

# **Community Consultative Committee (CCC)**

## **Pine Dale Coal Mine – Yarraboldy Extension**

**C/- Enhance Place Pty**

**Limited**

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### **DRAFT Minutes of the Meeting of Members of the**

### **Pine Dale Coal Mine-Yarraboldy Extension & EL7621**

### **Community Consultative Committee (CCC)**

**Held at the Black Gold Conference Centre,**

**121 Main Street, Wallerawang NSW 2845**

**On Thursday 8th December, 2016 at 10.20am**

Present:	Mr Howard Fisher	(Chairman)
	Ms Jessica Ramsden	(Lithgow City Council)
	Mr Graham Goodwin	(Company representative)
	Mr Peter Barnes	(Community representative)
	Mr Mark Frewin	(CCC Secretary – Company representative)

Apologies: None

Not in attendance:	Mrs Sharon Brown	(Community representative - Gundungurra Tribal Council)
	Clr Ray Thompson	(Lithgow City Council)

#### **1. Welcome and apologies**

No apologies were received. Several non-attendances were noted.

#### **2. Minutes of previous meeting**

A motion to accept the minutes of the meeting held on the 30th of June 2016 was passed.

#### **3. Matters Arising**

In relation to the report on the EnergyAustralia approach to community sponsorship which was outlined at the previous meeting, Mr Barnes:

- reiterated his view that a small fund be available for smaller community grants that come up between the more substantive and formal 6 monthly application process; and
- endorsed the need for ethical investment principles.

The Secretary noted he would convey these comments to the people managing this process.

#### **4. Enhance Place (Pine Dale Mine) Yarraboldy Extension – Company report**

Mr Frewin ran through a presentation on the progress with rehabilitation at the mine and environmental monitoring outcomes.

##### 4.1 Report on progress of the mine

- The mine continued in Care and Maintenance with the key focus being on progressing rehabilitation in areas where mining is complete, environmental monitoring as required, and assessment of options for the next phase of mining.

##### 4.2 Environmental monitoring

- Environmental monitoring outcomes didn't indicate any exceptional outcomes over the last 6 months. There was minimal discussion in this area.

##### 4.3 Rehabilitation works

- Key areas of focus over the last period at Pinedale continued to be on:
  - Soil improvement treatment in areas A, B, C & 8
  - Weed management across the site.
  - Profiling and hydro-mulching to improve vegetation cover of the contour drains in Area C
- Rehabilitation maintenance was also carried out at the Enhance Place mine site, including:
  - Maintenance on steep slope rehabilitation areas including replacement of tube stock that had failed, improving ground cover in some areas, and improving stock management practices.

##### 4.4 Complaints discussion

- No complaints were received in the period.

##### 4.5 Exploration lease – EL 7621

As foreshadowed at the last meeting, the Company had submitted an application to extend the Exploration Lease prior to its scheduled expiry in October 2016. The Company awaits an outcome of this application following consideration by the NSW government.

#### 4.6 Outlook for next phase of mine development

It is noted that exploration efforts are likely to remain of a desktop nature prior to a full planning application process, which would be required before mining could resume.

### **5. General Business**

#### 5.1 Correspondence

A notice was issued to residents informing them of the upcoming meeting.

#### 5.2 Other business

##### *5.2.1 Mt Piper / Springvale Water Treatment Project*

Mr Frewin provided a progress update on the Mt Piper / Springvale Water Treatment Project.

He pointed out that the exhibition period had ended, and by far the most comments received related to objections to proposed occasional release of excess treated water into the Nuebecks Creek (aka. Wangcol Creek in the project documents).

In recognition of this concern, the project was being altered to redirect excess treated water into the Thompsons Creek Reservoir via existing Mt Piper operated pipelines. This would allow the water to be stored for later use in the Power Station Cooling System.

Next steps were for the proponents to respond to the submissions formally, after which a department of planning recommendation report would be produced, and a PAC hearing conducted, early in 2017.

The committee noted the update, and the importance of the project to ensuring ongoing operations and the related economic benefits of the mine and power station to the community.

##### *5.2.2 Review of CCC future format*

Mr Frewin provided an update on the status of the proposed amalgamation of the Pinedale and Mt Piper Community Consultation groups.

Following the June meeting, EnergyAustralia had continued to develop this proposal, and expected to formally write the department of planning requesting permission to proceed down this path. It was expected this correspondence would be sent during December, which it was hoped would clear the way for an advertising process to seek members for the joint CCC and have it commence operations in the first half of 2017.

Mr Barnes noted that it would be critical to continue Pinedale related items under the same Department of Planning supervision as the current committee operated. He also requested that formal correspondence from the department be made available on the Pinedale Website confirming approval for the new format, and that this should be in place prior to the new process commencing.

### 5.3 Next Meeting

The need for a next meeting was noted to be dependent on the outcome of the proposed CCC format change. In the event this was implemented prior to June 2017 a further meeting would not be required.

In this light, it was agreed the Secretary would keep the Committee updated as the format change process continued. If a further meeting is required, Ms Ramsden requested that early notice be provided to allow diaries to be managed.

In this light a date in June will be arranged if required.

Meeting closed.