

MEETING MINUTES

Subject **ANGLO AMERICAN (DRAYTON MANAGEMENT) PTY LIMITED
COMMUNITY CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE (CCC)**

Date 20/11/2014

Time 15:00 (EDST)

Present **Drayton Boardroom**

James Benson – Drayton

Peter Forbes – Drayton

Cameron Eckersley – Drayton

Kirstin Blaikie – Drayton

Ray Butchard – Councillor

Jennifer Lecky - Councillor

Peter Horder – Resident

Gerrit de Boer – Resident

Apologies

David O'Rourke – Drayton

Craig Flemming – Council

Pre-meeting Roundtable Discussion (response to CCC structure guideline – council motion)

In response to a recent council motion (433) that all council appointed chairpersons of Community Consultative Committees be discharge and their structure be aligned with the approved guidelines, *Ray Butchard* gave an overview of the decision and it's implication to the CCC meetings held at Drayton and suggested a roundtable discussion about the structure of the CCC for Drayton going forward.

Ray Butchard and *Jennifer Lecky* discussed the arrangements that had been made in other CCCs (Liddell elected to retain the current structure, Mangoola previously had their structure (which varied from the guidelines) approved by the Department of Planning and Environment. *Peter Horder* stated he was happy with the current structure but asked how long the Drayton CCCs would continue in light of the Drayton South PAC decision. *Peter Forbes* (also in favour of retaining the current structure) commented that Drayton has development consent through to 2017 and that the CCC would continue until that consent expired. *Gerrit de Boer* mentioned while he could see the benefit of an independent chairperson, he didn't request a change as he may not still be in the area in the next year or so. *GDB* was happy for the structure to remain as is.

In response to the reasons for *Craig Flemming's* absence (*James Benson* commented that Drayton had received a phone call from *CF* stating that at the direction of the council he was not to attend future CCC meetings), *PF* commented that the presence of a council environmental officer was valued by Drayton and provided better context and communication lines. *GDB* requested a response from council about the changes to the structure,

JL said that if the site (and the current committee) is amendable, the committee can request that *an environmental officer* continue to attend the CCC meetings.

All attendees appreciated the involvement of local residents (and the struggles to retain involvement in the CCC meeting forums) and would prefer for the current structure, which has been working well, to be retained moving forward.

Action

- PF to write to MSC to request the MSC Environment Officer to remain on or re-join the CCC- before next CCC

1. Welcome Attendees / Apologies

Motion moved by *Jennifer Lecky* that *Ray Butchard* chair the Drayton CCC meeting, seconded by *Gerrit de Boer*.

The chairperson *Ray Butchard* welcomed attendees.

Apologies were made for: *David O'Rourke* and *Craig Flemming* (moved (*JL*), seconded (*PH*)).

2. Acceptance of and Actions from Previous Minutes

There were no actions to come from the previous CCC meeting.

GDB mentioned that he had not received the minutes from the previous meeting via mail, however had reviewed a copy of the minutes provided at the CCC meeting.

Acceptance of previous minutes (moved (*JL*), seconded (*PH*)).

3. Declaration of Pecuniary Interests

Declared pecuniary interest included;

6/8/14: *Ray Butchard*: *Ray's* son works for Pacific National who is the rail provider for Drayton.

6/8/14: *Craig Flemming*: Drayton sponsors the Solar Boat Challenge which he manages from a council perspective.

6/8/14: *Peter Horder*: Declared he lives within the voluntary acquisition zone of Drayton mine.

20/11/14: Nil pecuniary interests declared.

4. Report on Drayton's Environmental Performance

James Benson presented a report on Drayton's environmental performance for the period since the last CCC meeting.

A map of Drayton's monitoring locations was displayed.

4.1 Enquiries and Complaints

- There were 2 complaints made in the 3 months from August to October 2014.
- The first was in relation to noise occurring on 19th, 20th and 23rd of July heard at the complainant's property. After investigation it was noted that two of the days were the weekend where as a result of the changed rosters at Drayton Mine there was minimal activity (and no CHP operations). A train was being loaded on the morning of the 23rd, and the property was visited and no elevated noise levels were occurring. *James Benson* contacted the complainant to communicate the result of the communication.
- Drayton is continuing to carry out regular noise monitoring at the complainants location.
- The second complaint arose as Drayton Mine did not contact a neighbour to inform of a blast in the North Pit by telephone on the day of the blast. The complainant did receive blast notification by mail prior to the blast date. Drayton will ensure that this neighbour receives telephone notification on the day of any North Pit blast from the Environment Department.

4.2 Rainfall History

- The period of Aug-Oct was drier than average overall, although August received above average rainfall and September and October were below average.

4.3 Blasting

- No blast exceeded the airblast overpressure limit of 115dB(L) during this reporting period.
- No blast exceeded the ground vibration limit of 5mm/sec during this reporting period.
- Attendees viewed overpressure and vibration levels for the period from both the Antiene and DeBoer blast monitors with no results over 110dB(L). While the De Boer blast monitor did not register any blast vibrations >2mm/s, the Antiene blast monitor registered one (of 28) slightly above 2mm/s (however this is still well below Drayton's environmental conditions. *James Benson* explained that it is historically the North Pit blasts that result in higher vibration levels in this area, but they tend to be few and far between at the moment and results have not been elevated during the August-October period.

4.4 Dust, TSP and PM10

- Attendees viewed data from Drayton's high volume air samplers (HVAS) and tapered element oscillating microbalance (TEOM). These instruments measure TSP for a 24 hour period every six days and PM10 continuously.
- The TSP data for the last 3 months showed an increasing trend, however the 12 month rolling average remains well under the annual mean limit.
- PM10 data from the Drayton TEOM was graphed against PM10 recorded by the Office of Environment and Heritage (OEH) monitor located in Muswellbrook as part of the Upper Hunter Air Quality Monitoring Network. The graph showed a correlation between the PM10 levels at the two monitoring locations, with the Drayton TEOM generally registering slightly lower levels than the OEH TEOM in Muswellbrook. The PM10 results also reflected the TSP results with a slight upward trend through the monitoring period.

4.5 Noise

- Independent Attended Noise Monitoring results 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. Monitoring results showed compliance with noise criteria at each location.

4.6 Water Storage

- Water storage levels and capacity for the period were viewed. A greater storage capacity in the ES Void has boosted the storage capacity and Drayton is at less than half capacity. Drayton's water management system is a closed system. Drayton does not discharge water and the only water brought to site is potable water.

4.7 Waste Management

- Waste recycling and disposal figures for the past three months were viewed. Waste generated for the past three months was again lower than the previous period and can be attributed to a reduction in operations at Drayton.

4.8 Actions from previous Meetings

- There were no actions to come from the previous meeting.

5. Reports and Submissions

All committee members confirmed that they had received copies of the Annual Environmental Management Report (AEMR) from Drayton. The Division of Resources and Energy have requested further information to be added to the AEMR during the previous period (May-July). This updated copy has been available for public viewing on the Drayton website from September.

Nil reports, submissions or other correspondence directed to the CCC forum.

6. Drayton / Drayton South Update

Peter Forbes provided an overview on the PAC decision to turn down the Drayton South proposal. A decision from Anglo American on the closure of Drayton mine is due by the end of November and *PF* committed to contacting the CCC members directly to advise of that decision when it is made available. Drayton does have development consent through to the end of 2017, but without the continuity of Drayton South will now have to move into a mine closure phase. Drayton is effectively reaching the extent of their mining lease approvals.

Gerrit De Boer raised the issue of incomplete rehab that was mentioned in the PAC decision, however *PF* assured the CCC members that the PAC statements regarding incomplete rehab were not factual. All available areas of the mine that are not required for active mining are progressively rehabbed. Furthermore, it should be noted that some of the current un-rehabilitated areas had been planned to be utilised as 'in-pit' tailings/rejects dumps from Drayton South. Drayton currently has some large rehabilitation targets over the next couple of years as they move to mine closure.

7. General Business

Gerrit de Boer raised an action, seconded by *Peter Horder* for Drayton to draft a letter to council, on behalf of the Drayton CCC, requesting that the council environmental officer continue to attend the CCC quarterly meetings. *Peter Forbes* agreed to draft up a letter to council on behalf of the CCC. Furthermore the letter was to request context and clarification around the proposed changes to the CCC meeting structure as a result of council motion 433.

Summary of Actions due by next meeting:

1. As raised in the pre-meeting discussion, *GDB* requested a letter is drafted by Drayton to request the continued attendance by the council environmental office.
PF to write to MSC to request the MSC Environment Officer to remain on or re-join the CCC. Action to be completed prior to the next scheduled CCC meeting.
2. *GDB* failed to receive the meeting agenda/previous minutes via post and has requested that the agenda/previous minutes are also emailed.
3. *PF* to contact CCC members directly to inform and discuss the outcomes of the company decision regarding the future of Drayton.

8. Next Meeting

The date of the next CCC meeting was not finalised (it will be a Joint CCC with Mt Arthur Coal) however the proposed months were viewed (Feb, May, Aug & Nov 2015).

9. Meeting Close

The meeting was closed at 14:15hrs.