

**SPUR HILL UNDERGROUND COKING COAL PROJECT
COMMUNITY CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF MEETING HELD AT THE
MERTON VINEYARD DENMAN
ON WEDNESDAY 3 FEBRUARY 2021 AT 5.30PM**

PRESENT	NAME	ORGANISATION									
	Margaret MacDonald-Hill (MMH)	Independent Chairperson									
	Wayne Seabrook (WS)	Spur Hill Management Pty Ltd									
	Michelle Gibson (MG) [alternate for Emma Prince]	Mining, Exploration & Geoscience (Department of Regional NSW)									
	Cr Stephen Ward (SW)	Muswellbrook Shire Council									
	Aaron Moon (AM)	Community Representative									
	Donna McLaughlin (DM)	Manager Health, Safety, Environment & Community – Malabar Coal									
	Tim Wolfgang (TW)	Community Representative									
	Fiona Webber (FW)	Community Representative									
	Brett Keeping (BK)	Group Representative - Vignerons & Vineyards									
	Susan Pickersgill (SP)	Community Representative									
	James Johnson (JJ)	General Manager Development and Operations for the Maxwell UG Project									
APOLOGIES	John Sowter	Community Representative									
	Les Jones	Community Representative									
	Emma Prince	Mining, Exploration & Geoscience (Department of Regional NSW)									
	Noel Downs	Group Representative - Wanaruah Local Aboriginal Land Council									
IN ATTENDANCE	Lisa Andrews	Independent Minute Taker									
WELCOME	The meeting was opened at 5.32pm with the Chair welcoming back CCC members for 2021. MMH introduced James Johnson, General Manager Development and Operations for the Maxwell UG Project. JJ was invited to provide some background on his professional career.										
DECLARATION OF INTEREST	The Chair advised that there has been no change to her usual declaration appointed by the Deputy Premier, Minister for Regional New South Wales, Industry and Trade to chair this meeting.	No amendments to previously stated declarations from CCC members present.									
CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES	The minutes of the previous meeting of 14 October 2020 were confirmed.	Moved: FW Seconded: SP									
BUSINESS ARISING	<p>Action Items from 14/10/20:</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>ITEM</th> <th>ISSUE</th> <th>RESPONSIBILITY</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>1</td> <td>Provide link to IPC website streaming of Public Hearing</td> <td>DM</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2</td> <td>Provide summary of TEOM data explaining spike that occurred in August 2020</td> <td>DM</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>No other business arising</p>	ITEM	ISSUE	RESPONSIBILITY	1	Provide link to IPC website streaming of Public Hearing	DM	2	Provide summary of TEOM data explaining spike that occurred in August 2020	DM	<p>1 Complete – 15 & 21/10/20</p> <p>2 Complete – covered in presentation.</p>
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1	Provide link to IPC website streaming of Public Hearing	DM									
2	Provide summary of TEOM data explaining spike that occurred in August 2020	DM									
CORRESPONDENCE	As emailed with meeting notice on 20 January 2021. No discussion.										
PRESENTATION ON SPUR HILL UNDERGROUND COKING COAL PROJECT UPDATE	<p>WS commenced the presentation, advising that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> In January 2021, Malabar submitted the annual activity report for EL7429 in accordance with the Exploration Guideline: Annual Activity Reporting for Prospecting Titles. 	<p>A hard copy of the presentation was provided to all members.</p> <p>Questions were asked and answered throughout the presentation.</p>									

<p>• Year 2 of the current work program for EL7429 focuses on a 2D seismic exploration program to better understand the resource and how the seams interconnect between EL7429 and EL5460.</p> <p>Community Consultative Committees WS advised that Malabar Resources has the following CCC's:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Spur Hill CCC – Spur Hill Underground ▪ Maxwell Infrastructure CCC – Maxwell Infrastructure site ▪ Antiene CCC – Joint CCC with BHP focusing on the Antiene Rail Spur ▪ A requirement to establish a new CCC for the Maxwell UG Project under SSD 9526. <p>As discussed with the CCC in previous meetings, Malabar are seeking to combine CCC's to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Streamline information provided to the community. ▪ Provide consistent information across all projects. ▪ Provide CCC members with an update across all projects and long term strategy. <p>Malabar Resources is proposing to combine and reduce the number of CCC's to the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Combined Maxwell and Spur Hill CCC – this will cover the recently approved Maxwell UG Project (which incorporates Maxwell Infrastructure) and Spur Hill Underground (EL 7429) ▪ Antiene CCC - Joint CCC with BHP focusing on the Antiene Rail Spur. <p>The CCC would be established in accordance with the DPIE's Community Consultative Committee Guidelines: State Significant Projects and meet the requirements of the Ministerial Charter.</p> <p>All existing members would be encouraged to apply. Coolmore and Godolphin horse studs would be invited to participate. CCC meetings would continue on a quarterly basis or as required with the venue and meeting time – to be discussed with both CCC's.</p> <p>MMH explained that this CCC (SHUCC) is a Ministerial committee, which operates under its own Charter; whereas the new Maxwell UG Project CCC will operate under the Department of Planning guidelines for SSDs. MMH stated there are synergies with each and as there is an existing community of interest, it makes good sense to combine the committees and also acknowledged it is a better resource of the community members' commitment and time as voluntary representatives.</p> <p>For this to occur, there would be a formal procedure to seek approval from the Minister and the Department. MMH asked members to consider this option and to remain as community representatives if the two CCCs were combined.</p> <p>MMH reminded members that the Minister has approved the membership of members on the SHUCC CCC for a further two year period and that under the DPIE</p>	
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<p>MAXWELL UNDERGROUND PROJECT UPDATE</p>	<p>guidelines, regional CCC meetings may also occur. Accordingly, MMH recommended having a combined CCCs meeting in June and for SHUCCP members to participate and consider their willingness to continue their roles on a combined CCC, should this be approved by the Minister and Secretary of DPIE.</p> <p>MMH proposed that the next meeting of the SHUCC CCC be held on 9 June 2021 at 10am with the Maxwell Infrastructure CCC at the Maxwell Infrastructure site.</p> <p>DM advised similar discussions had already occurred with the Maxwell Infrastructure CCC and that they would be presented with the same information during their March meeting.</p> <p>BK commented that this was a Denman based committee and questioned whether it was still relevant for the Denman community representatives to continue in the role, given it has predominantly moved to the Maxwell Project in Muswellbrook. WS responded that the Maxwell Underground Project will be a large employer in the area and user of local services, providing positive impacts in the Muswellbrook, Jerrys Plains and Denman district.</p> <p>MMH recognised members’ value as local community representatives, stating that whilst this CCC could operate as a ministerial committee for another two years, the combination of the committees would be more efficient and less demanding on their time.</p> <p>AM commented that he still receives enquiries from the community on the progress of the SHUCC project and there is still a lot of interest.</p> <p>WS advised that Malabar were not looking for a decision today and just wanted members to consider the option of combining the CCCs. MMH advised that should the CCCs be combined, they could alternate the meeting locations between Denman and the Maxwell Infrastructure offices.</p> <p>SW enquired whether there is likely to be a rail connection going across the Hunter River for Spur Hill. WS responded that this will not be occurring.</p> <p>On 22 December 2020, the NSW Independent Planning Commission approved the development application for the Maxwell Underground Coal Mine Project (SSD 9526), in accordance with Part 4 of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979 (the Act).</p> <p>Further information may be found on the website at: https://www.planningportal.nsw.gov.au/major-projects/project/10151</p> <p>JJ advised that currently Malabar are working on post approval documentation and management plans, as well as coordinating with relevant government agencies through the next stages. Detailed designs and tender works for internal earthworks are currently being prepared. Malabar is committed to using local contractors where possible.</p>	
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<p>MAXWELL INFRASTRUCTURE</p>	<p>Key roles, such as an Underground Mine Manager, Construction Manager, H&S Coordinator are currently being advertised, with good interest being received.</p> <p>BK asked when it was proposed to 'strike the first blow' with WS stating we were planning to commence construction mid-year and late 2023 for delivering coal.</p> <p>BK asked about blasting impacts. WS noted that a small number of blasts are likely to be required during construction of the transport corridor and mine entry area however, blasting impacts are likely to be substantially less than those associated with open cut coal mines.</p> <p>No blasting is required during underground operations.</p> <p>WS/DM agreed to provide the CCC with a copy of the further information that was supplied to the Department regarding blasting impacts.</p> <p>FW asked if there were any conditions of the development consent that the company were not expecting. WS responded that the draft conditions were proposed by DPIE in October 2020, so Malabar were aware of what was planned. The IPC has amended a few conditions, but Malabar were comfortable with these changes.</p> <p>Rehabilitation activities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Approximately 32 hectares of land was prepared for planting. ▪ 36,000 plants were planted. ▪ Weed spraying continued. ▪ Wild dog trapping continued on buffer land. ▪ 20 nest boxes installed on rehabilitation. ▪ Annual Ecological monitoring undertaken. <p>Cattle Grazing Trial</p> <p>Grazing trial to continue in 2021 to improve species diversity. The trial aims to create a landform that is compatible with the surrounding landscape and capable of a productive land use. Malabar are working with a local farmer from the Denman area. 17 steers arrived on site in December 2020.</p>	<p>Information to be provided to CCC</p>
<p>PM₁₀ INVESTIGATION</p>	<p>Action Item 2 from previous minutes:</p> <p>DM provided a summary of the spike that occurred in mid-August 2020:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There was a spike in the 24 - hour average PM₁₀ on the 19th of August. • This coincided with a southerly front that moved across NSW. Dust levels were elevated across the Hunter Valley on this day. • Wind was predominantly from the North West and this monitor was downwind of the Maxwell Infrastructure site for 1 per cent of the day. <p>There were no exceedances of the PM₁₀ criteria for the October to December 2020 reporting period.</p>	
<p>COMMUNITY UPDATE</p>	<p>PCYC Humble Homes</p> <p>In October, Malabar donated \$1000 towards the PCYC Humble Homes Program which helps to rehome local</p>	

	<p>families relocating from domestic violence situations and provides housing services for homeless youth under 25. Malabar also donated seven care packs that included essential items such as a sleeping bag, school bag, drink bottle and toiletries.</p> <p>Denman Junior Rugby League Football Club During 2020 Malabar continued to be the club sponsor for the Denman Junior Rugby League Football Club. On 1 November, Malabar attended the end of year season presentation.</p> <p>Muswellbrook High School NAIDOC Week Malabar provided funding for Muswellbrook High School's NAIDOC celebrations held on Thursday 12 November and Friday 13 November 2020. The celebrations were a whole school event acknowledging Aboriginal culture and history.</p> <p>PCYC Christmas Trees In December, Malabar donated 20 Christmas trees and decorations to families within the Muswellbrook and Singleton areas. This was coordinated through PCYC Muswellbrook and Singleton.</p> <p>PCYC Christmas Hamper and Toy Appeal In December, Malabar donated food and gifts towards the PCYC Christmas Food and Toy Appeal. The program delivered over 200 hampers to families in need throughout the Upper Hunter Valley. Malabar staff also volunteered to help prepare the hampers to be distributed.</p> <p>Aberdeen Fire + Rescue Santa Run In December, Malabar donated funds towards the purchase of confectionary for the Aberdeen Santa lolly run.</p> <p>Roohaven Wildlife Sanctuary In December, Malabar donated \$1500 to Roohaven Wildlife to support the rescue, care and release of orphaned and injured native wildlife in the area.</p>	
<p>COMPLAINTS REGISTER</p>	<p>No complaints registered since previous CCC meeting. No complaints registered for 2020.</p>	
<p>GENERAL BUSINESS</p>	<p>General discussion on dissemination of community information in absence of local media. SP suggested putting an article in the Hunter River Times News providing an update on the projects.</p>	<p>WS/DM to investigate</p>
<p>NEXT MEETING</p>	<p>MMH asked if all members were happy to wait until the proposed combined meeting in June. No objections were raised, accordingly, it was proposed that the next meeting of the two CCCs will take place at the Maxwell Project site office, Thomas Mitchell Drive, Muswellbrook on Wednesday 9 June 2021 with the commencement time to be confirmed.</p>	<p>ACTION: Members to provide feedback to MMH on preferred commencement time.</p>

Meeting closed at 6.15pm with MMH thanking all members for their attendance and participation

ACTION ITEM

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1	Members to provide feedback to MMH on preferred commencement time for combined CCC meeting.	All
2	Provide CCC members with blasting information for Maxwell Project	DM/MMH
3	Publication of community information – consider local newspaper	WS/DM