



**BLUESCOPE (BSL) COMMUNITY CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE**  
**Thursday 26 March 2015**  
**BlueScope Administration (Altair Building) – Boardroom,**  
**4.00 pm – 5.30 pm**

**Attendees:** Chair: Mayor Gordon Bradbery (WCC) ;  
 John Thirwell (AWI); Rick Coleman (DET), Mark Peterlin (PKPM)

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

**Apologies:** Vicki Curran, Nicky Sloan, Trevor Brown, Toni Cairns

**Observers:** William Dove (EPA) Tony Miskiewicz

**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 Introductions	John Nowlan welcomed the Chairman and Committee members and spoke re the Intent and Purpose of the meeting.	-
2	Apologies	Vicki Curran, Trevor Brown, Toni Cairns, Nicky Sloan	-
3	Scope and functions/logistics of CCC Meetings	<p>Michael Reay provided an overview of the suggested format for future meetings. The following was agreed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Meetings to be held Quarterly.</li> <li>• Potential dates in June – preference for a Thursday later in the month</li> <li>• It was agreed that a deputy can attend on members behalf with prior notice to Secretary</li> <li>• Agenda items or General Business items to be sent to Secretary prior to meeting if possible to allow time for any preparation of response.</li> </ul>	LB to suggest dates in June
4	Declaration of pecuniary or other interests	<p>The following were noted as a declarations of pecuniary interest by those in attendance:</p> <p>Gordon Bradbery (WCC)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Confirmed his paid role as Chairperson had been discussed with his lawyer to ensure it would not impede his role at Mayor and his other interests and commitments; had discussion with John Nowlan re the expected role of Chairperson.</li> </ul>	

		<p>John Thirlwell (AIW):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• BSL association with AIW – Running of tours – subsidy for school children tours; run Budget of BlueScopeWIN community partners program management fee to AIW. Total from BSL \$120,000.</li> <li>• BSL shareholder</li> </ul> <p>Craig Nealon/Michael Reay (BlueScope)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• BlueScopeWIN Community Partners Program – funding to numerous community groups (supported ~150 groups over last two years)</li> <li>• NSW Ports – customer</li> <li>• Rate payer to the Wollongong City Council</li> <li>• BSL shareholders</li> </ul> <p>Liz Barnden/Matt Imber/John Nowlan (BlueScope)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• BSL Shareholders</li> <li>• Absent Committee members to declare pecuniary or other interests at next meeting</li> </ul> <p>No other members declared any pecuniary or other interests.</p>	LB
5	<p>Company updates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Update on Environmental Performance</li> </ul>	<p><b>Matt Imber provided an update on the following Company matters.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Environmental performance link: <a href="http://www.bluescope.com/sustainability/nsw-monitoring-data">http://www.bluescope.com/sustainability/nsw-monitoring-data</a></li> <li>• Decreased from 130 to 9 non-conformances in last year</li> <li>• Decrease from 100's of complaints – to 20 last year</li> <li>• Continuous improvement being undertaken</li> </ul>	-
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sinter Plant Stack Replacement.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Link to Sinter Plant Stack Replacement: <a href="http://www.bluescope.com/about-us/bluescope-in-the-illawarra">http://www.bluescope.com/about-us/bluescope-in-the-illawarra</a></li> <li>• Sinter Plant has been successfully rebuilt – steel not fiberglass</li> <li>• MP commented that if the community is aware that incidents like the Sinter Plant are an accident – the community will sympathise; but if they feel it is blatant –the opposite will occur. Community require verification of facts.</li> </ul>	-
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Blast Furnace Stave Replacement Program.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Currently working through schedule and all going to plan.</li> <li>• The last shut in March 2015 is the last scheduled for this Calendar Year.</li> </ul>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Recent Regulatory Action</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Refer to link: <a href="http://www.bluescope.com/about-us/bluescope-in-the-illawarra">http://www.bluescope.com/about-us/bluescope-in-the-illawarra</a></li> </ul>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Communication Channels e.g.</li> </ul>	<p>Craig Nealon provided an overview of current communications channels (website/email) between BSL and the community. The following suggestions were noted:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Continue with the current approach (over communicating preferred)</li> <li>• The BSL link to be possibly added to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Council website</li> <li>○ School(s) websites</li> <li>○ Others</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Source feedback from broader networks</li> <li>• Suggestions on the functionality/content of the website are welcome as we look to refresh the site. Any additional inclusions?</li> <li>• It was agreed that Communication should be a regular agenda item.</li> </ul>	All LB
6	General Business	Mark Peterlin submitted the following items for discussion.	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Management of Uncovered Stockpiles (Control of Fugitive dust emissions/Pollution Reduction Programmes)</li> </ul>	<p>Matt Imber provided an overview of the current systems in place to control stockpiles:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Extensive control network</li> <li>12 currently active projects – 7 centered around stockpile management</li> <li>Run a Fugitive Dust Management Plan</li> <li>EPA and BSL continually work together</li> <li>Continuous monitors around BSL boundaries</li> <li>Coal beds fixed spray</li> <li>Weather alert system – escalates our controls</li> </ul>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Illawarra air monitoring system</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>General discussion was held re the suggestion of a Corporate sponsored air monitoring system for the whole of the Illawarra – similar to Newcastle.</li> <li>It was suggested that this meeting could be used as a sounding board – re changes in the future industrial precinct</li> <li>It was noted that this is a much broader than the scope of this CCC meeting and could possibly be co-ordinated/facilitated by the EPA.</li> <li>EPA, BlueScope and others have had preliminary discussions on this topic.</li> <li>Currently there are 3 government monitors within the Illawarra region</li> <li>It was suggested this could be a future agenda item to provide input to the broader program.</li> </ul>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Night time emissions</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Discussion was held re the visual appearance of the night sky from Wollongong City to Warrawong; and the possibility of more emissions going into the atmosphere at night.</li> <li>Matt Imber confirmed that there is differences in the visual appearance of the distribution of emissions at night compared to the day (eg. lighting/weather); but explained it was visual only; and that BlueScope operated the plant 24/7 (ie. Operates continually and doesn't have the capacity to ramp up/down production at different times) and monitors its emissions continuously to meet its Environmental licence conditions.</li> </ul>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>BlueScope's stance on Climate Change</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>See link: <a href="http://csereport2012.bluescopesteel.com/environment/greenhouse-policy-principles.html">http://csereport2012.bluescopesteel.com/environment/greenhouse-policy-principles.html</a></li> </ul>	
7	Other items	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mark Peterlin invited Committee members to attend the Port Kembla Pollution Meeting – held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of every month starting at 9.00 am. The April meeting has been cancelled. Next meeting is Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> May at the NSW Ports Training Room, Foreshore Road.</li> <li>Rick Coleman raised the subject of health risk assessments/diagnostic testing being carried out in the Wollongong area. It was suggested that Toni Cairns (Health) may be best placed to provide further insight in this area. Council also indicated they have access to Socio-economic data that may help.</li> <li>Possible addition to future meeting agenda.</li> <li>Craig Nealon invited any members to contact him if they would like a tour of the plant and BlueScope offered to run a tour of the plant immediately prior to the next CCC meeting in June for those who would be available and haven't been on a tour.</li> </ul>	
	Close	Meeting closed at 5.35 pm	