



Centennial Western Region Community Consultative Committee Meeting

1. Meeting Details:

Date	14 th of April 2016
Location	Springvale
Start Time	4pm

2. Attendees

Role	Name	Present (Y/N)
Chairperson	Howard Fisher (HF)	Y
Lithgow City Council	Maree Stratham (MS)	N
	Lauren Stevens (LS)	Y
Community Representatives	Ian Coates (IC)	N
	Danny Whitty (DW)	Y
	Ian Donald (ID)	N
	Graham Danaher (GD)	N
	Linda Cluff (LC)	Y
Centennial Representatives	Terry O' Brien (TOB) Mine Manager Angus Place	N
	Tom Hollis (TH) Environment & Community Coordinator Angus Place	Y
	Jacques Le Roux (JLR) Mine Manager Springvale Coal	Y
	Natalie Gardiner (NG) Environment & Community Coordinator Springvale	Y
	Geoff Rapson (GR) Manager Coal Services	Y
	Tony Nolan (TN) Environment & Community Coordinator Coal Services and Lidsdale Siding	Y
	Devon Roberts (DR)- Environmental Superintendent	Y
Minutes	Natalie Gardiner	Y
Also in Attendance	Greg Banning (GB) - Centennial Project Overview	Y

3. Apologies

Maree Stratham, Graham Danaher, Ian Coates, Terry O'Brian, Jenny Lamborn

4. Declaration of pecuniary and other interests

Nil

5. Confirmation of Previous Minutes

Date of previous CCC Minutes	1 st April 2015 14 th October 2015
Moved By	DW
Seconded By	HF- Due to no quorum at the meeting, 2015 minutes will be left in DRAFT until the next meeting. This is being proposed for 2 months (June) due poor attendance and activities being undertaken by the operations,

6. Business Arising from Previous Minutes

Action	Who	Comment
Thank Emma Mudford for her involvement in the CCC	LC	LC provided to HF copy of correspondence sent to Emma regarding her involvement
Provide Receipts for Community Enhancement Fund Works to determine balance of fund	DW	DW tabled evidence
Confirm Land Ownership where shield tree is located. If land is owned by Centennial further action must be taken in consultation with relevant parties were approved.	TN	TN confirmed that the land is not owned by Centennial and provided DW with contact details to obtain approval for installation of fencing. GR happy to provide support and assistance if required once approved.
CCC Community Representative Recruitment	NG/HF	HF Jenny Lamborns' application has been provided to the Department of Planning for consideration.

7. Centennial Project Update

GB presented to the CCC an overview of the Centennial Coal/Energy Australia Water Treatment Project. Project components were explained and water treatment process outlined (including by-products) to meet water quality criteria specified and agreed in the consent.

Raised by	Comment/Question	Response(s)
HF	Can you outline the Approval process?	GB Standard EIS process (separate SSD). GHD engaged as lead consultant. Application supported by a number of specialist assessments including flora, fauna and water.
DW	Access and Collection of water samples within Commonwealth Colliery	HF explained this was not a CCC issue.
LS	How is the salt disposed?	GB initially stored in dams at MT Piper and later blended into the ash at the MT piper site. HF and LS emphasised the importance of making this clear ion the application and during future consultation sessions.
LC	Is Angus Place still pumping while on care and maintenance?	GB and JLR explained Angus Place is still dewatering the mining area- equipment and people still underground on occasion and must be kept safe.

8. Angus Place

TH provided an update on activities since the last CCC meeting in October/

Key activities included annual reporting, Wolgan Road and Blackmans Flat Property maintenance, Angus place Ventilation Shaft Recovery Project and the preparation of the Care and Maintenance MOP.

Any overview of water quality and volumes discharges where discussed. volume exceedances explained and circumstances (rain) surrounding TSS exceedances recorded were outlined.

Air quality results concur with historic results with no exceedances of the criteria.

The rehabilitation status of the ventilation shaft was exemplified to show progress.

Ongoing community involvement- smoking ceremony attended by TH and DR.

Raised by	Comment/Question	Response(s)
	No Questions/Comments	

9. Springvale Coal

NG provided an update of the Springvale operation. Presentation included a summary of the Annual Review.

An overview of the currently approval status was given. Conditional State Approval was granted on the 21st of September while Federal approval was granted 15 October. In December 2015, 4Nature Inc., represented by the NSW Environmental Defenders Office (EDO), filed a Summons (Judicial Review) in the Land and Environment Court of NSW, in which it seeks to challenge the recent granting of Springvale's mining consent. A copy of the media statement was provided to the CCC. A modification application (MOD 1) is being prepared and will be submitted to seek modifications to allow for: an increase in the workforce from the approved 310 full time equivalent (fte), including contractors, to 450 fte, an increase in run-of-mine (ROM) coal production from the approved 4.5 million tonnes per annum (Mtpa) to 5.5 Mtpa, an increase in ROM coal stockpile at the pit top from the approved 85,000 tonnes to 200,000 tonnes and an increase in the coal stockpile footprint north of the existing area.

Non-compliances across approvals explained an overview of production and mining operations were given. There was no construction or exploration during 2015. Environmental performance was discussed in terms of the key performance measures outlined in the consent and annual review guidelines (noise, air, biodiversity and heritage). Water take from dewatering bores were within approved extraction limits and volumes discharged from LDPs were within the EPL criteria. Exceedances of water quality criteria (EC, arsenic and copper) throughout 2015 were explained with reference to Centennial holistic approach to water management covered in Water Treatment Project. Current rehabilitation status of the site was given. 1 Community Complaint received in 2015 and overview of Centennial continued support and involvement in local community was included. Key activities for 2016 presented.

Raised By	Comment/Question	Response(s)
	No Questions/Comments	

10. Western Coal Services (WCS)

TN provided an update on both Springvale Coal Services and Lidsdale Siding since the last CCC meeting.

Lidsdale Siding: Two complaints were received regarding light spill from the Lidsdale Siding operation. Upgrades have since been completed to reduce the occurrence of light spill after night train loading operations. Both complaints are now closed out.

Noise monitoring exceedances for the Lidsdale Siding operation were presented. No community complaints have been received for noise matters in the reporting period. No water quality exceedances have been recorded for the operation. A copy of the Lidsdale Siding Annual Review was circulated for information and discussion.

Western Coal Services-No complaints have been received during the reporting period. Regular exceedance of the noise monitoring criteria has occurred at NM6 (Wolgan Road) and NM7 (Brays Lane). Centennial has prepared a noise model of the Lidsdale / Wallerawang area to assess noise from the Centennial operations in the area.

Two water quality exceedances relating to pH were recorded during the reporting period. Western Coal Services has been subject to a compliance audit from DRE and an independent environmental audit. The independent environmental audit is available on the website.

Geotechnical investigations are underway to address a saline outbreak situated along the Castlereagh Highway. An update will be provide at the next meeting.

The annual report for Western Coal Services was circulated for information and discussion purposes.

The community hotline number for information/complaints handling is 63559500.

Raised by	Comment/Question	Response(s)
LC	Noted visitors positive regarding noise.	

11. Community Enhancement Fund Update

DW provided an update

Funding balance and receipts regarding expenditure has been tabled.

HF Residual balance to be left available until the next meeting when quorum available.

JRL, LC moved and seconded.

12. Correspondence

Correspondence	Sent/Received	Sent from
Tabled Thanks to Emma and correspondence from Planning regarding	7/3/2016	HF

13. General Business

Comment/Question	Raised by	Response(s)
Advised DW party holding the plaque for King Mills grave and that the site is not on Centennial owned land. An agreement between the parties and landowner would need to be obtained for further involvement form Centennial.	TH	DW outlined conflict in wording in will further follow up.

14. Action Summary

Action	Who	When
No outstanding actions		

15. Next Meeting

- Wednesday 15th of June, 4pm Lidsdale Siding

16. Meeting Close Time

Approx 5.20pm