



## WATERMARK COAL MINE COMMUNITY CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE Meeting No 1

**Date:** Wednesday 28 March 2018  
**Time:** 10.00am  
**Location:** Shenhua Conference Room, Gunnedah

**Attendance:** Independent Chairperson  
Garry West  
Council Representative  
Councillor Murray O'Keefe (Gunnedah Shire Council)  
Community Members  
Patricia Duddy  
Ron Fuller  
Shenhua Watermark Representatives  
Debbie Watson (Community Liaison Officer)  
Gerry McDonald (Human Resources Manager)

**Meeting Opened:** 10.08am

### 1. Opening of Meeting by the Chairperson

The Chair thanked everyone for their attendance and appreciated the time they have taken to be on the Committee.

He provided an overview of his experience in chairing CCC's.

He advised that the previous minute taker was no longer available and one that was sourced is now unable to do attend. He requested permission from the Committee for D Watson to take the minutes which would then be provided to him for review and distribution. A draft will be forwarded to attendees within 7-10days for comment and then the final copy distributed to all members and the website. The Committee agreed to D Watson taking the minutes.

The Committee can request Agenda items and a formal notice of the meeting will be sent one month prior with a reminder a few days before the meeting.

### 2. Apologies

Councillor Andrew Hope (Liverpool Plains Shire Council)  
Malcolm Heath (Community Representative)  
Mark Kesby (Environment Representative)  
Greg Griffiths (Indigenous Representative)  
Zhao Liang (Shenhua Watermark Representative)

### 3. Overview of CCC Guidelines

The Chair gave an overview of the CCC stating that he was Independent and he is required to prepare an annual report to the Department on this CCC.

The Committee was not a decision-making body but a forum for discussion between the Company, community, stakeholders and Council.

The Committee is part of the Company's community consultative process to earn a Social Licence to Operate.

He asked that any member that had not signed a Code of Conduct Agreement must submit one to him. Murray O'Keefe, Gerry McDonald and Zhao Liang to complete. The Chair to contact previous Ian Armstrong regarding the other Committee members signed Agreements.

#### **4. Declarations of Pecuniary or Other Interests**

The Chair advised that he has completed the Declaration of Pecuniary and Non-Pecuniary Interests and submitted to the Department which has been recorded.

He asked all Committee members to also complete their Declaration.

The Chair further declared that whilst he is appointed by the department of Planning & Environment he is paid a fee by the proponent and reimbursed travel costs.

#### **5. Business Arising from Previous Minutes – 17 March 2017**

Ron Fuller raised questions regarding Land Management Issues – This is to be listed as an action for a follow up report by Zhao Liang.

P Duddy asked if it could make it easier for the community to navigate the website to source information. D Watson advised that the minutes would be made available on the website and will be located under the CCC tab which should make it more user friendly.

The Chair advised that the minutes are not public until they are posted on the website. He stated that he is available to speak to the media for comment if necessary.

*Minutes Accepted*

#### **6. Correspondence**

26 March 2018 – Email from P Duddy regarding the venue for the CCC meetings and distribution of minutes to Committee and website. The Chair advised that the discussion on the location of the meetings would be best held with a full Committee to get a broader range of ideas. The issue with minutes was covered in an earlier Agenda item.

#### **7. Shenhua Watermark Reports**

G McDonald provided an update on the Project to the Committee:

- EL Renewal – Application was made to the Department on time with appropriate fees and documentation which was accepted. The current EL Renewal continues until the Department issues the replacement. The Department advised its intention to reduce the area of the EL by taking back 51% of the lease. An amended application to reflect the Government's changes was required to be



submitted (June 2017). The Department has accepted that documentation and we are awaiting formal advice.

- An engineering review of the Project is being undertaken to reflect the Conditions of Consent.
- Currently working on the Management Plans and engaging external consultants.
- Personnel Changes – Paul Jackson and Mark Howes have resigned and the Company is currently in the process of interviewing for a Chief Operating Officer (COO) and advertising for an Environment Manager.
- Commencement Timeline – no confirmed timeline available as awaiting EL Renewal documentation and outcome of Indigenous Claim that was lodged 18 months ago. A second Indigenous Claim has also been lodged by the same group so that will be a further delay pending notification of process and outcome.

R Fuller asked if the \$200m for the Mining Lease had been paid. G McDonald advised that it had not yet been paid as awaiting on EL Renewal and outcome of Indigenous Claims. The company also needs to complete the three Management Plans that need to be approved by the Federal Government.

The Chair asked if G McDonald could confirm what the next steps required prior to the ML application. G McDonald responded that the following items need to be completed:

1. EL Renewal from the NSW Government
2. Completion of key Environmental Management Plans
3. Federal Government decisions on the Section 10 ATSIHP Act claims.

R Fuller asked if the Company had purchased the required Biodiversity land. G McDonald advised enough land had been purchased except for a small area of white box woodland which will be finalised as the result of the final Mining Operation Plan.

## **8. CCC Meeting Frequency**

The Chairperson asked members for suggestions on the frequency of the CCC meetings as this was an opportunity for discussion on how often the Committee convenes. As the Project is not currently operating, if we maintain quarterly meetings, there may be no new information to provide to the Committee. The Chairperson noted that he is conscious of the time members are required to volunteer to attend meetings.

P Duddy believes that the community becomes unsettled when there is no information being provided by the Company and said that quarterly meetings were therefore beneficial and necessary.

The Chairperson asked Shenhua if they would have enough information to hold a meeting in June and that a decision on meeting frequencies would be placed on hold until all members were present.

G McDonald noted that the Company should have further information to provide on issues that were discussed at the meeting.

## **9. Other Agenda Items**

Nil

## **10. General Business**

Nil

## 11. Next Meeting

Wednesday 13 June 2018 – 10.00am

**Meeting Closed:** 11.08am

### Action Items

Item	Action	By Whom
1	GW to contact Ian Armstrong to obtain members declarations	GW
2	Update requested on land management issues Note. Already supplied. See minutes	ZL
3	Code of Conduct and Declaration template forms to new members	GW

### Action 2

The following *Report provided by Zhao Liang on work completed post the formal CCC meeting:*

- Repairing concrete troughs on the three properties to stop water leaks
- Replacing sections of polythene pipe
- Repairing water sources including 2 windmills, 1 pump jack on bore, replacing two submersible pumps and providing generator power to pump
- Cement rendering water tanks
- Repairs to solar pumps, tanks and troughs
- Establishing graded fire tracks
- Slashing of access tracks to dams, gateways as well as around farm buildings
- Repairs to house hot water services and garden fencing
- Repairs to cattle yards
- Installed approximately 3kms new fencing on Glendowder southern boundary, approximately 3 kms to go currently being installed (Mick Carter)
- Installed approximately 1.5kms of new fencing on northern boundary Glendowder (Justin and Donna Grant)
- Engaging Jim Myers Gunnedah to manage kangaroos.
- Brad Eyre Mullaley to remove pigs
- Reduction of animal pests including goats
- Spraying St. John's Wort under advice from John Unwin Weeds Officer Coonabarabran
- Spraying boxthorns with good results. This program is ongoing.
- Spraying of fallow weeds
- Spraying of weeds, repairs to fencing, maintenance of buildings and farm tracks all ongoing.