



# Minutes

Lithgow Mining Taskforce  
Tuesday 16 June 2015

General Manager's meeting room,  
Mort St, Lithgow

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Meeting Commenced: 2.12pm

**ITEM: 1 PRESENT AND APOLOGIES**

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**PRESENT:** Mayor Statham, Clr Thompson, Katie Brassil, Clr McAndrew

**APOLOGIES:** Graeme Osborne, Steve Gallilee

**OFFICERS:** General Manager

**DECLARATION OF INTERESTS:** NIL

That the apologies be accepted.

**MOVED:** Clr Thompson

**SECONDED:** Clr McAndrew

**ITEM: 2 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

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Confirmation of the minutes of the 6 May 2015.

**MOVED:** Clr Thompson

**SECONDED:** K Brassil

**ITEM: 3 PROGRESS OF THE CENTENNIAL COAL APPLICATION FOR THE SPRINGVALE MINE**

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Ms Katie Brassil from Centennial Coal provided an update on the progress with the application for extension.

PAC Hearing has been held. The PAC has committed to providing a review of DoP's Assessment Report to the DoP by end of June. Centennial Coal will have the opportunity to provide comment. Centennial is hopeful of a mid August State approval. The Federal Department has already been provided and started to assess the State's Assessment report. The State Government has released a draft Swamp Offset Policy. After an initial review of this draft policy it is not anticipated the policy will significantly impact or delay the application. Centennial Coal has come to an agreement with the EPA on water quality issues.

**Action:**

That the advice on the progress of the Centennial Coal application for the Springvale Mine extensions project be noted.

**MOVED:** Clr Thompson

**SECONDED:** Clr McAndrew

#### **ITEM: 4      PROGRESS ON OTHER MINING APPLICATIONS**

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Ms Katie Brassil from Centennial Coal provided an update on the progress with other mining applications by Centennial Coal.

- Angus Place Colliery – progressing but not a priority to be pushed at this stage.
- Airly Mine – The PAC is yet to receive DoP’s Assessment Report for review. The application now needs to go through the PAC process. Airly’s consent expires at the end of October 2015. The timeline for securing an approval is very tight.

**Action:**

That the Taskforce note the advice on the progress on other mining applications by Centennial Coal.

**MOVED:** Clr McAndrew

**SECONDED:** Clr Thompson

#### **ITEM: 5      BAAL BONE COLLIERY**

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It is now close to five years since the Colliery has been mothballed. There is a need to again write to Minister Roberts about the future of this mining lease. The CFMEU will continue to actively pursue the issue.

**Action:**

That Council write to the Hon Anthony Roberts, Minister for Industry, Resources and Energy in relation to the continued inactivity at the Baal Bone Colliery and his commitments made to pursue this issue at the Community Meeting held on Tuesday 10 March 2015.

**MOVED:** Clr McAndrew

**SECONDED:** Clr Thompson

#### **ITEM: 6      CLARENCE COLLIERY WATER**

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As a result of the EPA's statutory 5 year review of Clarence's Environment Protection Licence there have been media reports generated regarding the quality of water discharged from Clarence Colliery into the Wollamgambe River.

The Environment Protection Authority received 130 public submissions after it publicly advertised its review of Environment Protection Licence (EPL) No. 726 for Clarence Colliery Pty Ltd. The public exhibition was for four weeks between 21 October and 24 November 2014. Seventy seven (59 per cent) of the 130 were form letters.

Ms Katie Brassil reported Centennial Coal is working with the EPA to address Clarence Colliery's water quality issues. This includes working with the EPA to identify an alternate discharge point with the objective of ceasing to discharge into the Wollamgambe River.

This involves the commencement of both water quality assessments and investigations into the redirection of water towards alternate locations.

Centennial has also commenced investigations into the costs associated with a water treatment upgrade to address metals of concern.

A full version of the EPA's report is available on the EPA website.

**Action:**

That the Taskforce note that Centennial Coal is working with the EPA to address water quality issues at Clarence Colliery.

**MOVED:** K Brassil

**SECONDED:** Clr Thompson

**ITEM: 7      GARDENS OF STONE**

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No further update in relation to the Gardens of Stone at this point in time.

Issues were raised in relation to the possible future of the Newnes State Forest.

**Action:**

That staff clarify the correspondence received in relation to the future of the Newnes State Forest.

**MOVED:** Clr McAndrew

**SECONDED:** Clr Thompson

**ITEM: 8      SUMMARY OF CORRESPONDENCE SENT/RECEIVED BY  
COUNCIL**

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The latest summary of correspondence sent and received by Council for the period 6 May 2015 to 12 June 2015 was presented.

A full list of correspondence sent by the Union following the public meeting is to be provided.

**Action:**

The summary of correspondence sent and received by Council in relation to Mining Taskforce activities was noted.

**MOVED:** Cllr Thompson

**SECONDED:** K Brassil

**ITEM 9: NEXT MEETING:**

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**Next Meeting:** As and when required.

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**The meeting concluded at 3.10pm.**