



OVERVIEW		
Meeting	Community Consultative Committee	
Date	18/05/2017 Time 9.00am	
Venue	Boggabri Coal Boardroom	
Chairperson	David Ross	
Presenter	Daniel Martin, Peter Forbes	
Attendees	Richard Gillham (RG), Daniel Martin (DM), Peter Forbes (PF), David Ross (DR), Ron Campbell (RC), Geoff Eather (GE), Anna Christie (AC), Dan Yates (DY), Catherine Collier (CC), Roz Druce (RD), Sue Kirkby (SK), Greg Griffiths (GG)	
Observer		
Guests		
Apologies	Mitchum Neave (MN), Ray Balks (RB)	
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1. Apologies: - Mitchum Neave (MN), Ray Balks (RB)

2. Declarations of Pecuniary Interests:

(RG) declared that his property is located in the zone of affectation.

- (RC) declared that he owns a company; Namoi Waste that deals with Boggabri Coal.
- (DR) declared that he is paid a fee for his chairing services.
- (GG) declared that he has provided RAP services to BCO

3. Acceptance of previous minutes:

Moved by (CC) that the previous minutes be accepted. (DR) Minutes moved and endorsed.

4. Business from previous minutes:

(DR) Has been in contact with Steven Cox (PIA Mapping). Information on the biodiversity reforms is now on exhibition, go to www.landmanagement.nsw.gov.au before the 21st June 2017 (Action closed). Mapping will not be available until 2018.

(DR) Alex Cockerill was invited to attend this meeting but had prior engagements, it is hoped he will be able to attend the next CCC meeting in August

(RC) Has spoken to the Director of Engineering (NSC), there is no road repair schedule at this stage due to

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changes in NSC Management. The schedule should be available by the end of July and a good deal of work has been completed on this already

- (AC) With regard to the report on the student site visit, Kerri Clarke has provided AC with a slide show of this visit
- (DR) suggested that we see the slide show at the end of the meeting
- (PF) Has been in touch with the EPA regarding regional dust monitoring and dust generally. The EPA is currently establishing a sub-committee but are running behind schedule. Once the sub-committee has been formed PF to notify the CCC Boggabri Coal are also keen to be on the committee.
- (AC) Independent research is showing there is more dust the closer you are to the mine, this independent research is adding to the knowledge base.
- (AC) Believes that the EPA senior management are seriously considering an Upper Hunter type model but internal dissidence within the EPA is halting progress on this
- (AC) The Leard Forest Research Node in connection with the Voices of the Valley will be travelling to meet with the Victorian EPA to look at an array of monitoring and community consultation on the 16th & 17th of June, an invitation has been sent to NSC
- (PF) Made the comment that Lindsay Fulloon from the EPA did not appear to be for or against any concepts at this stage
- (DM) The Noise Monitoring Location Map can be found in the Noise Management Plan on the Idemitsu Website. Please contact Dan if you need help finding this

5. Correspondence:

NSW DP&E, RMS, NSC

Request and approval of a one-off transport of a coal sample (10 Tonnes) by road due to the packing requirements for transport to a specialist laboratory facility in Germany via the Port of Newcastle.

NSW DP&E, DPI- Water, OEH, NWLLS

Submission of revised Water Management Plans for MOD5 bore field.

NSW Department Industry and Investment – Resources and Energy

Submission & approval of amendment to Mining Operations Plan (MOP) updating active mining area and including reference to the completed construction work & MOD5 bore field infrastructure.

Submission of annual exploration report for Authorisation No. 355 & No. No.339. No exploration was conducted within these Authorisations in between April 2016 to April 2017.

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Submission and approval of a revised Cultural Heritage Management Plan to include MOD5 infrastructure and changes to methods used for undertaking cultural heritage inspections.

EPA

Submission of Annual Return for Environmental Protection Licence Annual Return in March 17.

NSC

Comments received from Council on Social Impact Management Plan, BCM to consult with NSC.

(DR): What process has there been in the past when Management Plans are changed

(DM): Boggabri Management Plans are consulted with the CCC were required to by the planning approval, before the changes are sent to DoPI

(CC): Re: SIMP, what changes were made to the final document regarding the items of concern that were discussed by the NSC and the CCC?

(DM): Happy to send through the final SIMP once finalised with NSC before it is submitted to DoPI

DP&E, DPI- Resources and Energy

Submission of BCM 2016 Annual Environmental Management Report

6. Company Reports & Reviews:

Presentation

Noise Monitoring:

(RD): Are BCOP seeking changes to the Industrial Noise Policy?

(DM & PF): At this point Boggabri Coal are not requesting any changes to the industrial noise policy as the project is within the required noise levels

Air Quality Monitoring: No comments

Ground Water Monitoring: No comments

Rainfall: No comments

GG arrived and apologised for being late

Exploration:

(AC): Goonbri Creek comes inside part of BCOP A339 area and it is known to have Koala present.

(DR): This would be better discussed with Alex Cockerill hopefully at the next meeting

(DM): This lease area forms part of a possible underground resource and BCOP is not planning any exploration there and there has been no physical exploration activities in this area for the past 12 months

Environmental Event:

(PF): Spoke about this slide in the presentation

(AC): BCOP has displayed an important show of corporate ethics & good faith by self-reporting; there should never have been a caution letter written by DP&E

(CC): Agreed that it was excessive for the DP&E to issue a caution letter

(AC): Proposed that a letter should be drafted to the DoPE for removal of the Official Caution. The DoPE should be encouraging self reporting and this type of action can discourage this. (DR): What are CCC member's thoughts on this issue?

(RD): How else do the public know of these events if a letter is not issued?

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(PF): The public can be informed through forums like the CCC & reporting

(DM): Any caution letters or incidents are always presented in the BCOP CCC presentation

*Action – (DR): Would draft a letter to the DoPE in response to the Official Caution and would request (AC) to provide assistance in drafting.

(AC): Is it possible for BCOP to share the post clearing report with the CCC?

*Action-(DM): Provide a copy of the post clearing report to the CCC

(GG): It would be good to have the post clearing report to compare the flora & fauna before and after clearing

(DR): Further discussion on this should be put on hold until Alex Cockerill is present to answer questions

(RD): Where can the collection of seedlings report be found

(DM): In the annual report if seed collection occurred on site. However the project have contracted a company that undertake seed collection activities.

(DY): Suggested that DM go through the annual report with RD

Community Complaints:

Community Sponsorship

(PF): Commented on the \$40k donated to the Gunnedah Girls Academy

(DY): Explained the concept of the girls academy and why BCOP is supporting the idea

(RG): The academy is a wonderful idea and well done BCOP for supporting

(GG): This is the first time girls have been targeted, great idea

(GG): Waterways Wildlife Park need a contact email so they can send a request for sponsorship

7. General Business

BCOS Update:

(PF): Gave a general overview of where the BCOS Project is up to, he explained that BGC had been awarded the contract for waste removal & maintenance over Downer and that BCOP will be taking over the mining of coal. The drill & blast contract is yet to be announced

(RC): What are the plans regarding equipment?

(PF): Currently some equipment on site is owned by BCOP and some is leased and some is owned by Downer, it is understood that BGC have some management alliances with Komatsu

(CC): Will BGC be bringing their own people?

(DY): For a large percentage of the work force currently at BC it will just be a change of shirt, we have some great operators here and we are not planning to bring in FIFO workers

(PF): If anyone has any queries they can ring Peter Forbes

(GG): Whitehaven is currently employing several indigenous workers to look after weed spraying, fencing repairs & odd jobs, they have also secured the contract for revegetation BCOP should be looking to build a relationship with the aboriginal community and be trying to help.

Questions:

(RG): With the change of contractors what is the chance of the new mine entry via the old haul road?

(PF): Hoping to have the new mine entry open in the next few month, the rail signalling has been causing the hold up. The haul road is already being used for heavy vehicle deliveries

(RG): Noticed a higher than usual volume of traffic along Rangari Road

(CC): It was mentioned at the Boggabri Business Promotions meeting that Whitehaven would soon be using the haul road as their mine access

(DY): Will get back to CCC with final agreements

(RC): About the high volume of traffic on the Rangari Road, a lot of people go to Tamworth this way

(AC): Other people have been reporting higher volumes of traffic on Rangari Road, WH have stopped their mini bus on this route

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(PF): Management are often communicating with work force re: driving behaviour

(GG): Access over the Iron Bridge between 6- 7am seems to work ok. I am the unofficial bus superintendent for WH and there has never been a bus on the Manilla route, it may be worth putting to WH the proposal to run a Manilla bus

(RC): Will find out from Council what the plans are for the Iron Bridge

*Action (RC): Find archive counter records for Manilla road use

(AC): Have heard that an offset shared with WH is no longer a shared offset?

(DM): Not aware of this

(AC): Was BCOP consulted by WH that they were going to burn some of their offsets?

(DM): Notified by email

(AC): The local fire brigade was not consulted

(DR): This needs to be discussed in the joint CCC meeting

(AC): Consulting should be a prerequisite before burning

(DM): BCOP BDMP includes fire management

(PF): BCOP has no problem discussing with CCC

(DY): Even in an emergency the CCC could be contacted

(RD): The community needs to be involved

(DM): BCOP have discussions with the local fire captain before every fire season

(RG): This is nit-picking, procedures are being followed

(AC): This is different because it is biodiversity country

(DY): BCOP currently have no plans to burn

(DR): BCOP have answered all questions satisfactorily

(AC): When will BCOP be uploading their weather station data to their website?

(PF): There have been technical problems, data will not be uploaded while ever there is a risk that data will be misinterpreted

(PF): Happy to discuss this with AC after this meeting

(AC): What are the problems at the rail spur with subsidence? Satellite imagery have shown large amounts of concrete being poured.

(DY): BCOP own the rail corridor, trains would not be running if there was any risk of subsidence

(PF): This is an issue for the Rail Infrastructure Manager (RIM). Not aware of any of these issues and will look into it.

Meeting closed 11:02am

8. Next Meeting

Thursday 18/05/2017 9am

Meeting Closed at 11.25am

Actioned against	Action to be done
Ron Campbell	Find archive counter records for Manilla road use
Daniel Martin	Provide a copy of the post clearing report to the CCC

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Lynne MacKellar	Mail minutes to GG at 3 Jarmain Close Gunnedah - Ongoing
Lynne MacKellar	Phone call to GG to remind of next meeting - Ongoing
Kerri Clarke	Provide a report from the recent student site visit (From February meeting)
David Ross	Invite Alex Cockerill (Project Ecologist) to attend BC CCC meeting to answer
	questions relating to koala habitats (From February meeting)
David Ross	Draft a letter to the DoPE in response to the Official Caution and would request (AC) to provide assistance in drafting.
Ron Campbell	Supply road repair schedule for JB (From February meeting)

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