

**SPUR HILL UNDERGROUND COKING COAL PROJECT
COMMUNITY CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF MEETING HELD TUESDAY 19 JULY 2016
AT MERTON VINEYARD, DENMAN**

PRESENT	NAME	ORGANISATION
	Margaret MacDonald-Hill (MMH)	Chair
	John Sowter (JS)	Community Representative
	Brett Keeping (BK)	Group Representative - Vignerons & Vineyards
	Cr Christine Phelps (CP)	Muswellbrook Shire Council
	Julie Moloney (JM)	Division of Resources & Energy
	Wayne Seabrook (WS)	Spur Hill Management Pty Ltd (SHM)
	Andres Bernal (AB)	SHM & Minute Taker
APOLOGIES	Lisa Andrews (LA)	Minute Taker
	Aaron Moon (AM)	Community Representative
	Fiona Webber (FW)	Community Representative
	Susan Pickersgill (SP)	Community Representative
	Tim Wolfgang (TW)	Community Representative
	Noel Downs (ND)	Group Representative - Wanaruah Local Aboriginal Land Council
	Les Jones (LJ)	Community Representative

The CCC Meeting commenced at 5:40 pm

WELCOME	The Chair welcomed Committee Members to the meeting.	
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 previous stated declarations from CCC members present.
CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES	The minutes of the previous meeting of 9 February 2016 were confirmed. Update time the meeting closed to 6.18 pm.	Moved: BK Seconded: JS
BUSINESS ARISING	ITEMS ACTIONED FROM LAST MEETING 1. SHM to present an update on the drilling program. 2. SHM to present an update on the proposed transport corridor.	Item 1 – Included in presentation. Item 2 – Included in presentation.
CORRESPONDENCE	In: 15/03/16 - email advice on corporate changes from SHM. 2/05/16 - email request from SHM deferral of May meeting. Out: 16/3/16 - email SHM advice to CCC. 2/05/16 - email to CCC on proposed change to May meeting.	
PRESENTATION	An update on the project was provided by WS from SHM. Questions were asked and answered through the presentation: 1. Clarification on the outcome of the Groundwater Monitoring and Modelling Plan (GMMP) assessment made by DPI. 2. Discussions on proximity of project to the Hunter River. 3. Confirm the depth of the drilling campaign.	See electronic version of presentation. Responses: 1. No issues identified. 2. Mining at SH would not take place in the Hunter River alluvial “flood plain”. 3. Around 200m focusing on the

	<p>4. Is all the coal of same quality?</p> <p>5. Transport options (conveyor or rail) over or under Denman Road and over the river.</p> <p>6. Are royalties paid by underground mines lower than open cut mines?</p> <p>7. What determines the bond that mining companies need to place with the NSW Divisions of Resources & Energy (DRE), and when is the company entitled to it?</p>	<p>Whynot seam and the geotechnical structure down to that seam.</p> <p>4. No, SH is targeting the metallurgical coal seams</p> <p>5. Results from the geotechnical drilling campaign are important inputs in determining the surface infrastructure including transport connection/route. This work is yet to be completed.</p> <p>6. Yes, the royalty for an underground mine is 7.2% (depth of cover <400m) vs 8.2% for an opencut.</p> <p>7. Security bond is based on area of disturbance. The bond is regularly reviewed by DRE, and can be increased or decreased based on the cost to rehabilitate the site. The bond is usually in the form of a bank guarantee. The bond must be unconditional so that the DRE can call on the bond at its sole discretion. The bond continues if a mine is placed on care and maintenance. If the mine is sold, the new owner takes on the responsibility for rehabilitation of the site.</p>
GENERAL BUSINESS	<p>1. Replacement of GB. The CCC would like to thank GB for his contributions.</p> <p>2. MMH noted that the CCC has been active for two years and in accordance with the Charter, appointment to the committee is for a term of 2 years. She invited the community committee members to renominate for a further term.</p> <p>3. CCC members wish to encourage the local community to contact their local representative on any matters of interest in relation to the SH project.</p>	<p>1. A replacement for GB will be appointed in the near future. GB continues to consult to SHM as required. SHM will pass the CCC message to GB.</p> <p>2. Committee members to advise the Chair of their intentions to continue. MMH will contact members individually.</p> <p>3. Publish an advertisement in the Denman News with details of CCC members.</p>
NEXT MEETING	The next meeting of the CCC proposed for 27 September 2016, commencing 5.30pm at the Merton Vineyard.	

Meeting closed at 6:42 pm with MMH thanking all CCC members for their attendance.

ACTION ITEMS

ITEM	ISSUE	RESPONSIBILITY
1	All correspondence received from members of the community be forwarded to the Chair.	All – ongoing.
2	CCC members to advise Chair on continuation on CCC	Community representative members
3	Publish an advertisement in the Denman News with the latest details of the CCC members.	MMH/SHM