

**SPUR HILL UNDERGROUND COKING COAL PROJECT
COMMUNITY CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF MEETING HELD AT MERTON VINEYARD, DENMAN
ON WEDNESDAY 15 NOVEMBER 2017 AT 5.30PM**

PRESENT	NAME	ORGANISATION
	Margaret MacDonald-Hill (MMH)	Independent Chairperson
	Noel Downs (ND)	Group Representative - Wanaruah Local Aboriginal Land Council
	John Sowter (JS)	Community Representative
	Brett Keeping (BK)	Group Representative - Vignerons & Vineyards
	Les Jones (LJ)	Community Representative
	Aaron Moon (AM)	Community Representative
	Susan Pickersgill (SP)	Community Representative
	Wayne Seabrook (WS)	Spur Hill Management Pty Ltd (SHM)
	Tim Wolfgang (TW)	Community Representative
	Cr Stephen Ward (SW)	Muswellbrook Shire Council
	Brian Pate (BP)	Division of Resources & Geoscience
	Jaime Flynn (JF)	Division of Resources & Geoscience
IN ATTENDANCE	Lisa Andrews	Minute Taker
APOLOGIES	Joe Sorbara	Malabar Coal – Chief Financial Officer
	Fiona Webber	Community Representative

The CCC meeting was opened at 5.40pm.

WELCOME	The Chair welcomed all attendees to the meeting and introduced Brian Pate and Jaime Flynn from the Department of Planning and Environment's Division of Resources & Geoscience.	BP introduced himself to the CCC and advised that they were keen to be involved in the consultation process and provide feedback to the Department.
DECLARATION OF INTEREST	MMH advised that there has been no change to her previous declarations. (Appointed by the Minister for Resources and Energy as the Independent Chair of the Spur Hill Community Consultative Committee & holds a position on the Mine Subsidence Board.)	No amendments to previously stated declarations from CCC members present.
CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES	The minutes of the previous meeting of 6 September were confirmed.	Moved: LJ Seconded: SW
BUSINESS ARISING	Aerial map of Drayton Mine. WS advised on taking ownership of the Drayton assets, Malabar would be engaging an earthworks contractor to continue the rehabilitation. Some voids will be kept open so that reject (stone & rock) from the proposed underground can be placed there. Indeed, Malabar would be looking to fill voids that are otherwise contemplated to remain as per the existing closure plan.	WS showed the aerial map to CCC members and explained layout, including stock piles, the open cut and rehabilitation conducted in 2016.
CORRESPONDENCE	Email to CCC members forwarding update from Subsidence Advisory NSW regarding changes to the mine subsidence compensation system.	
PRESENTATION ON PROJECT	Malabar owns the Spur Hill Underground Coking Coal Project and is seeking to acquire the neighbouring Drayton assets (Drayton and Drayton South) from Anglo American plc. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Malabar is proposing only underground 	A hard copy of the presentation was provided to all present. Questions were asked and answers provided throughout the presentation.

	<p>mining (no open cuts) at both Spur Hill (EL7429) and EL 5460 (previously called Drayton South).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A portion of EL5460 – the area south of, and including, the Golden Highway has been relinquished. Accordingly, no mining will occur under either Godolphin or Coolmore horse studs. • EL5460 expired in March 2016 and the renewal of this exploration licence is required to complete the acquisition of the Drayton assets. • The Malabar’s “underground-only” strategy for these exploration leases will deliver certainty for the community that has been frustrated by previous applications to develop an open cut mine. • Malabar is very thankful of the widespread support it has received from many members of the community for its underground strategy at EL5460 and EL 7429. • This strategy includes Malabar using the existing infrastructure at the Drayton site to process, stockpile, and export coal from any future underground mine at Spur Hill (EL 7429) and EL5460. • Whilst there are more coal seams available at the existing Drayton northern area (the old open cut), the characteristics of these seams mean that they are not conducive to putting in an underground long wall. • Should the acquisition of Drayton occur in 2017, then Malabar will be striving to submit a DA to the community midway through 2018. Prior to submitting a DA, there will be preliminary project descriptions provided to the community. • Conveyance options are being considered to transport coal to the existing Drayton infrastructure. • Malabar is confident that underground mining at EL7429 and EL5460 will mitigate the issues (dust, blasting, and visual impact) that the previous Planning Assessment Commission (PAC) had in respect of an open-cut at Drayton South. • Flora surveys are being undertaken. • Suggestion that Malabar consider advertising in the media the facts of the project in a simplistic form for the benefit of the broader community. WS advised that they were happy to consider this request. <p>Community Involvement: Information provided about Malabar’s sponsorship in the local community.</p>	
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	Complaints Register: No complaints.	
GENERAL BUSINESS	WS informed the CCC that Liz Riley, Merton Vineyard's Viticulturist won the 2017 ASVO Viticulturist of the year award. (Merton vineyard is owned by Malabar Coal and is located on the Spur Hill exploration lease.)	
NEXT MEETING	The next meeting of the CCC will take place on Wednesday 7 February 2018 commencing 5.30pm at the Merton Vineyard, Denman.	

Meeting closed at 6.35pm with MMH thanking all CCC members for their valuable contribution to the consultation process over the year and wishing them all a Merry Christmas and safe and healthy New Year.

ACTION ITEMS

ITEM	ISSUE	RESPONSIBILITY
1	Place regular advertisements on CCC meetings in the Denman News	Ongoing (WS/MMH)
2	Advise of approvals/renewal by the NSW government relevant to the sale of the Drayton assets from Anglo American plc to Malabar Coal Ltd.	WS