

## Meeting Minutes – Northparkes Community Consultative Committee (CCC)

Date & Time	Monday 22 March 2021, 4.00 pm	
Venue	Parkes Shire Council, 2 Cecile Street, Parkes	
Attendees	David Johnson	CCC Independent Chair
	Hubert Lehman	Managing Director, Northparkes Mines
	Stacey Kelly	PSE Manager, Northparkes Mines
	Gabe Albert	Community & External Relations Advisor
	Chris Higgins	Environment & Farms Superintendent
	Donna Shaw	Environment Officer
	Cr Bill Jayet	Parkes Shire Councillor
	Cr Phyllis Miller OAM	Forbes Shire Council, Mayor
	Andrew Rice	Community Representative
	Margaret Applebee	Community Representative (Observer)
Apologies	Cr Ken Keith OAM	Parkes Shire Council, Mayor
	Kent Boyd	Parkes Shire Council, General Manager
	Cr Patricia Smith	Parkes Shire Councillor
	Cr Steve Karaitiana	Forbes Shire Councillor
	Cr Chris Roylance	Forbes Shire Councillor
	Steve Loane	Forbes Shire Council, General Manager
	Sandra Parker	Parkes High School, Principal
	Geoff Rice	Community Representative
	Scott Bicket	Community Representative
	Phill Moss	Community Representative

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CMOC Mining Services Pty Limited (ABN 32 165 717 895) as agent severally for and on behalf of the Northparkes Joint Venture, an unincorporated joint venture between CMOC Mining Pty Limited (ABN 17 164 997 317) (80%), Sumitomo Metal Mining Oceania Pty Ltd (ABN 81 059 761 125) (13.3%) and SC Mineral Resources Pty Ltd (ABN 84 058 323 372) (6.7%) operating under the business name of Northparkes Mines.

## 1. WELCOME

David opened the meeting at 4.11pm.

David read out the apologies that had been received. This included Cr Ken Keith, Kent Boyd, Cr Patricia Smith, Cr Steve Karaitiana, Cr Chris Roylance, Steve Loane, Sandra Parker, Scott Bicket, and Phill Moss.

## 2. DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY OR OTHER INTEREST

The committee was reminded they must declare any pecuniary and non-pecuniary interest. No one declared further interests.

## 3. BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

The minutes from the previous meeting were agreed.

## 4. CORRESPONDENCE

No correspondence had been received.

David sent off the nomination to the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment (DPIE) for formal approval for Phill Moss and Margaret Applebee to be appointed as committee members. Still awaiting their response.

## 5. CMOC-NORTHPARKES MINES UPDATE

### 5.1 Business update

*Hubert Lehman, Stacey Kelly and Chris Higgins provided an update on the business operations, including an environmental, farming and community update. The presentation has been provided as an attachment at the end of these minutes. The following information includes the questions, responses and the additional information provided to the slides within the presentation.*

Strategic map (Slide 8)

**Q:** With regard to the grade of ore, what is too low to be economic ?

**A:** 0.3 %Cu – anything lower isn't worth mining – it will be a long time before Northparkes get to that level.

**Q:** How do you test for the grade?

**A:** Through exploration activities.

Priorities for H1 – 2021 (slide 9)

**Q:** What will it mean in terms of personnel with the workforce transition following completion of the major projects?

**A:** The people in the development industry understand there is a start and finish to the projects they are employed on and they are accustomed to moving on to other businesses and projects. A number of people will finish their contracts between June and December this year. Northparkes tries to re-engage and keep people in the business with the right experience and if the roles are available.

Estcourt tailings facility (Slide 13)

**Q:** How many years left of current tailings?

**A:** \$8-10 mt ~3 years with rotation between Rosedale and Estcourt.

Vent fan noise (Slide 19)

**Q:** Have you considered double glazing of the affected resident's windows?

**A:** Northparkes will install an acoustic barrier at the source in the first instance, then consider options at the receiver if this does not produce the desired outcome.

Tailing dust mitigation (Slide 21)

**Q:** Have you been in contact with Dan Nicolson of Topsoils in Forbes?

**A:** Matt Burkitt our farm specialist has been liaising with Guy Webb, an agronomist from Forbes.

Kokoda offset (Slide 23)

**Q:** Who regulates the offset property?

**A:** BCT – Biodiversity Conservation Trust

**Q:** What are they reporting against?

**A:** Compliance with our VCA (Voluntary Conservation Agreement). There are conditions we have to meet to ensure longevity and enhancing the biodiversity values of the property.

**Q:** What are the long term plans for the land – in perpetuity?

**A:** Yes, it will be owned and managed by Northparkes in perpetuity. There are a number of options available to Northparkes if we did want to sell or gift the land. If Northparkes chose to sell or gift the land the conditions of the VCA remain in place with the new owner including ongoing monitoring and so forth. Due to the nature of the property and works completed to date it lends itself to be used by community groups, school groups or potential for an education centre.

**Q:** Would the committee be interested in visiting the property at Kokoda? **[ACTION: consider a meeting or visit to Kokoda later in the year]**

Independent Environmental Audit (IEA) (Slide 24)

**Q:** How do you choose the auditor?

**A:** There is a list of auditors available that we can choose from, then we apply to the Department of Planning for approval to utilise them.

E44 Rocklands Approvals (slide 25)

**Q:** Is E44 still within Parkes Shire Council

**A:** Yes the E44 prospect is within the Parkes Shire Council boundary.

**Q:** Do you have the SEARS (Secretary's Environmental Assessment Requirements) from DPIE for this project yet ?

**A:** As the E44 Rocklands project will be assessed as a State Significant Development, once we submit our scoping report and have initial conversations with the Department they will issue their SEARS.

**Q:** Is an agricultural impact assessment being completed for the E44 project? DPIE do not always require an agricultural assessment as part of SEARS.

**A:** Yes, Northparkes is in the process of submitting our Biophysical Strategic Agricultural Land (BSAL) assessment for review and approval and it is expected that an agricultural assessment will be completed for the project.

**Q:** DPIE requirements for agricultural assessments (as part of SEARS) vary between different types of development.

**A:** For mining companies, it is a standard inclusion in SEARS.

#### Current approvals

Northparkes will be completing Modification 6 to the current project approval to tidy up administration changes on some of the conditions.

## 6. OTHER AGENDA ITEMS

There were no other agenda items.

## 7. GENERAL BUSINESS

Phyllis requested that in future we start our meetings with an acknowledgement to country. David agreed. **[ACTION: add to agenda - GA]**

Phyllis mentioned that Forbes Council is always happy to help Northparkes in terms of assistance with government, bureaucracy etc.

Gabe Albert has accepted the role of Community & External Relations Advisor, replacing Ali Standen. Gabe will be transitioning into the role from her current role as Senior Advisor Logistics and Sales. Gabe has been with Northparkes for over 10 years.

Hubert thanked everyone for their support for Northparkes. There have been a lot of changes within the CMOC head office in China, but the way we run our business here in Parkes, does not change – we continue with the current philosophy. Over the last year Northparkes has set some benchmarks for other CMOC overseas businesses to follow.

**Q:** With the number of personnel 300 - 500 ppl – are there any issues finding accommodation in town?

**A:** There had been problems last year and year before with Inland Rail Project in 2019/2020 but generally speaking not so much of a problem now. People seem to be spreading themselves between Parkes, Forbes and surrounding towns. There may be a problem again when the Parkes bypass construction starts.

## 8. NEXT MEETING AND CLOSE

The next meeting will be held on 21 June 2021 at 4.00 pm at Parkes Shire Council. The October meeting will be held at Northparkes.

It was suggested to hold a CCC meeting at Kokoda at a later date, or perhaps a visit to the property.

David Johnson closed the meeting at 5.40 pm.

## 9. ACTIONS FROM MEETING

Date of meeting	Action	Assigned to	Tracking
22 Mar	Consider meeting or visit to Kokoda	CH	
22 Mar	Add acknowledgement to country to the agenda	GA	

## 10. COMMUNITY CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE MEETING PRESENTATION



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