

## MEETING MINUTES

**Subject:** Community Consultative Committee (CCC)

**Date & Time:** 21/03/2018 at 15:30

**Location:** Maxwell Infrastructure Meeting Room

**Attendees:**

- Jennifer Lecky – Chair
- Gerrit DeBoer – Resident
- Ron Baxter – Resident
- Rob Halloran – Resident
- Rob Hayes – Malabar
- Brooke York – Malabar

**Apologies:**

- Peter Horder – Resident
- Council did not attend

### Planned Meeting Agenda:

Item	Item	Who
1	Welcome Attendees / Apologies	Chair
2	Actions from Previous Minutes	Chair
3	Declaration of Pecuniary Interests	Chair
4	Introducing Malabar	Rob Hayes
5	Report on Drayton's Environmental Performance	Brooke York
6	Reports, Submissions & Correspondence	Chair
7	General Business	Chair
8	Next Meeting	Chair
9	Meeting Close	Chair

**1. Welcome Attendees / Apologies**

Meeting opened at 15:30. *Rob Hayes* welcomed all in attendance.

**2. Acceptance of and Actions from Previous Minutes**

There were no actions from the previous minutes. Minutes were accepted by *Gerrit DeBoer* and seconded by *Ron Baxter*.

**3. Declaration of Pecuniary Interests**

Nil pecuniary interests declared. The meaning of pecuniary interests was discussed.

**4. Introducing Malabar**

*Rob Hayes* handed over control of the meeting to *Jennifer Lecky*.

*Rob Hayes* presented an overview of Malabar Coal (Malabar).

The CCC asked about the possible methods for filling the voids. (*Rob Hayes*) The plan at this stage is to use washery rejects from a proposed underground. Transport for the material will likely include a combination of pumping and trucking however the methodology is yet to be determined by Malabar.

*Gerrit Deboer* stated that train noise, particularly idling noise, is historically an issue for the site and he would not like to see a return to the noise levels that were experienced at neighbouring residences before noise mitigation strategies were put in place. *Rob Hayes* stated that Malabar will be working with the community to ensure that any concerns are addressed.

A question was raised regarding plans for tenancies to the North of Thomas Mitchell Drive. *Rob Hayes* responded that *Donna McLaughlin*, the new Environment and Community Manager will visit the tenants to establish a relationship.

Questions were raised about mining at EL5460. *Rob Hayes* stated the EL5460 lease now includes a condition that prohibits open-cut mining. The area of the lease has also been reduced with the removal of the area that sat to the south of the Golden Highway.

The CCC were interested in the plans for moving coal from the underground to the infrastructure. *Rob Hayes* said the planning is in the early stages and is likely to include overland conveying, and possibly trucking or a combination.

The size and quality of the coal resource was raised along with implications for the local economy in jobs; wages; export income; taxes and royalties. *Ron Baxter* asked if the workforce would be contractors or permanent employees. *Rob Hayes* said it is yet to be determined. Consent is required before the process of employing personnel, acquiring equipment and installing infrastructure for the underground can begin.

The current structure of the company was discussed along with current activities. *Rob Hayes* noted that *Bill Dean* is the General Manager and listed the other staff that have been retained by Malabar. The activities required by the consent, including the environmental monitoring, will continue without interruption. The rehabilitation work has begun. Contractors are being engaged with the plan being to complete 83Ha this year.

**5. Report on Drayton's Environmental Performance**

Brooke York presented a report on Drayton's environmental performance for the period since the last Community Consultative Committee (CCC) meeting.

A map of Drayton's monitoring locations was displayed.

#### 5.1 *Enquiries and Complaints*

No complaints have been received in the period since the last CCC meeting. One enquiry received on 13/02/2018 was discussed, relating to fire safety. The enquiry related to track grinding work. Drayton was not responsible for the work.

#### 5.2 *Rainfall History*

Rainfall chart was presented. It was noted that 2018 has been generally dry despite recent rainfall with monthly rainfall below average for the first two months of the year.

#### 5.3 *Blasting*

There has been no blasting since October 2016 when mining ceased at Drayton. Malabar have no plans to recommence blasting in the near future.

#### 5.4 *Air Quality*

Monitoring data for December 2017, January 2018 and February 2018 was displayed for the CCC. Data viewed and discussed included:

- High Volume Air Sampler (HVAS) Total Suspended Particulates (TSP) data for the period as well as long term annual trends
- Tapered Element Oscillating Microbalance (TEOM) Particulate Matter less than 10 microns diameter (PM10) data for the period and compared to the Muswellbrook Upper Hunter Air Quality Monitoring Network PM10 results

It was noted that there were two occasions when the PM10 levels recorded by the TEOM exceeded applicable limits. The elevated levels were recorded on dates when the Upper Hunter Air Quality Monitoring Network monitor in Muswellbrook also exceeded the limit of 50  $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ . This indicates that the level recorded was influenced by regional air quality and may have been due to fires burning nearby. The elevated levels correlated to south easterly winds and were therefore not recorded when the wind at the monitoring location was from the direction of Drayton. The HVAS trends show levels are elevated compared to last year. Considering the lack of operations at Drayton, this is likely to be linked to the drier than average conditions.

#### 5.5 *Attended Noise Monitoring*

Independent Attended Noise Monitoring results for evening and night periods were displayed for the past three months. Drayton's acoustic consultant completes evening and night monitoring on a monthly basis. Daytime monitoring is completed quarterly. As expected, with only security personnel onsite during evening and night-time periods, no audible noise was identified from Drayton.

#### 5.6 *Water Storage*

Water storage levels and capacity for the period were viewed. Drayton is currently storing approximately 10,475 ML and has a storage capacity of approximately 36,137 ML. Current storages are more than adequate to contain water flows into the system without discharge. The voids are gradually filling due to the lack of water usage onsite. Drayton does not discharge water from the

mine site and the only water imported to site is potable water. Dam volumes are reducing considerably due to the dry weather and lack of water being pumped around site for mining processes.

#### 5.7 Waste Management

General waste and metal recycling figures for the past three months were viewed. Volumes were significantly higher than the previous period due to a clean-up undertaken in December 2017.

### 6. Reports, Submissions and Correspondence

None

### 7. General Business

It was noted that *Matt Lord* has left and a new Environment and Community Manager (*Donna McLaughlin*) will be joining the company at the end of this month.

Maxwell Underground is expected to require a CCC if approved. As Maxwell infrastructure, Maxwell Underground and Spur Hill are all adjoining and owned by Malabar, it may be proposed to consolidate the CCC meeting for all three sites.

### 8. Next Meeting

The next CCC meeting was scheduled for the 20<sup>th</sup> June 2018 (TBC). This will be a joint CCC meeting with Mt Arthur Coal to be held at Maxwell Infrastructure. We will confirm and send invitations to all members.

### 9. Meeting Close

*Jennifer Lecky* thanked members for their participation and the meeting was closed at 16:50.