

Ulan Coal Mine

Community Consultative Committee Meeting

Attending Guests	Bev Smiles (BS), Julia Imrie (JI), Scott Lillis (SL), Mal Stokes (MS)
UCML Attendees	Phil English (PE), Jamie Lees (JL), Murray Wood (MW), Don McLachlan (DM)
Chairperson	Mal Stokes
Date	25 th July 2006
Meeting Opened: 5.20 PM	Meeting Closed: 8.30pm

- MW welcomed CCC and provided overview of underground operations.

1. PREVIOUS MINUTES:

- Minutes were previously accepted as a true and correct record on the 4th April 2006.
- Moved BS + 2nd JI

Business Arising

- No Business arising from minutes

2. THE ULAN FOCUS

- PE introduced Issue 2 of Ulan Focus and stated that it is a key way UCML communicates with the community. UCML would like feedback from community members via the feed back card distributed with the Ulan Focus.

3. OPEN CUT EXTENSION

- PE provided overview of proposed Open Cut Extension
- DM explained the reasons behind the new DA

- Coal Prices
 - World Demand
 - Increased employment security
- JI raised issue about mining adjacent to Ulan Creek. DM stated that a significant Buffer would be retained between OC and Ulan Creek.
- PE outlined that the scale of the map was deceiving given that it showed the entire mine lease and as such the line showing the proposed mine outline was disproportional to the actual boundary.
- PE advised that if DA submitted it would be likely that it would be under 3A and is likely to contain 3 separate items:
 1. Open cut extension
 2. rationalisation of coal handling infrastructure (which may have a significant noise reduction opportunity)
 3. permanent locating of RO plant for Bobadeen

BS questioned mining method. DM explained the prestrip mining operation.

4. WATER UPDATE

- PE provided an overview of the 4 controls to bring the water management under control
 - Vacate East Pit for utilisation as water storage
 - Control Water from Main North
 - Introduction of water treatment plant – for export of water.
 - Relocation of South 5 Tailings Dam.

5. REGIONAL HYDROLOGY

- PE outlined that model preliminary and model still being developed.
- JI identified that one figure as being wrong with Spring Gully Fault and Goulburn River being on the wrong side of each other.

6. Goulburn River Diversion Baseline Assessment.

- JL advised of the remnant impact and liability of Goulburn River being assessed.
- JL outlined that diversion length identified as being 3.6km.
- JL outlined that UCML are combining a number of previous investigations into one project and Coffey's appointed as Project Manager – review as whole hydrological process
- JI outlined her long held concerns about the longterm nature and potential impacts from the diversion
- JL advised that investigation to include Bora Creek included within investigation.
- BS questioned investigation of overburden along edge of GR – to be investigated in accordance with investigation (JL).

- Location of peizo's on map attached to scoping document identified in an incorrect location and is directly east of void by JL.
- The purpose of investigations being undertaken to address government and community concerns and further investigations into barriers will need to be undertaken (JL)
- Primary objective of current investigation is to determine interaction of GR to East Pit (JL).
- PE indicated that the timing critical for project given agency expectations and hence further drilling has not been included within project.
- Timing for the development of the GRDA would allow for the incorporation of the investigation into the 2006 AEMR ~ i.e. 17th November 2006.

7. NOISE REDUCTION PROGRAM (NRP)

- PE detailed that the NRP submitted to Dept of Planning (DoP)
 - Wilkinson Murray engaged to develop NRP
 - Over 100 noise sources identified on site
 - Key noise sources were identified
 - Mitigation options assessed in accordance with Industrial Noise Policy
 - Main sources identified for insulation was washery & Underground Crushing and ROM stock pile.
 - Noise Barrier Bund was identified as not practical.
 - Receiver noise mitigation is seen as the moist practical option.
 - Opportunistic noise mitigation at the receivers is seen as the best option.

8. ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT SYSTEM

- PE provided an overview of the UCML EMS and invited CCC to participate in the review of individual EMS plans.
- CCC agreed that individual plans will be reviewed on an ongoing basis at each meeting.

9. ACTIONS

- Distribute Environmental Management Strategy to CCC for review

Meeting Closed: 8.30 pm

Next Meeting: Monday 17th October 2006.

3.30pm field trip – Proposed Goulburn River Tour

5.00pm Meeting