

**SPUR HILL UNDERGROUND COKING COAL PROJECT  
COMMUNITY CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE  
MINUTES OF MEETING HELD TUESDAY 16 JUNE 2015  
AT MERTON VINEYARD, DENMAN**

<b>PRESENT</b>	<b>NAME</b>	<b>ORGANISATION</b>
	Margaret MacDonald-Hill (MMH)	Chair
	Fiona Webber (FW)	Community Representative
	John Sowter (JS)	Community Representative
	Noel Downs (ND)	Group Representative - Wanaruah Local Aboriginal Land Council
	Les Jones (LJ)	Community Representative
	Wayne Seabrook (WS)	Spur Hill Management Pty Ltd (SHM)
	Graeme Booth (GB)	SHM
<b>IN ATTENDANCE</b>	Lisa Andrews (LA)	Minute Taker
	Jo Webster (JW)	Resource Strategies
	Adrian Delany (AD)	Division of Resources & Energy
	Will Minchin (WM)	Groundwater Assessment (HydroSimulations)
<b>APOLOGIES</b>	Cr Christine Phelps (CP)	Muswellbrook Shire Council
	Julie Moloney (JM)	Division of Resources & Energy
	Brett Keeping (BK)	Group Representative - Vignerons & Vineyards
	Susan Pickersgill (SP)	Community Representative
	Tim Wolfgang (TW)	Community Representative
	Aaron Moon (AM)	Community Representative

***A tour of the wine making section of the vineyard commenced at 5.05pm and was conducted by Atsuko Radcliffe, winemaker and proprietor of Small Forest wines, who operates within the Merton Vineyard. The CCC members present were provided with an informative insight into winemaking on the property, from harvesting to cellar door.***

***The CCC Meeting commenced at 5.40pm***

<b>WELCOME</b>	The Chair welcomed Committee Members to the meeting as well as Will Minchin from HydroSimulations who would be providing a presentation to the CCC on the groundwater modelling and assessment for the EIS.	
<b>DECLARATION OF INTEREST</b>	MMH advised that she has been appointed by the Minister for Resources and Energy as the Independent Chair of the Spur Hill Community Consultative Committee.  MMH also holds a position on the Mine Subsidence Board.	No amendments to previously stated declarations from CCC members.
<b>CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES</b>	The minutes of the previous meeting of 17 February 2015 were confirmed with no amendments.	<b>Moved:</b> JS <b>Seconded:</b> LJ
<b>BUSINESS ARISING</b>	<b>ITEMS ACTIONED FROM LAST MEETING</b> 1. All correspondence received from members of the community be forwarded to the Chair. 2. CCC members to advise SHM of their attendance at the winery tour.	<b>Item 1 – ongoing.</b>  <b>Item 2 – completed.</b>  <b>There was no further business arising from the previous minutes.</b>

<b>CORRESPONDENCE</b>	<p><b>In:</b></p> <p>Email dated 18/2/15 - BK forwarding JK email 3/11/14 (discussed at Feb meeting)</p> <p>Email dated 18/4/15 AM forwarding John Kaye email of same date</p> <p>Email dated 2/5/15 from JK forwarding previous email of 18/4/15</p> <p>Email dated 8/5/15 from SHM responding to JK</p> <p><b>Out:</b></p> <p>Email dated 19/2/15 forwarding community newsletter to CCC</p> <p>Email dated 20/2/15 forwarding copy of JK Email 3/11/14 to CCC</p> <p>Email dated 20/4/15 forwarding JK email to CCC</p> <p>Email dated 4/5/15 response to JK</p> <p>Email dated 11/5/15 to JK forwarding SHM response 'copied' to CCC members.</p>	<b>Correspondence accepted.</b>
<b>PRESENTATION</b>	<p>Will Minchin from HydroSimulations commenced his presentation and a hard copy of the topic was distributed to all present. WM commenced with a background of his experience and qualifications as a hydrologist.</p> <p>He went on to explain the status of the current study, the importance of data collection, groundwater modelling and management strategies.</p> <p>Questions were asked and answered throughout the presentation.</p>	<p>Following JS's concerns with the potential effect that mining may have on the draw down of his well - WM recommended to JS to have his well dipped before and during mining. (GB confirmed that JS's bore had been dipped.)</p> <p>GB stated that the Gateway Application did not predict any noticeable effect on this bore, but reiterated that the proponent would 'make good' negative impacts to water supply in accordance with the Aquifer Interference Policy.</p> <p>FW enquired if the data modelling was re-examined to check the accuracy of the predictions. It was confirmed that SHM would continue to monitor throughout the mining process and make adjustments if necessary.</p>
<b>PRESENTATION ON PROJECT</b>	<p>An update on the project was provided by GB of SHM, including landscaping works, coal transport and the exploration licence renewal. It was noted that no new complaints have been received.</p>	<p>Tree planting has occurred on the SHM property with native trees &amp; shrubs planted along Denman Road.</p> <p>Discussions on the preferred coal transport option (rail). SHM are still considering the final alignment in consideration of modelling of interactions with flood events and Denman Road (overpass or underpass), etc. GB advised that SHM will advise the CCC when they have a clear preference on alignment.</p>

		<p>The Exploration Licence EL 7429 has been renewed for a further 5 years (to 18/12/19).</p> <p>FW enquired as to the financial viability of the project, including potential foreign investment. SHM are confident of securing funding given the characteristics of the project. Funding alternatives may include strategic partnerships at some time in the future. Should there be any potential foreign investment then that foreign investor would be required to obtain endorsement by the Foreign Investment Review Board.</p>
<b>GENERAL BUSINESS</b>	None	
<b>NEXT MEETING</b>	The next meeting of the CCC will take place on Tuesday 15 September 2015, commencing 5.30pm at the Merton Vineyard.	

***Meeting closed at 7.35pm with MMH thanking all CCC members for their attendance.***

## **ACTION ITEMS**

<b>ITEM</b>	<b>ISSUE</b>	<b>RESPONSIBILITY</b>
1	All correspondence received from members of the community be forwarded to the Chair.	All – ongoing.