

MEETING MINUTES

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

Date 28/05/2015

Time 15:00 (EDST)

Present **Drayton Boardroom**

James Benson (JB) – Drayton

Peter Forbes (PF) – Drayton

Cameron Eckersley (CE) – Drayton

Kirstin Blaikie (KB) – Drayton

Ray Butchard (RB) – Councillor

Jennifer Lecky (JL) – Councillor

Peter Horder (PH) – Resident

Apologies

David O'Rourke (DO'R) – Drayton

Matt Frodsham (MF) – Drayton

MSC Environmental Officer – Council

Gerrit De Boer (GDB) – Resident

1. Welcome Attendees / Apologies

Meeting opened by Chairperson *Ray Butchard* at 15:05, all attendees welcomed.

Apologies made for *David O'Rourke* (Drayton), *Matt Frodsham* (Drayton), and *Gerrit DeBoer* (Resident).

Craig Flemming (MSC Environmental Officer) was also absent, and *Ray Butchard* informed the CCC that *Craig* had resigned from the Environmental Officer position at Muswellbrook Shire Council and that the position had not yet been filled.

Motion to move the welcome and apologies (moved (*JL*), seconded (*PH*), motion carried).

2. Acceptance of and Actions from Previous Minutes

Actions from the previous CCC meeting were:

- *PF* to contact the MSC Environmental Officer to confirm if there had been any interest in Drayton CCC membership from the advertisement.
Information provided from RB at CCC meeting was that CF had resigned and the Environmental Officer position with MSC was yet to be filled. RB/JL unaware of any interest in Drayton CCC membership at this time, however action needs to be revisited when the MSC EO position is filled.
- *KB* to provide dates for the Drayton/Mt Arthur Joint CCC when known.
KB confirmed that the Drayton/Mt Arthur Joint CCC Meeting will be held at Drayton on Thursday 18th June at 3.00pm.

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

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 (not present): Drayton sponsors the Solar Boat Challenge which he manages from a council perspective.

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

20/11/14: Nil further pecuniary interests declared.

26/02/15: Nil further pecuniary interests declared.

28/05/15: Nil further pecuniary interests declared.

4. Report on Drayton's Environmental Performance

Kirstin Blaikie 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 since the previous CCC meeting from February 2015 to May 2015.

Both complaints were in relation to blast vibration with one received via a phone call to the Environmental Coordinator and the other received through the Department of Planning and Environment.

The first complaint was in relation to a North Pit ROM blast on the 2/2/15. Upon further investigation, the blast over-pressure and vibration results fell within Drayton's compliance limits and these results were discussed with the complainant.

The second complaint was passed on by the Department of Planning and Environment and related to blast on the 27/2/15. The results indicated that the blast was within Drayton's compliance limits and they were supplied to DoPE to respond to the complainant directly.

4.2 Rainfall History

The period of Feb-Apr was wetter than average with 242.1mm falling during the period. April's rainfall was the wettest on record at Drayton with 171.0mm falling during two East Coast Low events.

4.3 Blasting

There were no blasts that exceeded the airblast overpressure limit of 120dB(L) during this reporting period.

Further discussion was had around the specific NN Pit blasts that resulted in the two complaints. The actual results were identified on the graphs. All blasts were well within limits.

4.4 Air Quality

The HVAS (high volume air sampler) and TEOM (tapered element oscillating microbalance) results were discussed. For the reporting period, Drayton recorded levels below the annual mean limit for *Total Suspended Particles* (HVAS), however there was one exceedance for the TEOM against compliance limits.

On the 7th March, the TEOM recorded a daily result of 50.58µg/m³ which was above Drayton's limit of 50µg/m³. CE discussed the findings of the investigation:

- The wind direction on the day was predominantly from the SE, with the mine located to the SW of the monitoring location, implying that the source of the higher dust levels was unlikely to have been from Drayton.
- The high levels occurred on a Saturday when Drayton's digger and truck fleets were parked.

Although Drayton was not the source of the elevated dust on the 7th March, the Department of Planning & Environment requested early in 2015 that all exceedances (whether a result of mining activities or not) were to be reported to the department. Drayton has continued to do this.

Comparisons were made with the UHAQMN results for the reporting period and the results monitored by Drayton were generally less, but correlated with the UHAQMN results. PF raised a discussion that he had with the Department of Planning & Environment about the impact that sea salt blown inland has on causing high readings throughout the Valley.

The TSP data for the last 3 months showed a decreasing trend, and the 12 month rolling average remains well under the annual mean limit.

4.5 Attended Noise Monitoring

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, and Drayton is currently at approximately two-thirds 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 slightly lower than the previous period, with only oil filters increasing. It was also mentioned that some waste streams are managed on an 'as needs' basis rather than a 'scheduled' basis to maximise cost-efficiencies.

5. Reports and Submissions

Drayton reported that the *Annual Environmental Management Report* was the main report that was submitted to the regulators since the previous CCC meeting. All CCC members confirmed that they had received copies of the 2014 AEMR. *RB* commented that the document was very well put together and was easy to read.

6. Drayton / Drayton South Update

PF provided an update on the Drayton South project in *MF*'s absence. Drayton South EIS has been submitted and is now on public display. Public submissions on the EIS can be made through the NSW Department of Planning & Environment website and Drayton is campaigning for as many positive submissions as they can get during the public submission period which runs through until the 19th June. The main changes to the project are:

- Reduced mine life to 15yrs (originally 23yrs)
- Mine plan behind 2nd ridgeline (PAC 'yellow line') meaning no visual impacts for sensitive neighbours
- Drayton South project brochure circulated at the meeting

The question was raised around the 'feel' of the government and *PF* commented that the Premier's visit following the election was a positive step to have had the government come to the region with the local member and planning minister and see first-hand what the Drayton South project means to the workers and the community.

PH raised a question about moving the workforce and how the recent voluntary redundancy round had impacted that. *PF* informed the CCC that while ~50 VRs had been taken in April, the '500 jobs' figure related to FTEs (full-time equivalent positions) and that the intent was for the workforce to transition from Drayton to Drayton South.

PF also outlined the approval process moving forward (currently in public submission period after which the government will determine if the project goes to the PAC for determination). Drayton's current business plan has been extended at this stage to the end of Q3 with further decisions dependant on the approvals process. Drayton is hoping for approval by Q4.

7. Other Updates

Mine Closure Plan

PF/JB provided an update on the Drayton Mine Closure Plan which is a regulatory requirement for the Development consent period through until 2017. This is independent of the Drayton South approval. The MCP will be submitted by the next CCC (Aug), a more in depth update and discussion will be possible at that time.

RB asked about any discussion around the use of the ES Void by AGL/Macquarie Generation. *PF* outlined that Drayton are required to provide notice prior to mine closure, and AGL/Macquarie Generation need to advise if they do want to use the ES void for ash deposition. Drayton has a commitment rehabilitate the ES Void if AGL/Macquarie Generation do not take up the option to use the void for ash disposal.

JL commented about the outcomes for the community and the possibility for using existing buildings for such a purpose. *PF* informed that the MCP has to provision for the complete removal of all infrastructure in the plan. There may however be opportunities to use some of the existing infrastructure. Further detail and discussion to occur at next CCC meeting.

Tree Project

Multi-staged project to plant ~44,000 trees/shrubs on established rehabilitation areas of the Great North Tip. Local company *Hunter Land Management* has been contracted to conduct the works in the coming months. Preliminary earthworks (ground preparation (ripping)) scheduled to commence in mid-June with planting planned for late June.

8. General Business

No further general business raised.

9. Community Matters

PF (on *MF*'s behalf) provided a brief summary of Drayton's support of community groups in 2015.

- Donations and support to 35 community groups YTD
- Drayton South community BBQs have been a great success
- Evidence of community and local business support for the Drayton South project in banners being proudly displayed in and around Muswellbrook

10. Next Meeting

KB provided a status update for the next Joint CCC to be held with Mt Arthur Coal on Thursday 18th June.

The schedule for the remaining Drayton CCC meetings in 2015 is for meetings in August and November. Drayton will communicate dates when they are available.

11. Actions from Meeting

RB to provide Drayton with an update on the MSC Environmental Officer position vacancy (advise when position has been filled).

PF to correspond with Muswellbrook Shire Council to call for more nominations for Drayton CCC membership.

12. Meeting Close

The meeting was closed at 16:05hrs.