



MINUTES OF THE COMMUNITY CONSULTATIVE  
COMMITTEE MEETING HELD AT LIDDELL COAL  
PREPARATION PLANT 12 OCTOBER 2005

PRESENT: John Douglas, Bill Langdon, Julie Clydsdale, Trevor Wells, Ed Wegner.

IN ATTENDANCE: Michelle Nicholls-Lawson.

**1 INTRODUCTION**

1.1 The meeting opened at 5:40pm.

1.2 APOLOGIES: Gwyn Davis, Sarah Spicer

Moved by Bill Langdon, seconded by Ed Wegner.

**2 GENERAL EMERGENCY RESPONSE PROCEDURES**

2.1 In the event of a safety emergency evacuation, procedure is to follow Ed Wegner out to the declared Muster Area in the Car Park.

**3 PECUNIARY INTEREST DECLARATION**

3.1 Nil.

**4 PREVIOUS MINUTES**

4.1 The Minutes of the Meeting held on 8 February 2005 were confirmed as a true and accurate record.

Moved by Bill Langdon, seconded by John Douglas.

**5 BUSINESS ARISING**

5.1 **It was noted** that Julie Clydsdale queried whether the weed control planned for the year, did in fact occur? Ed Wegner confirmed that the weed control, in particular for pampas grass, did occur and there is an ongoing weed eradication programme.

## 5 GENERAL BUSINESS

5.1 The Liddell Coal Operations Review was presented by Trevor Wells and Ed Wegner. A copy of the presentation was handed out to the Attendees. The following items were discussed:

- Safety Performance;
- Environmental Performance;
- Production Performance;
- Environmental Review - Monitoring Air, Noise, Blasting and Water.

5.2 It was noted that there was one reportable incident during the year, being a blast overpressure. The remote monitor measured 124.1db(Lin) on 14 September 2005. It was noted that this exceeded the EPL limit of 120.0db(Lin) and the cause of the exceedance was due to the presence of a geological anomaly. Ed Wegner confirmed that this was the first time a blast exceedance has occurred at Liddell Coal.

The EPA was notified of the exceedance and they responded with a letter of caution (letter tabled at meeting) stating that in this instance, no further action will be taken.

Bill Langdon asked what the average overpressure level is? Trevor Wells responded that it is approximately 110.0db(Lin).

Julie Clydsdale asked what damage can overpressure cause? Trevor Wells advised that overpressure does not cause much damage as it is air movement and noise. For example it may rattle windows.

5.3 It was noted that the Liddell expansion is currently being looked at. With 100Mt resources available Liddell is looking at the potential of increasing their production rate up to 6Mtpa. It was noted that if this is financially viable, then Liddell would need to upgrade their CHPP infrastructure and seek a modification to their current consent.

The project is currently at feasibility stage and an update will be provided at the next meeting.

5.4 John Douglas informed that after attending a meeting at Singleton Council last night, the Department of Planning has tabled draft CCC guidelines, that effectively takes the running of CCC's out of local council hands. As a result of the new guidelines, the Chairperson is to be a totally independent representative and will be reappointed every five years. It was noted that Muswellbrook have just finalised their plan and understands the need to standardise rules, but this document is not supported by Muswellbrook Council.

Bill Langdon confirmed that even though the document has been issued as a draft, the recommended guidelines have already been implemented at Wambo; where he was chairman and has now been removed. Ed Wegner said that the document is supposed to be a "one size fits all" for all new mines or new DA's. Ed Wegner also stated that submissions were required by 28 October 2005, but as there were so many issues raised at the meeting, the deadline has been extended for an additional two weeks.

5.5 A copy of the Annual Environmental Report for Liddell was made available to representatives, if required.

**6 BUSINESS FOR NEXT MEETING**

- 6.1 Suggested that a copy of the presentation to be sent out with the minutes after the meeting is held.

**7 NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING**

- 7.1 The next scheduled meeting is set down for the Wednesday 8th February 2006 at 2:00PM at the Liddell Coal Preparation Plant.

The next meeting is to include a mine inspection.

There being no further business, the meeting concluded at 7:10PM.

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Chairman

ACTION ITEMS

Nil.