

**Maxwell Infrastructure Community Consultative Committee Meeting Minutes**

**Time and date:** 10.00am on Wednesday 12 June 2019

**Location:** Maxwell Infrastructure Meeting Room

**Attendees:** Jennifer Lecky – Chairperson  
Peter Horder – Community Representative  
Rob Hayes – Malabar Coal  
Rebecca Marcus – Malabar Coal  
Donna McLaughlin – Malabar Coal

**Apologies:** Carolyn O’Brien – Muswellbrook Shire Council

**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	Update on the Maxwell Underground Project	Donna McLaughlin
7	Update on the Maxwell Solar Project	Rob Hayes
8	Environmental performance and management plans	Donna McLaughlin
9	Reports, submissions and correspondence	Chairperson
10	General business	Chairperson
11	Next meeting	Chairperson
12	Meeting close	Chairperson

**1. Housekeeping and safety**

Donna McLaughlin provided information on housekeeping and safety.

**2. Welcome - attendees and apologies**

Meeting opened at 10.02 am.

**3. Declaration of pecuniary interests**

None.

**4. Confirm minutes from previous meeting**

Minutes were accepted by Peter Horder and seconded by Jennifer Lecky.

**5. Actions from previous meeting**

None.

**6. Update on the Maxwell Underground Project**

Donna McLaughlin presented on the progress of the Maxwell Underground Project including that most specialist studies were completed for the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS). The EIS is expected to be submitted to the Department of Planning and Environment (DP&E) in the next few months and will be put on public exhibition, giving the community an opportunity to provide feedback to DP&E.

Donna McLaughlin presented an overview of the project's Social Impact Assessment (SIA) including the project benefits, impacts and mitigation strategies. CCC members were invited to provide feedback directly to the SIA specialist, Dee Elliott – [Dee@elliottwhiteing.com.au](mailto:Dee@elliottwhiteing.com.au).

Jennifer Lecky questioned how the community or CCC members could be involved in deciding where contributions to Muswellbrook Shire Council (MSC) as part of the Voluntary Planning Agreement (VPA) are spent. Donna McLaughlin noted that discussions had commenced with MSC on the VPA. Rob Hayes noted that CCC members should discuss any potential projects directly with MSC.

**7. Update on the Maxwell Solar Project**

Rob Hayes presented on the progress of the Maxwell Solar Project including that specialist studies were being completed for the EIS, which is expected to be submitted to DP&E in the next few months.

Jennifer Lecky questioned whether the Maxwell Solar Project included a windfarm. Rob Hayes confirmed that the project does not include a windfarm and noted that media articles had associated the Maxwell Solar Project with a windfarm project being investigated by Epuron in the Bowmans Creek area, east of Muswellbrook. Rob Hayes confirmed that Epuron's windfarm project has no association with Malabar Coal.

**8. Environmental Performance and Management plans**

Donna McLaughlin advised that a revised Environmental Management Strategy was approved by DP&E on 16 April and a revised Environmental Monitoring Program was approved by DP&E on 5 June.

Donna McLaughlin provided a rehabilitation update.

*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 one elevated 24-hour average PM<sub>10</sub> result was recorded during the March to May 2019 period. This occurred on a Sunday, when Maxwell Infrastructure was not operating. The investigation found that predominant winds were not from the direction of operations on this day.

Donna McLaughlin presented attended noise monitoring results from March 2019, noting that all results were inaudible, and no operations were undertaken on site during the night and evening periods.

Donna McLaughlin confirmed no complaints were received during the March to May 2019 period.

Donna McLaughlin discussed community sponsorships and events including the Upper Hunter Show, Denman Junior Cricket Club, Upper Hunter Education Fund, St Heliers Heavy Horse Field Days and Calrossy Anglican School site visit.

**9. Reports, Submissions and Correspondence**

None.

**10. General Business**

None.

**11. Next Meeting**

It was agreed that the next CCC meeting would be held on Wednesday 11 September 2019 at 10 am. Due to the inclusion of the site tour the meeting would be expected to conclude at midday.

**12. Meeting Close**

Jennifer Lecky thanked members for their participation and the meeting was closed at 10.53 am.