# 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 6th July, 2017 at 2.00pm

Present: Mr Howard Fisher (Chairman)

Ms Jessica Ramsden (Lithgow City Council)

Mr Graham Goodwin (Company representative)

Mr Ben Eastwood (Company representative)

Apologies: Mr Mark Frewin (CCC Secretary – Company representative)

Clr Ray Thompson (Lithgow City Council)

Not in attendance: Mrs Sharon Brown (Community representative -

Gundungurra Tribal Council)

1. **Welcome and apologies**

Apologies were received. Non-attendances where noted.

1. **Minutes of previous meeting**

A motion to accept the minutes of the meeting held on the 8th of December 2016 was passed.

1. **Matters Arising**

* This meeting is for the first 6 months of 2017 – which had to be delayed by a week due to last minute schedule changes by the chair and other members.
* Future Development / EL:   Exploration lease was extended last year.  Options for future development continue to be explored.
* Water project update:  Planning approval was granted.  EA and Springvale now finalising procurement phase, before appointing party to develop the facility.
* Membership update:  Peter Barnes has tendered his resignation from the CCC.  The committee noted thanks for Peter’s long contribution to the committee.
* CCC future format:  Department has agreed to merge the Mt Piper / Pinedale / Wallerawang committees.  They are now working through appointment of chair and are then expected to advertise for members for the new committee. Next meeting will be subject to DPE finalising the setup of new panel.

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

Mr Goodwin 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 indicated a slight rise in Groundwater EC due mainly to dry conditions since April this year.

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.
  + Ground cover pictures showed improved vegetation 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.
  + Stock management was noted a key issue for pasture development on this site, and a plan is in place with the relevant landholder.

4.4 Complaints discussion

Only one complaint was recorded in the period. The complaint related to the noise of a relocating excavator along the Pine Dale Mine internal haul road during rehabilitation work.

4.5 Exploration lease – EL 7621

Following the renewal of this lease, the Company will be conducting further desktop assessment on the potential development of the lease.

4.6 Outlook for next phase of mine development

Mr Goodwin’s presentation reported on the status of the Stage 2 development.

Several options remain under assessment for the site. Once a decision has been taken on the optimum way forward, a full planning process would be needed to progress the project, including extensive consultation.

**5. General Business**

5.1 Correspondence

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

Resignation of Mr Barnes was received.

Notification from DPE of agreed CCC merger.

5.2 Other business

*5.2.1 Letters of Appreciation*

Suggested letters of appreciation be sent to all members of the Pine Dale Mine CCC as this would most likely be the last meeting pending merge with Mt Piper.

*5.2.2 Mt Piper / Springvale Water Treatment Project*

Noted that project approval has been given the green light from the Planning Assessment Commission (PAC). The next stage of procurement has commenced.

*5.2.3 Review of CCC future format*

Mr Goodwin outlined he plan from EnergyAustralia to combine the Pinedale and Mt Piper Community Consultation groups into a combined regional consultation group covering all the local EnergyAustralia assets.

.3 Next Meeting

Depending on the outcome of the review of CCC format, it was noted that this could be the last stand alone Pinedale meeting. I would like to take this opportunity and thank all the Community members, Council Representatives and the Chairman for their contributions to the group over its many years of operation.

In the event that the format does not change, the Secretary would identify a date in the November/December period for the next meeting.

Meeting closed.