

MEETING MINUTES

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

Date 17/03/2016

Time 15:00 (AEST)

Present **Drayton Training Room 11 & 12**

James Benson – Drayton

Brooke York – Drayton

Cameron Eckersley - Drayton

Ray Butchard – Councillor (Chair)

Peter Horder – Resident

Kirstin Blaikie – Drayton

Apologies

Peter Forbes – Drayton

Gerrit De Boer – Resident

Jennifer Lecky – Councillor

1. Welcome Attendees / Apologies

Meeting opened by Chairperson *Ray Butchard* at 15:10, all attendees welcomed.

Apologies made for *Gerrit De Boer, Jennifer Lecky* and *Peter Forbes*.

2. Acceptance of and Actions from Previous Minutes

Actions from the previous Community Consultative Committee meeting discussed were:

Ray Butchard informed the Community Consultative Committee that Muswellbrook Shire Council has a new Director of Planning, Community and Corporate Services – Peter Veneris. It was advised that the Environmental Officer position within the council was yet to be filled, and that the council General Manager was still not enthusiastic about the Community Consultative Committees requesting that the council Environmental Officer attend all Community Consultative Committee meetings.

James Benson advised the committee that Drayton had received contact from Muswellbrook Shire Council regarding the appointment of Scott Brooks (former compliance officer with the Department of Planning and Environment) to the position of mining liaison officer. Scott has been in contact with Drayton to advise of his new position.

Drayton has not received a response from Muswellbrook Shire Council regarding nominations for Drayton Community Consultative Committee membership (*contacted council, no response*)

Acceptance of previous minutes (moved (*Peter Horder*), seconded (*James Benson*), 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: *Peter Horder*: Peter lives within the voluntary acquisition zone of Drayton mine.

17/03/16: Nil further 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 Community Consultative Committee meeting.

A map of Drayton's monitoring locations was displayed.

4.1 Enquiries and Complaints

There were no complaints since the previous Community Consultative Committee meeting. Drayton has not received any complaints since August 2015.

4.2 Rainfall History

The period of December to February had slightly below average rainfall for the three month period from the previous meeting. The rainfall was spread with December receiving slightly above average, January receiving nearly double the average rainfall and in stark contrast, February receiving less than 10% of the monthly average making it the driest February experienced at Drayton in the 33 years since rainfall records have been collected.

4.3 Blasting

There were no blasts that exceeded the airblast overpressure limit of 115dB(L) during this reporting period.

All blasts were below 2mm/s in vibration, well below the limit of 5mm/s

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) and below daily limits for PM10 at the sites TEOMs. It was noted that there was a gap in the TEOM data due to power failure on the 9-11th and 17-19th of January. There was also a gap in the UHAQMN data in late February resulting from scheduled maintenance being conducted on the Muswellbrook station.

There was general discussion regarding trends in air quality results. *James Benson* outlined that the trends in PM10 typically follow rainfall trends with increased particulates in dry weather. Also bushfire smoke and dust storms result in elevated levels.

4.5 Attended Noise Monitoring

Independent Attended Noise Monitoring results for night time noise 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. All monitoring results showed compliance with night-time noise criteria at each location with December, January and February noise results being very low.

Peter Horder mentioned that he has not been experiencing any mine noise issues at his residence and if anything, noise is more audible from trains. *James Benson* discussed that Drayton has significantly reduced the number of trains in the past three months as a result of the reductions in production rates at the mine.

4.6 Water Storage

Water storage levels and capacity for the period were viewed, and Drayton is currently storing approximately 7600ML and has a storage capacity of 16560ML. This is a significant increase from the previous reporting period as the mine storage now includes the SPE Void. As mining has finished in that void, it will be used for additional water storage. Current storages are more than adequate to contain water flows into the system without discharge. Drayton's water management system is a closed system. Drayton does not discharge water and the only water brought to site is potable water.

Ray Butchard raised the comment about the Dams Safety Committee prescribed dams and asked if Drayton had any. *James Benson* confirmed that Drayton's only prescribed dams were the Access Road Dam and the Ash Dam Levee. A discussion was had around the mine's responsibilities in dam emergency response and the route any discharge would travel. *James Benson* outlined the responsibilities that Drayton has in such an instance and discussed the emergency contact lists that the mine has in order to alert the appropriate parties in the event of a dam emergency for either of the two prescribed dams.

4.7 Waste Management

Waste recycling and disposal figures for the past three months were viewed.

Waste generated for the past three months was comparable to the previous period. Waste oil recycled was slightly lower, scrap steel recycled was slightly higher and oil filters remained fairly constant.

5. Reports and Submissions

James Benson outlined that Drayton have recently finalised and submitted an Independent Environmental Audit to the regulator for approval. Once the audit report is approved by the Department of planning and Environment, it will be provided to the CCC and made available on the Drayton website.

6. Drayton South Update

It was agreed that this section (specifically on Drayton South) of the agenda would be removed from future meetings. *James Benson* provided an update to the closure timeline. Approximately 1/3 of the workforce had been made redundant through the first quarter of 2016 (majority being

voluntary). It was discussed that the recently approved *Mine Operation Plan* was in place and provided the schedule towards mine closure and plans for infrastructure to be demolished and removed. *James Benson* also advised the committee of Anglo American's (London) announcement of the sale of its global coal assets and that Drayton was officially for sale. *Peter Horder* asked what any potential buyers would do with Drayton. *James Benson* discussed some possible options but that ultimately it is unknown. The comment was made that there is still a significant coal resource at Drayton South.

Ray Butchard asked about the services that are being provided for employees that have been made or taken redundancies. *James Benson* broadly outlined the services available for employees who are made redundant to access assistance with resumes, training and financial advice. It was noted that Anglo American does not recommend specific financial advisers nor is financial advice provided by the company.

7. General Business

Kirstin Blaikie discussed the current update to Community Consultative Committee guidelines which are still under review and open for comment on the Department of Planning and Environment website. All submissions are due by the 31st March. The proposed changes include implementing CCCs for all State Significant Projects, not just mining, expanding the role of the independent chair, and more structured guidelines on the composition of the committee.

Cameron Eckersley informed the committee that he would be finishing up with Drayton at the end of March.

Peter Horder asked about the possibility of conducting some water sampling from the dam at a neighbouring property. It was not suggested that the dam was being affected by mining however the owners of the property have mentioned to *Peter Horder* that they are concerned about the water quality of the dam. *James Benson* stated that he speaks to the property owners regularly regarding other matters and that they would be given the opportunity to discuss the issue with him.

8. Next Meeting

Next meeting is a scheduled joint meeting with the Mt Arthur CCC to be held on Wednesday 8th June at Drayton Mine.

9. Actions from Meeting

No actions from the meeting.

10. Meeting Close

Ray Butchard thanked members for their participation and for the mine tour provided prior to the meeting.

The meeting was closed at 16:15hrs.