



MUSWELLBROOK COAL COMPANY LIMITED

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MINUTES

Muswellbrook Coal Company Community Consultative Committee

8 September 2015

At Muswellbrook Coal Company's Administrative Office

Present:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Representing</u>
Mr Raymond Butchard	Muswellbrook Shire Council
Mr Eddie Love	Muswellbrook Shire Council
Mrs Glenda Watts	Community Representative
Ms Julie Thomas (<i>Environmental Coordinator</i>)	Muswellbrook Coal Company
Mrs Kim Reilly (<i>Administration Officer</i>)	Muswellbrook Coal Company
Mr Grant Clouten (<i>Senior Operations Manager</i>)	Muswellbrook Coal Company

1. **Open Meeting**

The meeting was opened at 12:15pm by the Chairman, Mr Raymond Butchard.

2. **Apologies**

Mr John Madden (*Community Representative*)

Accepted – Mrs Glenda Watts

Seconded – Mr Grant Clouten

3. **Declaration of pecuniary or other interests**

Nil

4. **Confirmation of Minutes**

Minutes from the previous meeting held on 2nd June 2015 were confirmed as true and reliable

Moved – Mrs Kim Reilly

Seconded – Ms Julie Thomas

5. **Business Arising from the Minutes**

No Environmental Officer for Muswellbrook Council has been appointed to date but interviews are presently being held

6. **Notification of Items of General Business Proposed to be Raised**

Muswellbrook Council is in the process of being restructured with one less Director. Mr Grant Clouten requested a current copy of the Muswellbrook Council organisational structure but was advised by Mr Eddie Love that it has not been finalised for public exhibition at present – he will send a copy when this has been finalised.

7. Correspondence

Nil

8. Reports

A. *Environmental Monitoring Data & Operations* – Ms Julie Thomas presented a PowerPoint presentation to the committee. The presentation contained an update on approvals, mine operations, rehabilitation, complaints and the results of the environmental monitoring data (weather, dust, water, blasting and noise), for the previous quarter (*April – June 2015*) at the mine site.

B. *Report Discussion* –

Mining Update

- i. Dumping of waste continued the No.2 Open Cut as part of mining strategy.
- ii. 400,279 tonnes of coal was mined and 1.58 million cubic metres of waste was removed during the reporting period.
- iii. 546 hours was lost due to environmental conditions.

W. Muswellbrook Project

- i. Drilling program to increase coverage of groundwater monitoring locations commenced in July 2015.
- ii. 10 hole program should be completed by October / November 2015.
- iii. Newsletter #23 published in July 2015.
- iv. New website with all relevant project related information including Gateway application documents went live July 2015.

Sandy Creek Project

- i. MCC has applied for a 5 year renewal of A176 (Sandy Creek and Eastern Extension) with a schedule of works prepared. The majority of the works are desktop reviews of information.

Weather

- i. *Windroses*: Primarily south-easterly wind directions during the reporting period which is consistent with seasonal expectations.
- ii. *Rain*: Above average precipitation in April and May with June mainly dry.

Dust

- i. *Dust Deposition*: Average levels at all non-mine owned properties were within the compliance levels. Gauge DM10 is located on MCC mine owned land adjacent to mining operations.
- ii. *TSP (Total Suspended Particulates)*: All sites below predictions and criteria.
- iii. *PM₁₀*: All below criteria.

Water

- i. Quality of surface and ground water remained generally consistent with previous results during the reporting period. Underground water levels also consistent and stable.

Blasting

- i. There were 42 blast events conducted at MCC Open Cut Operations between 1 April and 30 June 2015. All results for the reporting period were below criteria.

Complaints

- i. The complaint history until 31 August 2015 was presented to the CCC. There was a general discussion around the types of complaints and where the complaints were coming from. The process for responding to complaints was discussed.

9. Submissions

Nil

10. Announcements

Nil

11. Items arising from General Business

Nil

12. Next Meeting

Tuesday, 1 December 2015

Meeting will be held at 12:00pm in the Board Room at Muswellbrook Coal Company Administrative Office. A sandwich lunch and refreshments shall be provided.

A site inspection will be held dependent on the weather and availability of committee members.

13. Adjourn Meeting

Meeting closed at 12.45pm.

A site inspection was conducted by Julie Thomas with Eddie Love and Ray Butchard in attendance.