

Meeting Minutes – Northparkes Community Consultative Committee (CCC)

Date & Time	Wednesday 7 July 2021 – 4.00pm	
Venue	Microsoft Teams Meeting (on-line)	
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
	Andrew Rice	Community Representative
	Margaret Applebee	Community Representative
	Geoff Rice	Community Representative
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 Royslance	Forbes Shire Councillor
	Steve Loane	Forbes Shire Council, General Manager
	Sandra Parker	Parkes High School, Principal
	Scott Bickett	Community Representative
	Phill Moss	Community Representative
	Cr Phyllis Miller OAM	Forbes Shire Council, Mayor
	Cr Bill Jayet	Parkes Shire Councillor

1. WELCOME

David opened the meeting at 4.04pm, and provided an Acknowledgement of country

David welcomed all members; noted that the meeting was being held via Teams due to Covid restrictions and thanked everyone for joining via Teams.

2. DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY OR OTHER INTEREST

The committee was reminded they should declare any pecuniary and non-pecuniary interests if appropriate; No further interests were declared.

Marg mentioned that she intends to run for election for Parkes Shire Council at the local government elections later this year.

3. BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

The minutes from the previous meeting were accepted and agreed.

It is hoped that an inspection of the Kokoda offset area may be possible with the next meeting, as well as the E44 site.

4. CORRESPONDENCE

David received a letter dated 13 April 2021 approving the appointments of Marg A and Phil M as community reps on the CCC.

5. CMOC-NORTHPARKES MINES UPDATE

5.1 Business update

Hubert Lehman, presented Northparkes update.

Discussed injuries for simple routine tasks, and noted there were still some minor injuries – aim is to get to zero harm

Safety was slightly higher than average.

Production is slightly behind – recoveries and grade tracking well, slightly behind on metal production, expansion project has been completed – Feasibility Phase 2 done, will take further time, E26 L1N tracking well – 3 months ahead of schedule.

Estcourt tailings facility – tracking on budget and schedule – commissioning by the end of the year.

Alex and Jess from Umwelt along with Chris presented an update on the Northparkes E44 Rocklands Project.

Introduction from Alex Irwin – provided a summary of the work that Umwelt are doing for Northparkes and the high-level overview of the Northparkes E44 Rocklands SSD.

Chris commenced providing a summary of slides 11 - 16

Slide 16

Q: Marg Applebee – Will it impact the environmental conditions if the new E44 ore is going to be processed at a different site.

A: Chris Higgins - we will consider the geochemistry of the different tailings, we also need to take into consideration the capacity of the tailings, we have to do all the other environmental assessments of placement of tailings for all other impacts.

A: Alex Irwin – the reason we are applying for a new project approval as one integrated development is so all the parts of the Northparkes operation are considered as a whole.

Alex Irwin from Umwelt presented slide 17 - 19

No change to water license – Northparkes does not require further water
Water for haul road and dust management
Engaged consultants to do further assessments

Jessica – Umwelt Social Impact Assessment for the Project

Jess provided overview of the key issues arising from the project and the social or community concerns raised

Q: Marg – Discussion if it comes up in the community – 3,5000 t per day to be moved by triple road trains – figure around how many vehicles per day & what does that mean in terms of travelling vehicles – 70t ea ?

A: Stacey – 40 loaded truck movements in a 24-hour period

Q: Chris - asked Marg around the truck movements, any concerns ?

A: Marg – will need to think further – doesn't seem like a lot but it is significant and seeing how several properties along the road will be able to view the trucks.

Chris - mentioned concern from some neighbours regarding stock movement, school buses and local traffic. The impact assessment for traffic should be starting soon, and will consider these issues

Q: Andrew: Acknowledged that he had previously worked as contractor on approvals process for state significant developments. When looking at SEARS for various projects it is common for agriculture to not be mentioned (ie. can confirm by a word search in PDF copy of SEARS). Suggested that Northparkes include an agricultural assessment in all approvals process to confirm commitment to local community and consideration of agricultural perspectives with Northparkes developments.

A: Alex: we are working on our agriculture impact statement and it's a key assessment we need to address.

NPM has a good history of managing their operations along with the other Agriculture operations.

Consideration - Geoff: Grain harvest truck movements will be a key issue to consider in the traffic study. As part of this, consider likely future changes in grain movements with changes to marketing and bulk handling facilities (Parkes Sub Terminal and Bogan Gate).

Q: Alex: is there a heavy use period time of the year.

A: End of October to mid to late December. The movement in the industry to on-farm storage is helping keep the trucks off the road at peak times.

A: Andrew: Harvest traffic is not just limited to trucks. Five Chain Lane has become an important north / south connector to avoid major traffic routes closer to Parkes. There are often wide loads with equipment (eg. harvesters, windrowers, field bins, augers, etc), which introduces additional safety issues with traffic.

David thanked Alex and Jess for coming along and providing the update.

Chris provided Environmental and Farming update – Slides 21-28

Any questions from the Group?

Q: Marg Applebee – as an outcome of the planting at Kokoda – is there engagement of unemployed people etc as part of the project?

A: Stacey Kelly – have found using Skillset and their approach a worthwhile initiative. Two groups have gone through the TAFE course.

Marg: a story around that would be great.

A: Stacey Kelly - the 2,500 trees we planted in April / May were sourced from the Can Assist Nursery from the Parkes Local Community

Stacey Kelly presented update on the Community Report

Geoff Rice: At the Chamber of Commerce he will make sure to push communication about what is happening at Northparkes. Social media has picked up from Northparkes which is really good and the mine should be applauded for what it gives back to the community

David thanked Geoff for the kind feedback about Northparkes and the community

Stacey mentioned – good news stories to get out there.

No further general business

6. OTHER AGENDA ITEMS

There were no other agenda items.

7. GENERAL BUSINESS

Marg Applebee: we haven't had our landholders attending the CCC meetings lately – Could be useful to have them here. Can Northparkes follow up one on one and present the details, but to also check if there are any ways to make it easier for them to attend.

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.

8. NEXT MEETING AND CLOSE

The next meeting is now planned for Wednesday 24 November 2021, and will possibly include a visit to the E44 project site, and/or the Kokoda offset site.

David Johnson closed the meeting at 3.29 pm.

9. ACTIONS FROM MEETING

Date of meeting	Action	Assigned to	Tracking
22 Mar	Consider meeting or visit to E44	GA	

10. COMMUNITY CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE MEETING PRESENTATION