

SPUR HILL UNDERGROUND COKING COAL PROJECT COMMUNITY CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES OF MEETING HELD AT THE MERTON VINEYARD DENMAN ON WEDNESDAY 14 OCTOBER 2020 AT 5.30PM

PRESENT	NAME			ORGANISATION
	Margaret MacDonald-Hill (MMH)			Independent Chairperson
	Wayne Seabrook (WS)			Spur Hill Management Pty Ltd
	Emma Prince (EP)*			Mining, Exploration & Geoscience
				(Department of Regional NSW)
	Cr Stephen Ward (SW)*			Muswellbrook Shire Council
	Aaron Moon (AM)*			Community Representative
	Donna McLaughlin (DM)			Manager Health, Safety,
				Environment & Community –
				Malabar Coal
	Les Jones (LJ)			Community Representative
	Fiona Webber (FW)			Community Representative
	John Sc	owter (JS) <i>(arrived at 5.37pm)</i>	Community Representative	
APOLOGIES	Tim Wo	olfgang	Community Representative	
	Brett Keeping			Group Representative - Vignerons &
				Vineyards
	Susan P	Pickersgill		Community Representative
	Noel Downs			Group Representative - Wanaruah
				Local Aboriginal Land Council
IN ATTENDANCE	Lisa And	drews		Independent Minute Taker
WELCOME		eting was opened at 5.30pm with		
		ning all attendees and introducing	•	
		eting room and those participatin	g via Zoom	
		ed by * above).		
DECLARATION OF		air advised that there has been no	•	No amendments to previously
INTEREST	usual declaration appointed by the Deputy Premier,			stated declarations from CCC
		r for Regional New South Wales,	members present.	
		o chair this meeting.		
CONFIRMATION OF	The minutes of the previous meeting of 29 July 2020 were confirmed.			Moved: FW
PREVIOUS				Seconded: SW
MINUTES				
BUSINESS ARISING	Action I	Items from 29/7/20:		
	ITEM	ISSUE	RESPONSBILITY	
	1	Forward project assessment	WS/MMH -	
		report to CCC members when	Completed	
		referred to IPC	1/10/20	
	2	Email Mental Health Flyer to	DM -	
	-	ND	Completed	
			30/7/20	
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	No othe	er business arising		
CORRESPONDENCE		ditional items:		Emailed with Meeting Notice &
		/9/20 – Email from NSW Departm	ent of Planning.	Agenda on 30/9/2020.
		lustry and Environment (DPIE) reg	<u></u>	
		axwell Underground (UG) Project I		
		e Independent Planning Commissi		
		10/20 – Email to CCC members wi		
		'IE referral letter, assessment repo		
	recommended conditions.			
	No discussion.			
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PRESENTATION
ON SPUR HILL
UNDERGROUND
COKING COAL
PROJECT &
MAXWELL

WS presented on the Spur Hill Underground Coking Coal & Maxwell Projects.

Spur Hill Project Update

Spur Hill activities are limited to geological work and they are now planning for the next series of work.

Term extended for Spur Hill CCC

Request made to the Deputy Premier, Minister for Regional NSW and Minister for Industry and Trade to extend the term of the Spur Hill CCC.

- Malabar also provided a letter of support to extend the Spur Hill CCC.
- Letter received dated 30 August 2020 endorsing the appointment of existing members for a term of two years.

Maxwell UG Project Update

DPIE has completed its assessment of the Project. The Project has been referred by Minister Rob Stokes to the IPC for determination. This is now the last stage of the determination process.

Malabar accepts the findings of the DPIE's Assessment Report and the recommended Conditions of Approval. It was noted that the report stated that the project complies and can be managed with conditions.

Independent Planning Commission

The IPC will now hold a Public Hearing and determine the Project.

- The IPC has appointed Professor Mary O'Kane AC (Panel chair) and Mr John Hann as the commissioners for the Project.
- The IPC will conduct a Public Hearing (via video conference due to COVID restrictions) on 11 November 2020 and 13 November 2020 (if a second day is required):
 - Members of the public can speak at the Public Hearing by registering by 5PM, 4 November 2020.
 - The IPC will provide technical information to registered speakers prior to the hearing.
 - The Public Hearing will be livestreamed on the IPC website.
- Written submissions can be made directly to the IPC via email, post or the IPC website. Closing date for written submissions is 5PM, 20 November 2020 (ie one week after the Public Hearing).
- The IPC is expected to complete its determination prior to the end of the year. (The 12 week period for determination by IPC brings the possible date to 23/12/20, however the IPC can 'stop the clock' if they need to refer back to DPIE for additional information from them or other agencies.)

Maxwell Underground Project Drilling and Geotech Program

 Geotechnical drilling program took place to investigate and understand the ground conditions, ie drifts, etc for the proposed infrastructure for Maxwell Underground and is now complete. Copy of presentation attached.

Action: DM to send link of live streaming of Public Hearing for members to view.



- The program consisted of:
 - 17 geotechnical boreholes
 - 56 geotechnical test pits
- Not expecting any problems with the proposed routes. JS commented that Mt Arthur had issues. WS responded that this is in a different zone, some 10 km away.
- No safety or environmental incidents occurred during program
- Rehabilitation of sites is currently taking place.

Solar Project Update

- Maxwell Solar Project was approved on 19 August 2020
- A copy of the Development Consent is available on the DPIE portal website.
- The project is expected to create roughly 50 new construction jobs and 2 operational jobs over its 30 year lifespan
- It is expected to generate 60GWh of energy annually which is enough energy for approximately 10,000 homes
- WS commented that Liddell Power Station is closing and as this solar project is near the grid it should be able to accept the modest amount of energy that will be generated.

Maxwell Infrastructure Rehabilitation in CY2020

DM provided the following presentation:

- This calendar year, approximately 30 hectares of rehabilitation has been completed.
 - o 20 hectares of pasture
 - o 10 hectares of woodland
- Soil amelioration was undertaken using gypsum, biosolids and mulch.
- Approximately 11 hectares of remedial work was completed on existing rehabilitation including:
 - o Reshaping
 - Recontouring
 - Reseeding

Tree planting

- Approximately 50 hectares of land has been prepared for a spring tree planting program consisting of 40,000 trees.
- Weed spraying was completed during June 2020 and September 2020.
- Wild dog (and pig) trapping commenced on buffer land in late June 2020 and is continuing.

Cattle grazing update:

- Malabar have been agisting pasture rehabilitation to a local farmer.
- July 2020 Angus steers were sold to a local abattoir averaging out at set weights producing a quality animal and meeting all primary marketing criteria.
- September 2020 Angus x Charolais heifers topped the market at the Singleton sale yards selling for 360c//kg and averaging 555kg.



	Maxwell Infrastructure TEOM PM ₁₀	
	DM spoke to the TEOM graphs. There was a spike in mid	Action: DM to provide a
	August (still below the 24-hour impact assessment criteria)	summary of the spike that
	and a gap in the second week of September due to annual	occurred in mid August 2020.
	calibration of the monitoring equipment.	
	Community Update	
	Malabar have continued its long - standing	
	partnership with Merton Living at Denman by	
	sponsoring their Creative Therapeutic Engagement	
	Program. The program provides high level therapeutic	
	engagement to help improve quality of life for	
	residents. Due to COVID -19 the program was	
	adapted to provide 'Window Therapy'.	
	Malabar sponsored the Colour Run as part of the	
	Muswellbrook Public School Colourful Fun Day	
	Complaints Register	
	No complaints registered since previous CCC	
	meeting.	
GENERAL BUSINESS	 Zero complaints for the 2020 calendar year. Nil. 	
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NEXT MEETING	It was proposed that the next meeting of the CCC take	
	place at Merton Vineyard, Denman on Wednesday 3	
	February 2021 commencing at 5.30pm.	

Meeting closed at 5.59pm with MMH thanking all members for their participation and confirming that Minister Barilaro has extended the term of this CCC for a further two years with provision in the proposed conditions for merging of the CCCs. Further, as this is the last meeting for 2020, wishing members a merry Christmas and a happy and healthy 2021.

ACTION ITEM

ITEM	ISSUE	RESPONSBILITY
1	Provide link to IPC live streaming of Public Hearing	DM
2	Provide summary of TEOM data explaining spike that occurred in August	DM
	2020	