

**SPUR HILL UNDERGROUND COKING COAL PROJECT
COMMUNITY CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF MEETING HELD AT THE
MERTON VINEYARD DENMAN
ON WEDNESDAY 4th SEPTEMBER 2019 AT 5.30PM**

PRESENT	NAME	ORGANISATION
	Margaret MacDonald-Hill (MMH)	Independent Chairperson
	Wayne Seabrook (WS)	Spur Hill Management Pty Ltd (SHM)
	Chris Berry (CB)	Division of Resources & Geoscience
	Donna McLaughlin (DM)	Manager Environment & Community – Malabar Coal
	Brett Keeping (BK)	Group Representative - Vignerons & Vineyards
	John Sowter (JS)	Community Representative
	Cr Stephen Ward (SW)	Muswellbrook Shire Council
	Tim Wolfgang (TW)	Community Representative
	Susan Pickersgill (SP)	Community Representative
APOLOGIES	Aaron Moon (AM)	Community Representative
	Les Jones (LJ)	Community Representative
	Emma Prince (EP)	Division of Resources & Geoscience
	Fiona Webber (FW)	Community Representative
	Noel Downs (ND)	Group Representative - Wanaruah Local Aboriginal Land Council
IN ATTENDANCE	Lisa Andrews (LA)	Minute Taker

WELCOME	The meeting was opened at 5.34pm with the Chair welcoming all attendees. The Chair introduced Chris Berry, Project Officer, Resource Operations, with Department of Planning Industry & Environment, standing in for Emma Prince.										
DECLARATION OF INTEREST	The Chair advised that there has been no change to her usual declaration (appointed by the Minister for Industry) to chair this meeting. SW advised he is a member of the Lions Club, which receives sponsorship from Malabar Coal to hold the Denman Pig Races.	No amendments to previously stated declarations from CCC members present.									
CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES	The minutes of 27 February 2019 were confirmed: Moved: SP Seconded: TW The minutes from the 22 May 2019 were confirmed: Moved: JS Seconded: BK										
BUSINESS ARISING	<table border="1" style="width: 100%;"> <thead> <tr> <th>ITEM</th> <th>ISSUE</th> <th>RESPONSIBILITY</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">1</td> <td>Advise CCC when EIS is lodged with DPE</td> <td style="text-align: center;">WS/MMH</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">2</td> <td>Include air quality monitoring in future Spur Hill presentations</td> <td style="text-align: center;">DM/WS</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	ITEM	ISSUE	RESPONSIBILITY	1	Advise CCC when EIS is lodged with DPE	WS/MMH	2	Include air quality monitoring in future Spur Hill presentations	DM/WS	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. CCC advised on 7/8/19 that EIS was lodged with DPIE. 2. Included in presentation.
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CORRESPONDENCE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 7/8/19 – WS/MMH emails on Maxwell EIS lodgement advertisement. 	Emailed with Meeting Notice & Agenda on 21/8/19.									

<p>PRESENTATION ON SPUR HILL UNDERGROUND COKING COAL PROJECT & MAXWELL</p>	<p>WS & DM conducted the Malabar presentation:</p> <p>Spur Hill Coking Coal Project (EL7429)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Seismic work undertaken in late 2018 has proven to be an effective exploration tool to identify and define sub-surface geological structures (e.g. coal seams, faults and igneous intrusions). • Now preparing an exploration plan for fieldwork to better understand the geology between Maxwell and Spur Hill. This 5 year plan will include exploration on the eastern side of the Spur Hill EL. • Malabar will seek to have EL 7429 renewed for a further 5-year term. BK asked if they were going to extend the timeframe of the lease. CB advised that leases can be issued for up to 6 years, however the department tends to renew them at the previous term (i.e. 5yrs in the case of EL7429). <p>Maxwell Underground Project – EIS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Maxwell Project EIS has been placed on public exhibition, with the period for submissions closing on Tuesday 24 September 2019. • BK asked if the CCC could have copies of the EIS summary document. • SW requested 8 copies be sent to Muswellbrook Shire Council for each Councillor. <p>Maxwell Underground Project Progress</p> <p>A summary of where the project is up to in terms of the approval phase was provided.</p> <p>WS advised that the NSW DPIE will collate all submissions, as well as coordinate all agency comments (Water, EPA, OEH, etc) for Malabar to review and respond.</p> <p>Maxwell Infrastructure Rehabilitation</p> <p>DM provided the presentation to the CCC:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Over the past 8 months, 53 hectares of rehabilitation has been completed (total land rehabilitated is now 697 hectares). • Completed a winter weed spraying program. • Completed a wild dog and fox baiting program in September involving LLS and other mines in the area. • This month will see the commencement of a spring tree planting program (8,000 trees have already been planted with 2,000 proposed). <p>Maxwell Infrastructure TEOM PM₁₀</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DM provided data on the dust monitoring results from June 2019 to August 2019 (as requested at the previous meeting). • DM asked if CCC members would like this information provided at each meeting moving forward. • It was agreed that this data would be beneficial for the information of members and is consistent with data provided to the Maxwell CCC. <p>Maxwell Solar Project</p> <p>WS & DM advised that Malabar will submit a separate DA for the “Maxwell Solar Project”.</p>	<p>Copy of presentation attached.</p> <p>Action: DM to send hard copies by post to all CCC members and Councillors at MSC.</p>
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Solar EV panels would be located on areas of previous open cut mining disturbance. • Installed capacity of c.25MW. • Adjacent to the major electricity generating hub in NSW (Liddell and Bayswater Power Stations) and in proximity to high voltage power lines. • The solar farm would generate enough energy to power about 10,000 local homes (in the vicinity of Singleton & Muswellbrook combined). • SEAR's issued in March 2019. • EIS submission is imminent. <p>JS commented that there seems to be a lot more solar farms being built. WS stated that the energy from the project could be used to offset Malabar's own power costs.</p> <p>Community DM presented the Community content:</p> <p>Calrossy Anglican School Visit – Year 12 Earth and Environmental Science students from Tamworth visited the site on Thursday 30/5/19. The students had the opportunity to learn about the full journey of coal mining, from the science behind coal exploration, through to the rehabilitation of the mine site.</p> <p>North Rothbury RFS – Malabar donated an ice machine to the RFS. The RFS were very grateful.</p> <p>Denman District Development Association – Malabar donated a defibrillator to the group, as a vital first aid resource, now located in the Visitor Information Centre. This is the third machine that has been donated to the local community.</p> <p>Wildlife Aid – to coincide with National Threatened Species Day on the 7 September 2019, Malabar donated \$1000 to Wildlife Aid to help offset the costs of rescue, veterinary care, specialised diets and rehabilitation of native wildlife in the Upper Hunter Valley.</p> <p>Upcoming comments events and sponsorship</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kawul Calling Program in September, a two-night camp for indigenous male youth living in the Hunter Valley. • Louis Bottomley – Northern Inland Academy of Sport for Rugby Union (September). Youtube link: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iyptXMOZAcc • Denman Pig Races (October). • Muswellbrook South Public School Fete (October). • Scone Public School Bloom Markets (November). <p>Complaints Register No complaints have been registered for 2019.</p>	
GENERAL BUSINESS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • WS advised that Malabar have come to a long term agreement to lease the Llanillo homestead to the operators of Hollydene Estate. The homestead will be renovated. • WS advised that a full time Underground General Manager has been appointed, who has a strong 	

	<p>background in this field.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • JS enquired whether there has been any negative feedback regarding the EIS. DM advised that all affected land holders have been contacted and given the opportunity to discuss the project in person with a representative from Malabar. There has been no negative issues to date. • BK enquired about the Response To Submissions (RTS) process. WS explained that the DPIE will assess Malabar's EIS including any issues or concerns raised in the submission process. In addition Malabar must formally respond to issues raised in submissions. 	
NEXT MEETING	It was proposed that the next meeting of the CCC take place at Merton Vineyard, Denman on Wednesday 20 November 2019 commencing at 5.30pm.	

Meeting closed at 6.33pm with MMH thanking all members for their attendance.

ACTION ITEM

ITEM	ISSUE	RESPONSIBILITY
1	Distribute EIS booklets to CCC members, MSC Councillors and Denman Information Centre.	DM