

Maxwell Infrastructure Community Consultative Committee Meeting Minutes

Time and date: 10.00am on Wednesday 11 September 2019

Location: Maxwell Infrastructure Meeting Room

Attendees: Gerrit de Boer – Community Representative
Mark Bowditch – Community Representative
Peter Horder – Community Representative
Robert Halloran – Community Representative
Ron Baxter – Community Representative
Donna McLaughlin – Malabar Coal and acting Chairperson
Rob Hayes – Malabar Coal
Bill Dean – Malabar Coal

Apologies: Carolyn O’Brien – Muswellbrook Shire Council
Jennifer Lecky – Chairperson
Rebecca Harcus – Malabar Coal

Planned Meeting Agenda:

No	Topic	Who
1	Housekeeping and safety	Donna McLaughlin
2	Welcome - attendees and apologies	Chairperson
3	Declaration of pecuniary interests	Chairperson
4	Confirm minutes from previous meeting	Chairperson
5	Actions from previous meeting	Chairperson
6	Maxwell Project update	Bill Dean
7	Site tour	All
8	Lunch	All
9	Environmental performance and management plans	Donna McLaughlin
10	Community	Donna McLaughlin
11	General business	Chairperson
12	Next meeting	Chairperson

13	Meeting close	Chairperson
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1. Housekeeping and safety

Donna McLaughlin provided information on housekeeping and safety.

2. Welcome - attendees and apologies

Meeting opened at 10.04 am. Apologies received from Carolyn O'Brien, Jennifer Lecky and Rebecca Harcus.

3. Declaration of pecuniary interests

Mark Bowditch declared he was attending as an independent community member and not as a Councillor.

4. Confirm minutes from previous meeting

Minutes were accepted by Gerrit de Boer and seconded by Peter Horder.

5. Actions from previous meeting

Action 1 - A site tour of mine rehabilitation progress and the underground project site will be organised for members at the CCC meeting in September – Donna McLaughlin noted that a site tour has been included as part of the meeting today.

6. Maxwell Project update

Bill Dean presented on the progress of the Maxwell Underground Project including an overview of the project, mine layouts, mine infrastructure and project timeline. Bill Dean noted that the Environmental Impact Statement is on public exhibition until the 24 September and encouraged members of the community to provide feedback on the project.

Mark Bowditch questioned whether Malabar could sell the reject material. Rob Hayes noted that the exercise would be marginal due to the clay content in the fines.

Mark Bowditch questioned where the drift fan would be located. Bill Dean noted that it would be located within the mine entry area.

Peter Horder questioned if the bathhouse would be utilised. Bill Dean noted that a new bathhouse would be established at the mine entry area however Malabar would continue to utilise the other facilities at the bathhouse including meeting rooms.

Ron Baxter questioned how often the long wall would need to be taken off site. Bill Dean noted that it would likely occur once a year.

Peter Horder questioned if the additional proposed stockpile would have sprays for dust suppression. Bill Dean confirmed that it would have sprays for dust suppression.

Mark Bowditch questioned if there would be traffic impacts during shift change. Bill Dean noted that the Maxwell Project would have either 8 or 10.5 hour shifts which would be different to surrounding mines.

Gerrit de Boer noted that there had been a noise issue in the past with trains idling. Bill Dean noted that there was no increase to rail movements as part of the Maxwell Project. Rob Hayes also noted that Malabar was committed to ensuring the issue did not occur again.

7. Site tour

The CCC undertook a site tour of the rehabilitation of the Maxwell Infrastructure site and proposed Maxwell Project area.

9. Environmental Performance and Management plans

Donna McLaughlin provided a rehabilitation update noting that 53 hectares of rehabilitation had been completed in 2019. Donna McLaughlin also noted that a winter weed spraying program and wild dog and fox baiting program had been completed.

There had been no 24-hour average PM₁₀ exceedances during the June to August 2019 period.

10. Community

No complaints were received during the June to August 2019 period.

Donna McLaughlin discussed community sponsorships and events including the North Rothbury RFS, Denman District Development Association and Wildlife Aid.

11. General Business

None.

12. Next Meeting

It was agreed that the next CCC meeting would be held on Wednesday 11 December 2019 at 11 am.

13. Meeting Close

Donna McLaughlin thanked members for their participation and the meeting was closed at 12.46 pm.