

**SPUR HILL UNDERGROUND COKING COAL PROJECT
COMMUNITY CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF MEETING HELD TUESDAY 17 FEBRUARY 2015
AT MERTON VINEYARD, DENMAN**

PRESENT	NAME	ORGANISATION
	Margaret MacDonald-Hill (MMH)	Chair
	Aaron Moon (AM)	Community Representative
	Cr Christine Phelps (CP)	Muswellbrook Shire Council
	Fiona Webber (FW)	Community Representative
	Tim Wolfgang (TW)	Community Representative
	Brett Keeping (BK)	Group Representative - Vignerons & Vineyards
	Les Jones (LJ)	Community Representative
	Susan Pickersgill (SP)	Community Representative (arrived at 5.45pm)
	Julie Moloney (JM)	Division of Resources & Energy
	Wayne Seabrook (WS)	Spur Hill Management Pty Ltd (SHM)
	Graeme Booth (GB)	SHM
IN ATTENDANCE	Lisa Andrews (LA)	Minute Taker
	Jo Webster (JW)	Resource Strategies
	James Barbato (JB)	Mine Subsidence Engineering Consultants (MSEC)
APOLOGIES	John Sowter (JS)	Community Representative
	Noel Downs (ND)	Group Representative - Wanaruah Local Aboriginal Land Council

Meeting commenced at 5.40pm

WELCOME	The Chair welcomed Committee Members to the meeting as well as James Barbato from MSEC who will be providing a presentation to the CCC on the potential impacts and management strategies for longwall mining.	
DECLARATION OF INTEREST	MMH advised that she was appointed by the Minister for Resources and Energy as the Independent Chair of the Spur Hill Community Consultative Committee. MMH also advised that she is long longer a member on the Minister's Arbitration Panel, however, still holds a position of the Mine Subsidence Board.	No amendments to previously stated declarations from CCC members.
CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES	The minutes of the previous meeting of 18 November 2014 were confirmed.	Moved: AM Seconded: TW
BUSINESS ARISING	ITEMS ACTIONED FROM LAST MEETING <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Distribution of supplementary slide with the location of weather stations. • SMH provided CCC chair with written response to correspondence tabled. 	MMH noted all actions had been completed.
CORRESPONDENCE	In 1/12/14 - email response from SHM to Mr Blake 10/2/15 - email questions from John Kaye Out 2/12/14 - email to CCC SHM response to Mr Blake 2/12/14 - letter to Mr Blake attaching SHM response BK raised an email that he had received from	Abridged Questions & Answers for

	<p>John Kaye which had been sent to only some members of the CCC. MMH asked that any emails received by members be forwarded to her for inclusion in correspondence prior to the each meeting (as resolved at the September 2014 meeting) so they can be recorded and answered in a timely manner.</p> <p>This email included reference to a previous email dated 3 November 2014 from Mr Kaye, which also had not been presented to the last meeting. BK read out the email for the benefit of all present, which referred to air quality monitoring and SHM took the question on notice with a commitment to provide a response directly.</p>	<p>JK's email dated 9/2/15: Q: Is it possible for statistics to be produced on a 12 hour average, rather than 24 hour? <i>A(GB): The regulatory reporting standard is for 24 hour averaging period which is what Spur Hill will report against. It should be noted that Spur Hill is not presently in mine operation.</i> Q: Malabar Coal's share price has fallen. How is the capital going to be raised for the project? <i>A(GB): The characteristics of the Spur Hill Underground Project are such that Malabar Coal is confident that the funding will be available when required for construction. The majority of coal companies have experienced significant reductions in share prices due to the current coal market conditions. Importantly Malabar has key support from its major shareholders as the project advances through the approval process.</i></p> <p>JK's email from 3/11/14 (abridged): Q: In relation to the baseline air quality monitoring data published, can the annual mean for particulate concentrations be calculated from the data for both PM2.5 and PM10 particle data sets. If data is not included in the calculations, for example due to bush fire events, can this please be indicated and the days removed from the data set be noted.</p>
<p>PRESENTATION</p>	<p>A copy of James Barbato presentation was distributed to all present. James commenced with a background of his experience as a mine subsidence specialist engaged by SHM to provide the necessary information to support the Development Application and accompanying Environmental Impact Statement (EIS).</p> <p>Questions were asked and answered in relation to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Coal Seam Height • Effect of subsidence on local roads • Consultation with RMS • Effect that subsidence may have on woodland areas • Groundwater assessment (future presentation) 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Voluntary acquisition of properties (new legislation) 	
PROJECT UPDATE	<p>An update on the project was provided by SHM, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Air Quality Monitoring Data - GB advised that SHM had undertaken to provide air quality results on a quarterly basis and the latest information is now available on the website. Landscaping works are being conducted on SHM's properties including tree planting EIS Progress Merton Vineyard - Discussions were had about the production, harvesting and sale of the grapes grown at Merton Complaints Register – no complaints received for the current period. 	
GENERAL BUSINESS	<p>GB invited CCC members for a tour of the winery prior to the commencement of the CCC meeting in June 2015.</p> <p>CP asked if the winery would be subject to mine subsidence and if so, would SHM fix it?</p> <p>BK asked about the results of the survey on the social impact of the proposal.</p> <p>TW: Is there an update on the Rail Access Plan?</p>	<p>CCC members to RSVP of their anticipated attendance.</p> <p>GB: Of course.</p> <p>GB: Informed the CCC that this information will form part of the baseline studies for inclusion in the EIS.</p> <p>GB: Advised that this is a key project component, which we currently plan to present to the April CCC Meeting. Some feedback has been received from other mines and engineering works are underway.</p>
NEXT MEETING	<p>The next meeting of the CCC will take place on Tuesday 21 April 2015, commencing 5.30pm at the Merton Vineyard. The following meeting will be held on 16 June 2015.</p>	<p>The groundwater consultants, "Hydro Simulations" will be present at either the April or June meeting depending on their availability.</p>

Meeting closed at 7.16pm with MMH thanking all CCC members for their attendance.

ACTION ITEMS

ITEM	ISSUE	RESPONSIBILITY
1	All correspondence received from members of the community be forwarded to the Chair.	All – ongoing.
2	Response to JK email of 3/11/14 be provided to CCC members	SHM/MMH
3	CCC Members to advise SHM of their attendance at the June meeting winery tour.	All