

**SPUR HILL UNDERGROUND COKING COAL PROJECT  
COMMUNITY CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE  
MINUTES OF MEETING HELD AT MERTON VINEYARD, DENMAN  
ON WEDNESDAY 7<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 2018 AT 5.30PM**

PRESENT	NAME	ORGANISATION
	Margaret MacDonald-Hill (MMH)	Independent Chairperson
	John Sowter (JS)	Community Representative ( <i>arrived at 5.42pm</i> )
	Brett Keeping (BK)	Group Representative - Vignerons & Vineyards
	Les Jones (LJ)	Community Representative
	Aaron Moon (AM)	Community Representative
	Wayne Seabrook (WS)	Spur Hill Management Pty Ltd (SHM)
	Cr Stephen Ward (SW)	Muswellbrook Shire Council
	Fiona Webber	Community Representative
	Jaime Flynn (JF)	Division of Resources & Geoscience
<b>IN ATTENDANCE</b>	Lisa Andrews	Minute Taker
<b>APOLOGIES</b>	Joe Sorbara	Malabar Coal – Chief Financial Officer
	Noel Downs (ND)	Group Representative - Wanaruah Local Aboriginal Land Council
	Susan Pickersgill (SP)	Community Representative
	Tim Wolfgang (TW)	Community Representative

***The CCC meeting was opened at 5.40pm.***

<b>WELCOME</b>	The Chair welcomed all attendees and re-introduced Jaime Flynn, Communications Advisor with the Department of Planning and Environment's Division of Resources & Geoscience.	
<b>DECLARATION OF INTEREST</b>	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.)	<b>No amendments to previously stated declarations from CCC members present.</b>
<b>CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES</b>	The minutes of the previous meeting of 15 November 2017 were confirmed.	<b>Moved: AM Seconded: LJ</b>
<b>BUSINESS ARISING</b>	A media release was emailed to CCC members on 20/11/17 advising that the Drayton's mine site acquisition had been approved.	
<b>CORRESPONDENCE</b>	As included in agenda. Late Item: 7/2/17 – Email of SEPP (Map 4 Jerrys Plains) showing land where open-cut mining is prohibited.	<b>Following a request from ND, JF advised that she would discuss with the Department's IT Section on how this map could be supplied as a Geographical Information System (GIS) layer. [Perhaps "Minview" or "Common Ground".] MMH to send out link which provides public access to maps that show information/licence layers in NSW.</b>
<b>PRESENTATION ON PROJECT</b>	WS provided an update to CCC members: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• EL 5460 has been renewed (underground mining only)</li> <li>• Part of EL 5460 south of the Golden Highway has been removed from the EL.</li> <li>• The transfer of title to Malabar has been approved</li> </ul>	<b>A hard copy of the presentation was provided to all present. Questions were asked and answers provided throughout the presentation.</b>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• It is anticipated that settlement will occur by the end of February 2018.</li> <li>• An initial team will be established on site which will include a number of exiting Anglo personnel</li> <li>• There is a tender process occurring involving earthmoving contractors for the continuation of the rehabilitation of the open cut areas.</li> <li>• Much of the rehabilitation that will be undertaken by the successful contractor will be completed before underground long-wall coal mining commences.</li> </ul> <p><b>Project Maxwell</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• WS explained "Project Maxwell", is the potential underground mining operation within EL5460.</li> <li>• Geological model has been updated.</li> <li>• The various options for the underground mine layouts are being identified and drafted and will then be assessed.</li> <li>• Flora and fauna field studies (providing additional data to those previously undertaken by Anglo) have commenced.</li> <li>• It is anticipated that Malabar will lodge a DA &amp; EIS by late 2018. . The average period of assessment is in the order of 500 days, however, given that much of the infrastructure is already in place, then Malabar believes that the time frame for assessment will be shorter.</li> <li>• Explained that Malabar will own freehold land between EL 5460 and the existing Drayton mine so providing a transport corridor between sites.</li> <li>• Malabar's total landholding including land associated with Spur Hill will be c. 9000 ha.</li> </ul> <p><b>Merton Vineyard – Small Forest</b> Atsuko's wines continue to win awards and she is receiving great recognition for her work.</p>	
<b>GENERAL BUSINESS</b>	Nil.	
<b>NEXT MEETING</b>	<p>It was proposed that the next meeting of the CCC may take place on the Drayton's site and will include an inspection.</p> <p>Date and time to be confirmed.</p>	<b>MMH to advise CCC members.</b>

**Meeting closed at 6.27pm with MMH thanking all CCC members for their attendance**

## **ACTION ITEMS**

<b>ITEM</b>	<b>ISSUE</b>	<b>RESPONSIBILITY</b>
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1	Place regular advertisements on CCC meetings in the Denman News	Ongoing (WS/MMH)
2	Investigate GIS layer of mining prohibition map	JF
3	Link to GIS system that shows mapping of mining licences, etc in NSW	MMH
4	WS to advise MMH when settlement takes place	WS/MMH
5	Date, time and arrangements for the next CCC	MMH