

Community Consultative Committee Meeting

CHAIN VALLEY COLLIERY and MANNERING COLLIERY			
Venue:	Chain Valley Colliery		
Date:	16 / 05 / 18 Time: 2PM		
Participants:	Margaret MacDonald-Hill (MM) - Chair		
	John Oakes (JO) – Community		
	Paul Maky (PM) – Community		
	Wade Covey (WC) – LakeCoal		
	Bob Brooks (BB) – Community		
	Dave McLean (DM) - LakeCoal		
	Cr John Gilbert (JG) – LMCC Councillor		
	Kathleen Lee (KL) - Minutes		
	Apologies:		
	Ian Carr (IC) – Community		
	Andrew Whitbourne (AW) – Community Neil Wynn (NW) – Community		
	Julie Vaughan (JV) – Central Coast Council		
	Glenn Cannard (GC) - Central Coast Council		
WELCOME	MM declared the meeting open at 2:01pm.		
	MM noted the apologies received.		
	Dave McLean introduced to the Committee as Operations Manager.		
DECLARATIONS OF	MM declared no change in her interests from previous meetings.		
INTEREST	No change in previously declared interests from members present.		
	Declaration forms handed to new representatives DM & JG.		
	DM explained he needed to attend another meeting with consultants		
	investigating proposed new mine design, gave apologies.		
CONFIRMATION OF	The minutes of the February meeting were confirmed without amendment. The		
PREVIOUS MINUTES	minutes were moved by JO and seconded by PM.		

BUSINESS ARISING	WC provided an update on the actions from the last meeting.		
	Action	Update	
	WC to arrange additional noise monitoring in the village.	In Progress. Noise Logger sourced. To be installed in the next couple of weeks. Advice required from Bob or John regarding best location in the village.	
	WC to review contact table for CCC for the website.	Complete. Uploaded on website.	
	WC to follow up with Central Coast Council regarding the notification process, plaques and advise the Committee by the next meeting.	Complete. Awaiting feedback from Council on acknowledgement required for projects.	
	MM asked if WC had prepared the update for BB for the village Newsletter. WC apologised and explained that it was not complete as yet and that he would send one through before the next meeting.		
	ACTION – WC to provide newsletter article upon when life of mine plan is finalised.		
CORRESPONDENCE	MM provided an overview of the correspondence noted since the last meeting.		
	Discussion on media statement released by LakeCoal in response to UG		
	incident on 23 January 2018.		
	Copies of 2017 Mannering Colliery & Chain Valley Colliery Annual reviews were		
	provided to CCC members.		
	JG enquired about the presence of local community groups in the area. WC		
	explained that there were a lot of active groups within the local area. BB		
	provided an overview of the groups. BB advised that he also writes content for		
	his community newsletter at the Village to ensure updates are given e.g. VPA funds distribution.		
LAKECOAL VPA AGREEMENT	WC gave background on VPA to JG, presented CCC with update as per the presentation slide.		
LAKECOAL	COAL WC provided an operational update as outlined in the presentation handout.		
OPERATIONAL UPDATE	WC gave overview of potential changes to mine plan going forward which		
	included first workings techniques similar to Myuna Colliery to the north. WC advised that MW S1 extraction was planned for June 2018.		
	WC expanded on the extraction plan application and subsidence monitoring		
	plan. WC advised that both N1 and S1 panels had been shortened as a result of		
	Seagrass constraints. WC expanded on subsidence monitoring plan, N1 was		
	initially modelled to have 300mm vertical subsidence on the RMS markers. Now		
	N1 block has been shortened, the model predicts 50mm vert subsidence.		

LAKECOAL OPERATIONAL UPDATE continued

WC thanked CCC for input on how to approach landholders for proposed Foreshore Monitoring Program in Summerland Point area. Explained that the majority of landowners were quite amenable to access and survey markers on their property.

WC explained about the subsidence exceedance measured within the MW7-12 area, LakeCoal engaged consultants to determine the mechanisms that lead to the exceedance. WC presented the recommendations, including more frequent bathymetric studies and more modelling in future areas.

WC showed thematic maps of subsidence in MW7-12 and CVB districts. JO asked if there would be more mining in CVB – WC explained that it was unlikely any further miniwall mining would be undertaken in Chain Valley Bay. WC explained that LakeCoal was looking at the possibility of further first workings in the area.

APPROVALS/PROJECTS UPDATE

WC noted the status CVC and MAN approvals with Dept of Planning and Environment are on hold due to discussions with VPPS contract negotiations. General discussion of VPPS receiving coal from multiple sources, and the potential for CVC to export off the VPPS stockpile.

WC presented that short /medium and long term projects such as gas flare, and Great Northern Seam are on hold due to change in mine plan.

ENVIRONMENTAL PERFORMANCE

WC provided an overview of the environmental performance of both Mannering Colliery and Chain Valley Colliery since the last meeting.

WC explained that there was one externally reportable incident since the last meeting – involving a minor air quality exceedance. WC advised that it was not related to mining operations. WC is proposing to move an air quality gauge that is being impacted by landowner activities.

WC advised that LakeCoal had received two noise complaints from the same resident since the last meeting. WC quoted the resident 'had noticed a general increase in noise and that the resident had advised he was woken by VPPS blowing off steam and could hear Mannering Colliery'. The resident lives on Tall Timbers Road, which previously had the CVC stockpile and dense vegetation between the property and the site. WC advised that the RFS had recently done a hazard reduction burn after identifying the veg as high risk and the stockpile has been removed. WC speculated that this noise buffer removal could have had a negative effect for increase in noise for this resident. WC provided an update on noise mitigation works at Mannering. WC discussed the potential for a relocation of the real-time noise monitor behind Kingfisher Shores.

WC advised the LakeCoal was discussing the locations of real-time subsidence monitoring along Chain Valley Bay now with Central Coast Council due to OEH not holding tenure as the land manager, previously assumed by OEH.

GENERAL BUSINESS

WC asked the committee their thoughts on the new format of the minutes. The CCC agreed that the new format was quite good and were happy with the content.

JG opened discussion on Catherine Hill Jetty, noting that he had put forward a motion to LMCC during last council meeting. JG explained background that he has been talking to LakeCoal and understands that LC are custodians of the jetty and need to have it removed, however CHB residents are actively asking for the jetty to get heritage listing. The motion to LMCC was drafted by JG after consulting with Destinations NSW and LakeCoal to explore the viability to sink the jetty and create a "dive park".

ACTION: JG to send CCC final draft of motion

WC explained that LakeCoal was obliged to remove all unnecessary structures at the completion of mining under its mining lease obligations. WC explained that LakeCoal was open to discussions with any parties/agencies that were willing to take on the ownership and ongoing maintenance of the jetty. WC noted that trucking material away from the site would cause disturbance to the CHB township/community, and barges had large risks during high seas. JG noted that the CHB surf club is taking a portion of funding from the Belmont Catchment Plan to relocate further inland. JG expressed interest for LMCC to collaborate with LakeCoal and Destinations NSW for an adaptive reuse of the Jetty.

WC confirmed that many stakeholders needed to be consulted including Crown Lands, OEH, LMCC, private landholders, RoseCorp, and heritage arms of all groups, however Dept of Planning and Environment is the consent authority. WC explained that he did not believe the jetty was "Heritage listed" however is mapped as a an item of heritage significance for LMCC. WC noted abundance of marine life on submerged jetty structure, however structure itself is not safe for public use.

WC closed discussion on CHB jetty and explained that any future demolition or dismantling activities would be subject to approvals and an assessment of impacts however at the end of the day the regulator will have the final decision once all maters have been considered.

MM thanked everyone for their attendance and declared the meeting closed at 3:45pm.

NEXT MEETING

August 15 2018 at 2pm.