

WILPINJONG COAL COMMUNITY CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT FOR YEAR 2018-2019

Wilpinjong Coal Community Consultative Committee Details

CCC / Project Name:	Wilpinjong Coal	Reporting Period:	March 2018 to March 2019
Independent Chairperson:	Lisa Andrews	Proponent Contact:	Kieren Bennetts

1. Executive Summary

The Wilpinjong Coal mine is located in the Mid Western Regional local government area, near the village of Wollar, approximately 40kms northwest of Mudgee.

The coal mine produces a high quality thermal coal for domestic and export markets. 70% of the coal mined from this project is transported by rail to the Hunter Valley and used for the generation of electricity at the Bayswater & Liddell Power Stations.

Community Consultative Committee (CCC) operates in accordance with the Department of Planning & Environment's Community Consultative Committee Guidelines for State Significant Development (January 2019). The committee was established following the mine's approval and the membership consists of:

- Six local community representatives
- One Mid-Western Regional Council delegate
- One National Parks & Wildlife Service delegate
- Three company representatives; and
- One Independent Chairperson.

The meetings are held quarterly March, June, September & December and attendees receive a comprehensive presentation from the proponent. Topics of discussion during the report period included:

- Environmental Monitoring Overview, including:
 - Attended Noise Monitoring
 - Real time Noise Monitoring locations
 - Blast Monitoring/Vibration Monitoring
 - Dust Monitoring
 - RO Discharge Data
- Operational Downtime statistics
- 2019 Exploration Program
- Rehabilitation Update
- Community complaints, community donations and consultation
- The Wilpinjong Extension Project
- The Ulan/Wollar Realignment
- 22/66kv transmission line realignment
- Property Management
- Dog & fox baiting program
- Access to properties acquired by Peabody (cemetery, park, etc)

The CCC is an effective communication forum between the community, the Council and the company. It functions well and accordingly, fulfils its objectives under the Department's guidelines.

2. CCC activities over last 12 months

- The committee met in March 2018, June 2018, September 2018, December 2018 and March 2019.
- An extra-ordinary meeting was held on the 23rd April 2018 for the Social Impact Management Plan consultation.
- A site inspection was undertaken in September 2018.
- Attendance at the meetings is high, with the occasional apology due to other commitments.
- There were no joint CCC's held.

3. Key issues

Trending topics of committee discussion can be summarised as:

Issue	Actions Taken	Outcome
Noise	The company operates in accordance with its approved Noise Management Plan. All noise complaints are recorded and staff take appropriate action at the time they are reported.	Noise complaints are presented at each CCC. Concerns have been raised by a community representative that Peabody are buying out properties to reduce complaints from noise, dust and blasting.
Decline in RFS membership due to people moving out of the area due to mining activities	Wilpinjong Coal staff are encouraged and supported to be members of the RFS. The proponent provided catering for the most recent bush fire event.	Staff are provided leave to assist with firefighting activities
Dust	The company operates in accordance with its approved Air Quality Management Plan.	Dust monitoring results are presented at each CCC. With the drought conditions and regional storm events, dust continues to raise concern with the community.
Lose of residents (community) in the Wollar Village	Wilpinjong Coal has a number of homes available for lease by employees. Peabody encourage miners to move to the area with their families.	Concerns raised about the local store and its provision of postal services.

		The local public primary school has closed due to the number of residents leaving the village.
Blast Vibration	Some residents continue to raise concern with blast vibration and plumes.	Wilpinjong Coal has an approved Blasting Management Plan and all blasts are carried out in accordance with this document. No non compliances have been recorded.
Wilpinjong Extension Project	Extensive briefings are provided at each CCC meeting.	An extra-ordinary meeting to consult with residents regarding the Social Impact Management Plan was undertaken.

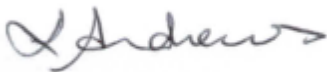
4. Focus for next 12 months

The planned activities for 2019 will be guided by the contributions of the CCC members. These activities are likely to include:

- A site inspection in September 2019.
- Continued updates on environmental monitoring of the site.
- Continued updates on Community Support Program.
- Continued updates on the Wilpinjong Extension Project.

To the best of my knowledge, there are no outstanding or emerging issues that have not been addressed.

CCC minutes and presentations are available on the website.

Signature of Chair:	
Date:	2 April 2019