

## Wilpinjong Coal Community Consultative Committee – Annual Report 2022

<b>CCC / Project Name:</b>	Wilpinjong Coal	<b>Reporting Period:</b>	March 2021 to March 2022
<b>Independent Chairperson:</b>	<b>Lisa Andrews</b>	<b>Proponent Contact:</b>	<b>Kieren Bennetts/Ian Flood</b>

### 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:

- Five local community representatives (incorporating the Wollar Progress Association delegate)
- 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
- Exploration Program
- Rehabilitation Update
- Community complaints, community donations and consultation
- The Wilpinjong Extension Project
- The Ulan/Wollar Realignment
- Property Management
- Dog & fox baiting program
- Demolition of derelict Peabody owned properties in and around the township of Wollar.

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 2021, June 2021, September 2021, December 2021 and March 2022.
- Demolition Program has been prepared to remove Peabody owned derelict properties in and around the township of Wollar. Many of these buildings have asbestos, so management and safety is vital.
- Feral animal control program.
- Detailed information about the Wilpinjong Extension Project, including water sharing, infrastructure, Rehabilitation Strategy.
- Briefing on MLA 616 (Mining Lease Application for 70ha in north west corner)
- Briefing on Exploration Licence 9399
- 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:

<b>Issue</b>	<b>Actions Taken</b>	<b>Outcome</b>
<b>Noise</b>	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.
<b>Dust</b>	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.
<b>Blast Vibration</b>	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.
<b>Wilpinjong Extension Project</b>	Management Plans have been updated and pre-approval conditions commenced.	Approved.

<b>Closure of the Wollar General Store</b>	The store is now closed.	Complete.
<b>Australia Post Services in Wollar</b>	Peabody arranged for heavy duty post boxes to be constructed and installed.	Complete.
<b>Attended Noise Monitoring</b>	Request for hard copies to be provided.	Hard copies available and distributed at each CCC.
<b>Demolition Program</b>	CCC members receive an update at each meeting on the schedule for the demolition of derelict buildings	Complete.

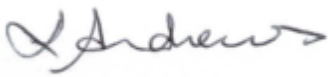
#### 4. Focus for next 12 months

The planned activities for 2023 will be guided by the contributions of the CCC members. These activities are likely to include:

- A site inspection in September 2022.
- Continued updates on environmental monitoring of the site.
- Communicate project modifications.
- Continued updates on Community Support Program.
- Updates on proposed exploration application on land adjacent to Wilpinjong mine.
- Continuation of the "Have a Chat" sessions at the Wollar Store Meeting Room on the first Thursday of the month.

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:	29 April 2022