

Maxwell Infrastructure Community Consultative Committee Meeting Minutes

Time and date: 10.00am on Wednesday 19 December 2018

Location: Maxwell Infrastructure Meeting Room

Attendees: Jennifer Lecky (JL) – Chairperson
Gerrit DeBoer (GD) – Community Representative
Ron Baxter (RB) – Community Representative
Peter Horder (PH) – Community Representative (attended late)
Rob Hayes (RH) – Malabar Coal
Donna McLaughlin (DM) – Malabar Coal
Rebecca Marcus (RMH) – Malabar Coal

Apologies: Rob Halloran (BH) – Community Representative
Mark Bowditch (MB) – Community Representative

Planned Meeting Agenda:

No	Topic	Who
1	Housekeeping and safety	Donna McLaughlin
2	Welcome - attendees and apologies	Chairperson
3	Declaration of pecuniary interests	Chairperson
4	Confirm minutes from previous meeting	Chairperson
5	Actions from previous meeting	Chairperson
6	Maxwell Project Overview	Rob Hayes
7	Environmental management plans	Donna McLaughlin
8	Environmental performance	Donna McLaughlin
9	Reports, submissions and correspondence	Chairperson
10	General business	Chairperson
11	Next meeting	Chairperson
12	Meeting close	Chairperson

1. Housekeeping and safety

DM provided information on housekeeping and safety.

2. Welcome - attendees and apologies

Meeting opened at 10.05 am.

3. Declaration of Pecuniary Interests

Nil pecuniary interests declared.

4. Confirm minutes from previous meeting

Minutes were accepted by GD and seconded by RB.

5. Actions from previous meeting

ACTION 1 - Once the air quality modelling was completed, the air quality specialist could present the findings to the CCC

Action is outstanding. DM noted that the air quality specialist was unable to attend the December CCC meeting. Arrangements will be made for the air quality specialist to attend the next CCC meeting in March (**ACTION 1**).

ACTION 2 – CCC would be provided with a copy of the Maxwell Project Scoping Report and some information on underground mining

Action is complete. Information was mailed to CCC members prior to the meeting.

6. Update on the Maxwell Underground Project

RH provided an update on the progress of the Maxwell Underground Project including studies underway and feedback on community information sessions held in November.

JL queried the extent of impact on AGL land. RH confirmed that a small section of AGL land would be impacted by a conveyor and road proposed for the Maxwell Underground Project.

JL asked if the Ash Dam would be impacted by the project. RH confirmed that the Ash Dam would not be impacted.

GD questioned what controls would be in place to manage the impacts of coal dust from the CHPP stockpiles as part of the Maxwell Underground Project, noting that past controls had not successfully managed impacts.

RH advised that air quality studies were underway that would assess potential impacts and define controls which would be reflected in consent conditions. RH reviewed the location of the proposed CHPP stockpiles and ROM stockpiles with the CCC.

GD noted noise impacts from train loading in the past, noting that idling changes implemented in response to his past concerns had helped. RH committed to working with the community to manage noise impacts from trains that arise from the Maxwell Underground Project.

RB questioned why a recent community information session was held at the Maxwell Infrastructure site rather than in the town of Muswellbrook where he felt that more people would've been likely to attend.

RH advised that the locations of the sessions were tailored to those people located closest to the project.

RB asked who the parent company was for the Maxwell Underground Project.

RH advised that Maxwell Ventures Pty Ltd was owned by Malabar Coal Ltd; a non-listed, private company owned by a group of Australian-based investors.

7. Management plans

DM provided an overview of changes to the Air Quality and Greenhouse Gas Management Plan and the Noise Management Plan that were approved by the Department of Planning and Environment (DPE) in October. CCC members were provided a hard copy and informed that an electronic copy was available on the website.

DM noted that the changes reflected the current rehabilitation phase of the site and management plans would be updated if the Maxwell Underground Project was approved and the site became operational. DM also noted that other management plans were under review, with the Blast Management Plan and Water Management Plan currently being focussed on.

8. Environmental Performance

DM provided an overview of the sites rehabilitation performance and reported on cattle grazing that had commenced on the south tip pasture rehabilitation.

DM noted that an elevated 24-hour average PM₁₀ result was recorded on 22 and 23 November 2018. This was investigated, and the monitor was found to be downwind of the operations at no time during this period. DM noted that the UHAQMN also recorded elevated readings at Muswellbrook on this day, indicating a regional dust event.

DM noted that no audible noise was identified from Maxwell Infrastructure during the monthly attended noise monitoring survey.

DM advised of a water discharge incident on 20 October 2019, noting that this had been reported to DPE and the investigation was ongoing.

DM noted that there had been no complaints received since the last meeting.

DM discussed community sponsorship activities including:

- Donation to Wildlife Aid for National Threatened Species Day
- Gold sponsor of the Denman Junior Cricket
- Donated a Sensory Garden at Muswellbrook Public School
- Donation towards the Muswellbrook Public School annual presentation
- Donation towards the Denman Public School annual presentation

9. Reports, Submissions and Correspondence

None.

10. General Business

A brief video on the underground mining processes and machinery was presented.

JL noted that this was helpful.

12. Next Meeting

It was agreed that the next CCC meeting would be held on 13 March 2019 at 10.00 am.

13. Meeting Close

JL thanked members for their participation and the meeting was closed at 10.55am.