

Community Consultative Committee

Meeting Held: 16 May 2019 from 2:00pm

Venue: Boggabri Golf Club

1.0 Welcome

DR welcomed everyone to the Joint CCC and advised that Kerri Clarke and Anna Christie have both resigned. David Paull from Sustainable Living Armidale has joined the Maules Creek and Boggabri Coal CCCs in Kerri's place.

2.0 Present and Apologies

Present:

Anthony Margetts (AM) – Boggabri Coal	Catherine Collyer (CC) – BTM CCCs
Daniel Martin (DM) – Boggabri Coal	Darren Swain (DS) – MCCM
David Ross (DR) – Independent Chair	Debbie Corlet (DC) – Independent Secretary
Emma Bulkeley (EB) – MCCM	John Hamson (JHa) – Tarrawonga Coal
Jack Warnock (JW) – Maules Creek	Julie Heiler (JH) – Tarrawonga CCC
Libby Laird (LL) – Maules Creek	Mitchum Neave (MN) – Boggabri Coal CCC
Peter Forbes (PF) – Boggabri Coal	Ray Balks (RB) – Boggabri Coal
Richard Gillham (RGI) – Boggabri Coal CCC	Robert Kneale (RK) – Narrabri Shire Council
Ross Wilson (RW) – MCCM	Roz Druce (RD) – Boggabri Coal CCC
Sebastien Moreno (SB) – Tarrawonga Coal	Steve Eather (SE) – Maules Creek CCC
Tim McDermott (TM) – Boggabri Coal CCC	

Apologies:

David Paull (DP) – Maules Creek and Boggabri Coal CCCs	Nigel Wood (NW) – MCCM
Colleen Fuller (CF) – Gunnedah Shire Council	Geoff Eather (GE) – Boggabri Coal CCC
Rebecca Ryan - Tarrawonga CCC	Cameron Staines - Narrabri Shire Council
Simone Moodie (SMo) – Maules Creek CCC	

Guests: Lindsay Fulloon (LF) and Jacinta Hanemann (JH) – EPA. Nick Godfrey-Smith and Stuart Ross – ARTC

3.0 Declaration of Pecuniary or Non-Pecuniary Interests

SE – Has son who works for Boggabri Coal. MN – Has a daughter who works for WHC.

JH, RD, RGI & RG - Have properties that fall into the 'Zone of Affectation' for acquisition.

DR gets paid for chairing these meetings as does DC for typing the minutes.

4.0 Acceptance of Previous Minutes

November 2018 Joint CCC meeting – accepted by all.

5.0 Business Arising from Previous Minutes

All actions from previous meeting have been completed.

PF noted that the water models for the mines do indeed factor in climate variability.

DR – noted that no modifications have gone on exhibition since last Joint CCC.

DR sought input from members on his chairing and how he could improve it.

MN – We would like to see from the Departments – how they see the CCC community members and how they are functioning. Do they take from the CCCs any information for future projects and how to handle them? Re Dept of Planning – we don't know what they think and if we are doing a good job.

DR – To invite Steve O'Donoghue to talk about CCCs at the next meeting.

RD – Questions to the CCC prior to the meetings – should be an ongoing thing and more than 2 questions. Then have the questions addressed at the meeting.

Proposals were put forward by RD to have alternates and observers present at the Joint CCC meetings.

These were put to a vote. Majority of members agreed to having alternates attend. There was no clear majority with respect to having observers attend.

DR – Mixed response now – so will leave as is for the moment.

6.0 ARTC Presentation

ARTC Enviroline - enviroline@artc.com.au - 1300 550 402

ARTC gave a presentation on their network and environmental management, discussing issues such as dust and noise.

Volumes of traffic and where it goes to (pathways)?

In relation to Boggabri, all trains are heading to the port and back again. Total coal train movements – 6 is the total – could be coal – could be passenger.

Nick – To clarify that number.

Stuart noted that the rail corridor has a typical width of 30m. Don't have any specific buffer zones.

Air Quality – information is drawn from the EPA website. Why don't we cover wagons – evidence doesn't support that. Freight train and a coal train – the dust emissions are the same. Coal dust and diesel emissions – not a significant effect on particulate concentrations.

Dust increases when a train does go by – dust as the car or train goes by.

JH – There are a few people who live close when the trains are idling in the middle of the night. One of the trains idled for 24-hours, especially at night – it is loud.

Stuart – use that Enviroline Hotline and include things like the time of day/ night and direction the train is travelling and that will give us something to work with – we can discuss with the operator.

RD – The actual noise from the track – squeaking or rattling.

Stuart – sometimes there are track defects and the community are the best people to tell us. It is a defect that may just need a little bit of maintenance.

DR – Emphasised the community using the Enviroline.

Nick – It goes to the Corporate Affairs area and goes into a database which is there permanently. That would go to a local team to go and inspect. It's not a 24/7 life real-time. If a train is parked for 24 hours – who do, they get immediate response. We've got a Control Centre in Broadmeadow and they have visibility of the whole track.

CC – Can the loop be moved?

Nick – I've seen those come through – it's like shifting a road. We're aware of that and some discussion and requests to move the loop. Very long lead time and very expensive.

CC – The squealing of the brakes – so we can lodge those as well.

Stuart – profiles on the wagon may need to be looked at but always log it. With regards to ensuring that people can get the newsletter in the future, contact us on enviroline@artc.com.au and we can add people to the system.

MN – Complaints re the dust coming from the trains – can you not put in a dust monitor?

Nick – community wanting it in. I'm happy to give you my details and what you are thinking.

MN – The noise from the trains when they honk their horns – sometimes it goes for a very long time.

Stuart – It is for safety in the network rules, but drivers do have discretion for time they honk for. It could be a few seconds to a few minutes. That warrants a request.

Nick – Some drivers more considerate. There are a lot of issues at crossings. They are on guard. There is a town horn and a country horn. Country is more of a foghorn type. It is up to the driver, but they must sound the horn.

JH – Rules are rules.

DS – Is the newsletter electronic?

Nick – Will have to check if we can do newsletter electronically.

CC – Not covering the carriages. Doesn't that make dust a problem?

Jacinta – regulated and required by my team. Experts required to do the work – there wasn't much difference between loaded or unloaded – coal or freight – diesel – dust deposited over time from the network.

LF – To provide the link to dust studies.

JH – Rail corridor are you responsible for spraying for weeds. Called out for a fire – we had a few last year. Is there are a regular spraying?

Nick – yes. Gunnedah looks after this section up to Tarrawonga. A lot of calls are around weeds and vegetation. If any concerns, please call it through.

7.0 Company Updates on Strategies

Presentation by Boggabri Coal

Daniel presented on Boggabri Coal's main activities since the last Joint CCC.

Community Questions

JW – Maules Creek CCC – plantings in offset areas. East of the River – have you done a flood study and impact.

DM – No we haven't done. Space in between those trees is quite vast.

LL – At the Maules Creek meeting – Maules Creek will be using Boggabri to access water – does that require an application. Our community is not certain on that.

DM – It's part of our conditions. Documentation of BTM with Dept of Planning – no problem sharing water between the 3 mines.

LL – Can we have the wording of the condition?

DM - I will take on notice which condition number it is and the wording.

DM – Re the BTM water management strategy, it will be released as soon as it has been approved. Number of stakeholders provided input – questions have all been answered. Back with the Department of Planning this week.

LL – So water sharing not under the current one?

DM – Considered as an approval provisions and then placed into a document. In Schedule 3.

DM – Why are you concerned about the impacts?

LL – It might require a modification.

DM – Maules Creek is transferring across to us. Gap, we use on site and what we can go to.

LL – What is the gap?

DM – Will take on notice re gap. ACTION

JH – When does the transfer start?

DM – It hasn't been approved by the Dept yet.

JH – Is it a 2-metre drawdown – who is responsible?

DM – As it is ours – it is our responsibility.

LL – Is it metred?

DM – Yes, it is 100%.

Presentation by Maules Creek Coal

Darren presented on Maules Creek Coal's main activities since the last Joint CCC.

Community Questions

RD – How much water do you have on site?

DS – Both dams are full. There is water in East pit.

RD – Which buildings are you going to remove on your properties?

DS – Teston House has been removed as it had asbestos in it. I don't know about the others. Biodiversity areas. Olivedene House – will remain – Elderslie has a tenant in.

RD – How many houses?

DS – I don't know but I can get you the answers.

RGi – The Dust-A-Side – what sort of chemicals are used in it?

JHa – Dustaside is a molasses-based product – environmentally friendly? You can eat it, if you wanted to.

Jacinta introduced the work that her area of the EPA does. Metro Infrastructure Centre – regulation of projects within the metro such as the light rail. Regulate the rail network across the state. Key things – regulations – environmental licence – ARTC licence – they talked about the tracks – we also licence the track operators – the locomotives – we don't have a direct relationship with those operators who run them.

Coal dust emissions from coal trains – through Hunter Valley – applicable to areas across the NSW network. Also, noise. We have noise limits – it must meet specific criteria. Monitor the rail squeals – where there are issues – data goes back to the operators. Transport NSW – big program with freight operators and where they might squeal and will be replaced after 10 years.

If you're still having issues and not getting traction with ARTC, then advise us about that. 131 500 and provide an email address as well.

JH – Can we put you on the Green Flyer.

Jacinta – yes definitely.

Tarrawonga Presentation

Sebastian presented on Tarrawonga Coal's main activities since the last Joint CCC.

RGi – Joint request – there was another accident on Braymont Road – all roads east of the mine should be tarred. There are only 2 farm workers, so they aren't creating the dust. The driver moved over in the dust and collected a tree. No one about – so no one hurt.

Someone was killed on ANZAC Day near that spot.

LL – Dust A Side – can you put this on the road?

RK – I'm not aware of Dust A Side and I think something was trailed a few years ago and it was too slippery.

SM noted that the mine is expecting to place a modification on exhibition in Q3 of calendar year.

ACTION - DR to notify Joint CCC members of modifications (ongoing).

8.0 Other Business

LL – Re Project approval water, that should be for all of the mines.

BTM mines to identify project approval conditions and the wording re sharing of water.

DR – Thanked Lindsay and Jacinta.

Meeting closed at 4:28pm.

Action List

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2	1	Steve O'Donoghue to be invited to the next meeting to talk about the CCCs.	David Ross
2	2	Follow up on the number of trains	Nick Godfrey-Smith
3	3	To check if we can do newsletters electronically.	Nick Godfrey-Smith
4	4	To provide the link to the dust studies	Lindsay Fulloon
4	5	DM – to identify which condition number relates to BTM sharing water. DM – Will take on notice re gap	Daniel Martin
5	6	DS – to report back on the number of houses that will be removed.	Darren Swain
5	7	Notify Joint CCC members of any forthcoming modifications.	David Ross
5	8	Project approval water – to go to all mines – ACTION – project approval conditions and the wording.	All Mines