



LDO Group

TEM-0006

<b>LDO Workplace:</b>	<b>Chain Valley Colliery</b>		
<b>Venue:</b>	<b>Mannering Colliery - Training Room</b>		
<b>Date:</b>	<b>19 / 5 / 2015</b>	<b>Time:</b>	<b>10am</b>
<b>Meeting Topic:</b>	<b>Community Consultative Committee</b>		
<b>Participants:</b>	<p><b>Margaret MacDonald-Hill (MM) – Chair</b>  <b>Ian Carr (IC) – Community</b>  <b>John Oakes (JO) – Community</b>  <b>Paul Maky (PM) – Community</b>  <b>Andrew Whitbourne (AW) – Community</b>  <b>Bart Vanderzee (BV) – Community</b>  <b>Chris Ellis (CE) – LakeCoal</b>  <b>Peter Campbell (PC) – LakeCoal</b>  <b>Ben Johnston (BJ) – LakeCoal</b>  <b>Bob Corbett (BC) – LakeCoal</b></p> <p><b>Apologies: Peter Cripps – Community, Tanya O'Brien – Wyong Shire Council (WSC), Daniel Wallace – Lake Macquarie City Council, Grant Polwarth – LakeCoal.</b></p>		

### Agenda Items

No	Item	Action Whom	By When
1.	MM opened meeting at 10:10am.	Note	
2.	MM noted apologies had been received from Peter Cripps and Grant Polwarth.	Note	
3.	MM declared interests (unchanged), i.e. appointment as Independent Chair of the committee and a member of Mine Subsidence Board.	Note	
4.	MM asked the committee for confirmation of previous minutes (24/2/15). Moved by JO, Seconded PM. CE to upload final minutes to website	CE	21/5/15

5.	<p>CE noted business arising from previous minutes, which included an update on the current sale process to Lake Macquarie Coal. LakeCoal's Managing Director intended to address the CCC however was unable to attend and committed to distributing an update to the CCC following the meeting.</p> <p><u>Action:</u> CE to follow up and distribute update.</p>	CE	31/5/15
6.	<p>CE gave update of VPA draft, including the correspondence with Council, details from the Council meeting minutes where the VPA was tabled and identifying some proposed changes which were inconsistent with the Development Consent and/or unacceptable to LakeCoal.</p> <p>AW asked if public exhibition of the VPA had taken place yet.</p> <p>CE replied that he had been checking the Council website, and the VPA did not appear to have been exhibited.</p>	Note	
7.	<p>CE, AW and other members discussed the numbers and makeup of members on the community advisory committee proposed to be established as part of the VPA.</p> <p>PM, MM, JO discussed the role of the Chair in the proposed community advisory committee and additional powers held.</p> <p>Community members voiced concern over some clauses currently within the VPA as read by PM.</p> <p><u>Action:</u> CE to advise CCC when VPA is on public exhibition so community members can make submissions regarding concerns</p>	CE	Following VPA exhibition
8.	<p>AW expressed concern that, given the opportunity, Council would direct funds to their priorities, which have not necessarily been aligned with that of the local communities in his experience. Suggested the VPA and associated documents needed to ensure the funds were used for their intended purposes as outlined in the prior and current Development Consent.</p>	Note	
9.	<p>CE, PM, MM discussed issues around community advisory panel membership.</p> <p><u>Action:</u> CE to advise the CCC on becoming aware of advertisement for positions.</p>	CE	On becoming aware of advertisement for positions
10.	<p>JO raised concerns with the panel membership selection criteria, voicing distrust. Concerned that Council could establish selection criteria to suit their interests.</p> <p>CE noted concerns and agreed such a situation, not having local community members on the advisory committee, would be inconsistent with the original intent of the Project Approval (which was to have a trust administered by representatives of the local communities, WSC and LakeCoal).</p> <p>MM commented that there may be a dispute resolution process within the Development Consent and that may be able to be used to address any significant issues relating to the VPA.</p> <p><u>Action:</u> CE to clarify the dispute resolution process within the Development Consent.</p>	CE	27/5/15
11.	<p>CE advised that the linkage project between had not yet commenced and a further update would be provided by LakeCoal's Managing Director.</p>	CE	31/5/15

	<p><u>Action:</u> CE to obtain and distribute update to CCC members.</p> <p>A general discussion on the linkage project, including geological conditions expected to be encountered during development was held.</p>		
12.	<p>JO enquired if there was any ownership changes planned for Mannering in the near future.</p> <p>CE advised he could not comment on behalf of the current owners (Centennial), however there was nothing proposed that he was aware of.</p>	Note	
13.	<p>CE gave an update on modification process being undertaken for Chain Valley, and associated modification for Mannering. Including proposed increase in production, mine design changes and development of asset protection zones.</p> <p>The revised mine plan and proposed asset protection zones were shown.</p>	Note	
14.	CE gave update on current and recent mining operations.	Note	
15.	CE gave details of haulage activities first quarter.	Note	
16.	CE provided details of water monitoring results	Note	
17.	CE gave update on dam embankment and spillway upgrade recently undertaken by CVC showing a number of before and after photos of the works and detailing the new monitoring system on the dam outlet.	Note	
18.	PC, MM, CE, AW discussed recent storms and damage sustained to the local area and the impacts to the mine.	Note	
19.	CE gave update on water management and volumetric details due to the recent storms and noted two occasions when total volumes had exceeded the discharge limit due to rainfall levels.	Note	
20.	CE provided and discussed recent air quality monitoring data	Note	
21.	CE detailed the three complaints and actions since the last CCC meeting	Note	
22.	CE provided longer term data from the Annual Review and historic data trends for groundwater and air quality	Note	
23.	<p>PM enquired about groundwater volumes and recharge.</p> <p>CE gave brief description detailing various groundwater recharge sources, including the lake, and how coal seams typically became groundwater storage due to the porosity of coal compared with surrounding strata.</p>	Note	
24.	<p>CE introduced benthic monitoring locations and showed species diversity results from the 2012 – 2014 monitoring to the committee.</p> <p>AW, IC asked questions regarding benthic monitoring and methods, and who undertook the monitoring.</p> <p>CE answered all questions, advising benthic monitoring surveys are undertaken for LakeCoal by John Laxton and Emma Laxton (JH &amp; ES Laxton Environmental Consultants Pty Ltd).</p>	Note	
25.	MM detailed correspondence in and out since the last CCC meeting.	Note	
26.	<p>MM asked for other business arising and general business matters.</p> <p>None brought forward.</p>	Note	

27.	Next meeting scheduled for 10am, 11/8/2015 at the Chain Valley Colliery conference room.	Note	
28.	MM declared the meeting closed at 11:40am.	Note	