising Wenham Cox road as well as Bowens road to minimise total truck movements past Stratford Village Dwellings.
2. Environmental & community activities including monitoring and community programs: (*refer to CCC presentation available on website for further detail*). Items discussed by exception:
  - a. Stratford Water Access Modification – Mrs Bristow advised the Stratford Extension Project Conditions of Consent was modified with no change required to SCPL’s EPL Licence (5161) as determined in consultation with the EPA.
  - b. The Committee discussed the noise monitoring results. Hard copies of Decembers Monthly Compliance Noise Monitoring were provided. Mrs Bristow asked if the CCC members would like copies of each monthly report. Mr Greenwood and Mr Lowrey accepted. Mrs Bristow to provide hard copies of the October and November reports to Mr Lowrey and Mr Greenwood
  - c. The committee discussed the blast monitoring results. Mr Lowrey requested that the Blast notifications include the location of the blast. Mr Kirkwood agreed to include within forthcoming blast notifications.

## **8. General Business**

1. Mrs Bristow provided a company statement in response to the recent Australian bushfires outlining Yancoals commitments. Mr Lowrey expressed concerns regarding fire management of offsets in light of the recent bush fire season. Mr Cullen stated that Yancoal had successfully conducted hazard reduction burns in conjunction with the NSW RFS in the Duralie offset areas. Mrs Bristow stated that following the significant fire season we are experiencing there is the potential for new guidelines in regards to Fire Management that may develop.
2. Mr Greenwood asked about the preservation of tracks in offset area 4 at Glen Rd and if they were going to be maintained or modified and if these could be provided for in case of emergency evacuation. Mrs Bristow informed Mr Greenwood that certain tracks will remain with GPS ground work currently being conducted by a SCPL consultant to provide accurate maps of all tracks and roads on SCPL biodiversity properties. Mrs Bristow committed to sending the offset area 4/Glen Rd map to Mr Greenwood once completed.

***New Action Item 4:*** SCPL to provide a GPS map of SCPL access tracks within the biodiversity offset area along the Glen Road to the CCC members once available.

3. Mr Greenwood requested that the CCC be updated on current SCPL Exploration Leases in the next CCC presentation. Mrs Bristow agreed to present this information at the next CCC presentation in May.

***New Action Item 5:*** SCPL to present an update on current Exploration Leases at next CCC Meeting.

4. Mr Lowrey asked about a recent lighting compliance audit and if this considered the impacts on neighbours? He offered, if SCPL staff were available, to organise access to private properties of local residents who have revealed the lighting had provided an impact.

***New Action Item 6:*** SCPL to review lighting compliance audit.

No further Business

Next Meeting date: Proposed 9:00am on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> May 2020.

Meeting closed at 10:28am.

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

1. ***New Action Item 1:*** Site tour of Stratford East to be scheduled for next CCC Meeting.
2. ***New Action Item 2:*** SCPL to provide a copy of the map showing rural lease area for Stratford South Superlot.
3. ***New Action Item 3:*** MidCoast Council 2019 annual financial report on the spending of the Stratford Coal community enhancement contributions to be discussed at the meeting in May 2020.
4. ***New Action Item 4:*** SCPL to provide GPS map of SCPL access tracks to Mr Greenwood once available.
5. ***New Action Item 5:*** SCPL to present an update on current Exploration Leases at next CCC Meeting.
6. ***New Action Item 6:*** SCPL to review lighting compliance audit.
7. ***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.