SPUR HILL UNDERGROUND COKING COAL PROJECT COMMUNITY CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES OF MEETING HELD AT THE MAXWELL INFRASTRUCTURE SITE THOMAS MITCHELL DRIVE, MUSWELLBROOK ON WEDNESDAY 4th JULY 2018 AT 5.30PM

PRESENT	NAME	ORGANISATION	
	Margaret MacDonald-Hill (MMH)	Independent Chairperson	
	John Sowter (JS)	Community Representative	
	Susan Pickersgill	Community Representative	
	Les Jones (LJ)	Community Representative	
	Wayne Seabrook (WS)	Spur Hill Management Pty Ltd (SHM)	
	Cr Stephen Ward	Muswellbrook Shire Council (arrived at 5.45pm)	
	Emma Prince (EP)	Division of Resources & Geoscience	
	Tim Wolfgang (TW)	Community Representative	
	Donna McLaughlin	Manager - Environment & Community (Maxwell	
		Project)	
INVITED GUEST	Dee Elliott	Elliott Whiteing	
IN ATTENDANCE	Lisa Andrews	Minute Taker	
APOLOGIES	Fiona Webber (FW)	Community Representative	
	Brett Keeping (BK)	Group Representative - Vignerons & Vineyards	
	Noel Downs (ND)	Group Representative - Wanaruah Local Aboriginal	
		Land Council	
	Aaron Moon	Community Representative	

WELCOME	The Chair welcomed all attendees and	e Chair welcomed all attendees and	
	introduced:		
	Dee Elliott from Elliott Whiteing, who is	DE to present to the CCC later in the	
	the consultant tasked with preparing the	meeting.	
	Social Impact Assessment for the Maxwell		
	project.		
	Emma Prince, Acting Manager Regulatory	EP provided a brief statement on her	
	Conformance, Resource Operations;	background with the Department.	
	Division of Resources and Geoscience;		
	and		
	Donna McLaughlin – Environment &	DM will be attending future CCCs.	
	Community Manager (Maxwell Project).		
DECLARATION OF	MMH advised that there has been no change	No amendments to previously stated	
INTEREST	to her previous declarations. (Appointed by the	declarations from CCC members	
	Minister for Resources and Energy as the	present.	
	Independent Chair of the Spur Hill Community		
	Consultative Committee & holds a position on the		
CONFIDENTION	Mine Subsidence Board.)	NA TW	
CONFIRMATION OF	The minutes of the previous meeting of	Moved: TW	
PREVIOUS MINUTES	10 April 2018 were confirmed.	Seconded: LJ	
BUSINESS ARISING	Place regular advertisements on CCC meetings	Ongoing	
(ACTION ITEMS	in the Denman News.		
FROM PREVIOUS			
MEETING)	_		
CORRESPONDENCE	In		
	• 18/4/18 - email from JF on the New South	As per Meeting Notice emailed to	
	Wales Division of Resources and	members 20/6/18.	
	Geoscience e-newsletter initiative		
	• 30/5/18 - email from WS on Gateway		
	Application Public Notice in Denman		
	News for the Maxwell Project		
	Out		
	• 30/5/18 - email advice to CCC on Maxwell		
	Gateway Application notice		

PRESENTATION ON PROJECT

18/4/18 - forward JF email to CCC

WS advised that the presentation would include:

- A recap of the April 2018 CCC
- Spur Hill Project Update
- Maxwell Project Update:
- Complaints Register.

Recap:

- Malabar's initial DA lodgement will be for an underground mine within EL 5460 (Maxwell).
- The Maxwell DA will be for the duration of the 1st mining lease term of 21 years plus a margin. (i.e. c. 25 to 26 years).
- The underground entry will be in the north.
- Whilst the Maxwell DA is being assessed Malabar will continue to enhance our geological understanding of the zone where EL5460 meets Spur Hill (EL 7429) so that we can optimise the development of Spur Hill.

Maxwell:

- Malabar's plan is to develop a high productivity underground mine focused on coking coals.
- The coking product will be marketed to the steel industry and the balance will be suitable for High Efficiency Low Emission ('HELE') power plants.
- The Maxwell Project will have low environmental impacts, with the entry invisible to nearby neighbours and positioned away from horse-breeding activities.
- Existing infrastructure on the Drayton site in the north ("Maxwell Infrastructure") will be reused wherever possible.
- Consultation regarding the project is well underway, with a presentation provided to DRG on 23/5/18. The Gateway Public Notice was published during the week of 28/5/18.
- The Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Assessment was advertised in June.
- Newsletters and survey questions have been circulated to residents that may be affected by the project.
- Work is progressing on Agricultural Impact, Subsidence, Biophysical Strategic Agricultural Land, Groundwater, Mine Layout and transportation of the coal.
- A large team of technical experts is preparing the necessary documentation for the submission of the gateway application by late July, early August. This will then feed into the DA/EIS application.

An electronic copy of the presentation is attached to these minutes.

A hard copy of the newsletter and survey were distributed to attendees.

Rehabilitation of the Drayton Open Cut

Malabar has mobilised a contractor with a large suite of equipment. The contractor is undertaking bulk reshaping with dozers, carting and spreading inert material, installing contour banks, spreading gypsum, bio-solids, compost, and seeding.

The target is to rehabilitate 82 hectares by the end of 2018. Over the first four months of Malabar control of the site, (March to June)32 hectares has been achieved.

An Ecologist and Agronomist have been on site to advise on seed mixes to achieve best results.

Social Impact Assessment (SIA)

Dee Elliott provided an overview of the work that will be undertaken as part of the social impact assessment.

Dee briefed the CCC on DP&E's new SIA guidelines, informing members that the Department is looking at a consistent approach with strong stakeholder engagement, ensuring transparency and accountability.

Areas for consideration will include community, way of life, social infrastructure, culture, health and wellbeing, property and personal rights and surroundings.

Dee advised that the Project's area of social influence includes properties nearest to the Project, the communities of Denman, Jerrys Plains and Muswellbrook, and the Muswellbrook and Singleton Local Government Areas, with consideration of the regional workforce also important. She commented that local housing availability has changed in the past 12 months.

Dee invited members to provide feedback on the SIA scope, including positive impacts, negative impacts and mitigation strategies for the management of negative impacts.

The SIA Program proposed is: Q3 2018 – Engagement on SIA Scope Q3-Q4 2018 – SIA Engagement and Social Baseline

Q4 2018 – Impact assessment and evaluation Q1 2019- EIS including SIA to be submitted to DP&E.

Dee explained the SIA survey has been letter box dropped in the area and encouraged participation. The survey may also be completed online.

Link:

http://www.planning.nsw.gov.au/Policyand-Legislation/Under-review-andnew-Policy-and-Legislation/Social-Impact-Assessment

See presentation for SIA guideline objectives.

SW suggested that Scone also be included.

LJ stated that the local environment was critical, with the employment of local residents and contractors being important.

JS stated that air quality was important. He recommended that Malabar reinforces that an underground mine as a less dusty operation versus open cuts

GENERAL BUSINESS

DM advised the CCC that defibrillator

NEXT MEETING	Hill with Maxwell, which has two existing CCC's as well. It was proposed that the next meeting of the CCC take place at Small Forest Vineyard, Denman on Wednesday 3 October 2018, commencing at 5.30pm.	
	units were being donated to the Riding School for the Disabled and the Wanaruah Land Council. DM also advised that Malabar was donating toward a sensory garden that is being installed at the Muswellbrook Primary School. JS congratulated Malabar for its donations to local schools and sporting organisations. TW enquired what was happening with this CCC as it appears that the near term focus has switched from Spur Hill to Maxwell? MMH explained that Spur Hill CCC is a ministerial committee under the exploration licence. MMH advised that she had discussed this issue with the proponent due to the integration of Spur	MMH to consult with the Department of Planning and Environment and the Minister for Resources and Energy on the arrangement of the three committees moving forward.

Meeting closed at 6.55pm with MMH thanking all CCC members for their attendance.

ACTION ITEM

ITEM	ISSUE	RESPONSIBILITY
1	Place regular advertisements on CCC meetings in the Denman News	Ongoing (WS/MMH)
2	Seek advice from government departments on current and future CCCs for the Spur Hill and Maxwell Projects.	MMH