



## CLARENCE COLLIERY

### MINUTES OF THE COMMUNITY CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

HELD 21<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2019

Meeting open at 9.02 am

Present:

Sue Graves:	CCC Chairperson
Richard Moon	Community Representative
Lauren Stevens;	Lithgow City Council Representative
Ray Thompson;	Lithgow City Council Representative
Kyle Egan	Mine Manager
Brett Campbell	Environment and Community Coordinator
Natalie Gardiner	Environment and Community Coordinator
James Marshall	Group Manager Stakeholder Engagement
Peter Smith	General Manager Health, Safety, Training and Environment

#### 1. Apologies:

Larry Anderson:	Community Representative
Ian de Beuzeville:	Community Representative
David Terry:	Community Representative

#### 2. Declaration of pecuniary or other interests

Nil

#### 3. Confirmation of minutes of the previous meeting held 24<sup>th</sup> September 2018.

Minutes were confirmed as being correct.

#### 4. Business arising from previous Minutes

A presentation outlining the Clarence Colliery Pipeline Project was provided to the CCC. The aim of the Clarence Colliery Pipeline Project is to remove the discharge of mine water from the Wollangambe River as required under the Pollution Reduction Program (PRP) issued by the EPA. To achieve the intent of the PRP, Centennial Clarence propose to construct a new pipeline from the Water Treatment Plant at the Clarence Pit Top and transfer the treated water to a new discharge point located in Sawyers Swamp Creek, a tributary of the Coxs River.

The new pipeline will be designed to transfer up to 25ML/day of water treated by the Clarence Colliery WTP.

The project will maintain the ability for Lithgow City Council to offtake water to supplement the township up to the transfer scheme approval limits.

#### 5. Correspondence

No correspondence received or sent. A draft Annual CCC report prepared by the chair will be circulated before submission.

## **6. Company and other reports**

### **6.1 Clarence Colliery Operational Report**

Clarence Colliery provided a report on operational activities, projects and issues arising since the last meeting and a summary of the 2018 Annual Report and Annual Returns.

A summary is presented below

- Cobalt, Nickel, Zinc PH and Chloride exceedances were recorded at LDP002 in 2018. The Water treatment plant is continuing to be improved with changes in processes, plant control systems, increased flocculent capture and changes to plant infrastructure.
- A noise exceedance was recorded on 13/9/2018. Additional investigations were undertaken to determine the background noise levels and difference in noise levels experienced from the operations at residences. The study identified that the residences are subject to background noise levels higher than the limits and that the monitoring point receives operational noise levels 7 dba higher than the nearest residence. No complaints were received during the period as higher contributions are received from other sources (i.e. Bells Line of Road and natural background noise).
- Air quality results are within the criteria. A technical non-compliance was recorded in November due to vandalism.
- Mining operations (production, transportation and are within consent criteria).
- REA V construction at the rail crossing has commenced. Further works are planned to be undertaken in 2019.
- An update was provided on the process being undertaken by Clarence Colliery to commence rehabilitation activities at REA III.
- Exploration is planned in the 900 North Area of the mine. Approval for the activity is currently being sought.
- Clarence submitted an application for MOP amendment for REA 3 and the 900 Drilling program.
- Cultural heritage inspections were undertaken in Early 2019 with representatives of registered aboriginal parties with included post mining sites and the 900 Drill program.
- No Complaints have been received
- Project Modifications are discussed in Section 7.

### **6.2 Other Reports**

Nil

## **7. General Business**

### ***Approvals***

James Marshall provided an overview of a proposed Modification to Development Approval to enable the transport of Coal to Mount Piper Power Station.

Springvale Coal Pty Limited (Springvale) is contracted to supply coal of a specific quality to Mt Piper Power Station (MPPS). Following the commencement of mining of the southern longwall blocks at Springvale in July 2018, the quality of coal has declined. As a result, Springvale is experiencing shortfalls in the contracted amount of coal that is required to be supplied to MPPS. To provide supplementary coal to the MPPS, Centennial has identified two options being:

**Option 1: Increase the volume of coal that can be transported by truck from the Clarence Colliery**

- increase total allowable coal haulage from Clarence Colliery by road from the current approved limit of 200,000 tonnes (t) to 300,000 t for a limited period of time up to 31 December 2020; and
- increase the total allowable coal haulage off-site by road to the west from the current approved limit of 100,000 t to 200,000 t for a limited period of time up to 31 December 2020.

**Option 2: In addition to dispatching coal from the Lidsdale Siding facility, it is proposed to accept coal at the facility from rail and transfer this coal to the Western Coal Services site for use at the MPPS.**

The proposed modification seeks to allow for the following activities to occur at the facility:

- unloading a single coal laden train per day between the hours of 7 am and 6 pm (Monday to Saturday) and 8am-6pm (Sundays), with no loading activities anticipated to occur on the same day as unloading activities; and
- dispatching of coal from the Lidsdale Siding Facility via the ‘topside strand’ of the existing overland conveyor (within existing handling limits).

Technical assessments are currently being prepared to support a Statement of Environmental Effects (SEE) that will be submitted to the Department of Planning and Environment (DPE), anticipated by mid April 2019. The SEE will provide further details about the proposed modification.

***Other***

Thank-you to Brett Campbell for covering Clarence Environmental Co-ordinator role.

**8. Next Meeting**

The next meeting will be held Thursday 4<sup>h</sup> June 2019, commencing 9.00 am.

Meeting Closed 10.27 am