



**BLUESCOPE (BSL) COMMUNITY CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE**  
**Thursday 25 June 2015**  
**BlueScope Administration (Altair Building) – Boardroom,**  
**4.00 pm – 5.30 pm**

**Attendees:** Chair: Mayor Gordon Bradbery (WCC) ;  
 Vicki Curran (PKPM); Mark Peterlin (PKPM);  
 Trevor Brown (NSW Ports); John Thirlwell (AIW); Rick Coleman (DET)

**BlueScope:** John Nowlan, Michael Reay, Craig Nealon, Matt Imber

**Apologies:** Nicki Sloan (Illawarra Forum); William Dove (EPA)

**Observers:** Greg Newman (EPA), Toni Cains (SESIAHS), Tony Miskiewicz (WCC)

**Minutes:** Liz Barnden (BSL)

**Intent/Purpose:**

The purpose of the Community Consultative Committee (CCC) is to provide a forum for open discussion between representatives of BlueScope (BSL), the community and other stakeholders in relation to the environmental management and performance of operations at the Port Kembla Steelworks (PKSW) in accordance with Environment Protection Licence No. 6092 (EPL 6092)

**Minutes**

Item No	Item	Action	Who
1	Welcome and Acknowledgement of Traditional Custodian	Chairperson welcomed members to the meeting and acknowledged the traditional custodians.	-
2	Apologies	William Dove, Nicki Sloan	-
3	Disclosure of Pecuniary Interests/Conflicts of Interest	Nil. No further disclosures were noted from the previous meeting.	-
4	Previous Minutes	Moved to accept minutes: John Thirlwell Seconded: Mark Peterlin The minutes were accepted.	-
5	Company updates: Business Context	John Nowlan provided background/overview re the recent media coverage in regards to the future of the Steelworks, summarising: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Challenges BSL are facing in regards to imports;</li> <li>• Why BSL have to get costs down;</li> <li>• Projects BSL are working on in regards to cost improvements</li> <li>• Stave exchange recent shuts (3) - next year (1).</li> <li>• Discussion was held re the viability of the meeting given the current state of the business. It was noted that any changes/proposals need to be viable but BSL will continue to act responsibly and sustainably.</li> <li>• Proposals will be looked at on a case by case basis.</li> </ul>	-

<p>Environmental Update:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Recent Regulatory Action (in which we will cover the PINs for incident on 26th May 2014)</li> </ul>	<p>Matt Imber provided an Environmental Update.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Stave replacement program – cyanide discharge into drain – 2 penalty infringements.</li> <li>No incidents after the controls put in place.</li> <li>Further mitigation work being undertaken</li> <li>Current process – have eliminated the passage to the water ways; currently sucked out and sent for treatment; when returned to normal then discharged.</li> </ul> <p>Link to EPA release:  <a href="http://www.epa.nsw.gov.au/epamedia/EPAMedia15051906.htm">http://www.epa.nsw.gov.au/epamedia/EPAMedia15051906.htm</a></p>	-
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Repair of No 6 Coke Ovens Quench Tower</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Brief article on website</li> <li>Opportunities taken to improve water application and efficiency etc</li> <li>Emissions – largely steam and particulate; managed by grit arresters</li> </ul>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Future safe operation of the Sinter Plant Waste Gas Cleaning Plant</li> </ul>	<p>Matt spoke to the previously circulated context letter and info pack to members;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Context Letter</li> <li>Inviting contribution from the Committee</li> <li>Full capacity and functioning</li> <li>Impact assessment approach in justifying a temporary to an alternative release points</li> <li>Direct and alternative comparisons – links have comparisons</li> </ul>	
<p>6</p> <p>PKPM</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Chairperson position - payment</li> </ul>	<p>The following was noted;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Payment is a private arrangement between the Chairperson and BSL.</li> <li>On formation of the BSL's CCC, BSL adopted similar practices by other Companies, in particular the local mining companies, which confirmed payment of their Chairperson. The payment recognised the additional work required by the Chairperson outside of meetings.</li> <li>The BSL CCC Terms of Reference (16 Dec 2014), fully disclosed the payment to the Independent Chairperson and that Committee members positions were voluntary.</li> <li>The Terms of Reference also confirms that Committee members may seek reimbursement of personal expenses in regards to the Committee, with payment at the discretion of the Company and only where the Company has given its prior agreement to the expense being incurred. If this occurs, any payments to Committee members will need to be fully disclosed.</li> <li>It was suggested that a small expense reimbursement be offered to members for consideration (eg. \$5-10 per meeting). BlueScope will approach individual members separately for further discussion.</li> </ul>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Wider community membership</li> </ul>	<p>Discussion was held re the widening of the Committee to encompass the broader community.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>It was noted that Nicki Sloan is a Committee member and represents hundreds of local community groups.</li> <li>BlueScope referenced the NSW Department of State Planning Guidelines for CCC membership, which states that members should be diverse and be able to represent a broad cross-section of the community. It was noted that individual residents don't necessary meet that requirement.</li> <li>It was suggested and consensus agreed that a representative from Healthy Cities Wollongong would be approached to join the Committee by the Chairman.</li> </ul>	GB
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Initiatives to support Warrawong High School</li> </ul>	<p>Initial discussions have been held with BSL (Craig) and Warrawong High School (Rick) re collaborative initiatives to support the school e.g.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mentoring of students</li> <li>Leadership development</li> <li>Career days</li> </ul> <p>Initiatives outside of BSL scope e.g.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Scholarship programs</li> <li>Links with university</li> <li>ATAR points consideration etc</li> </ul>	

7	General Business	<p>Lengthy discussion was held re the testing of school children/residents in regards to trace lead.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Toni explained that in her experience with Health that high Lead levels are usually associated nearby heavy roadways (particularly before unleaded petrol was introduced) or where there is a significant source nearby (eg. Lead Smelter at Port Pirie).</li> <li>• It was noted that this matter requires wider engagement such as reviews of existing health studies; past data; comparison studies etc.</li> <li>• It was also noted that this request is much broader than BlueScope and outside the scope of the CCC.</li> <li>• However, it was suggested and agreed that a sub-committee be formed to understand what data is currently available. The sub-committee will consist of Vicki, Mark, Craig and Toni, subject to approval by SESIAHS to participate. The sub-committee will report back with an update to the CCC at future meetings.</li> </ul> <p>Discussion was held re the installation of an independent Air Monitoring system for the Illawarra and surrounding area via Corporate sponsorship from Illawarra businesses.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Acknowledged that this request is also outside the scope of the BSL CCC.</li> <li>• It was raised that perhaps EPA and WCC should be the agencies to co-ordinate such an approach. Very preliminary discussions have been held.</li> <li>• Discussion around perhaps the first step is review what existing air monitoring exists in the Illawarra and identify if there are any gaps. To be considered as a future Agenda item.</li> </ul>	<p>LB</p> <p>VC MP TC</p> <p>LB</p>
8	Other items	<p>The Chairperson raised concerns re 21 Area(Alliances and Recycling Area).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Management of the dust in summer due to strong westerly winds <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ There are currently six pollution reduction programs (PRPs) in place with EPA for 21 Area</li> <li>○ Monthly Monitoring</li> <li>○ BlueScope to provide an update on the range of activities at next meeting</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<p>MI LB</p>
	Close	Meeting closed at 5.45 pm	