

## BLUESCOPE (BSL) COMMUNITY CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE

Thursday 31 October 2019

Altair Boardroom

4.00 pm – 5.30 pm

**Committee:** Chair: Gordon Bradbery  
Mark Peterlin (PKPM); Nicky Sloan (Community Industry Group), Trevor Brown (NSW Ports); Bill Wilkins (AWI); Kelly Andrew (Healthy Cities), Peter Maywald (NH Forum 7), Harold Hanson/David Winterbottom (NH Forum 5)

**BlueScope:** Dave Bell, Michael Reay, Craig Nealon, Natasha Porteous,  
BSL Visitors: Samantha Cole, Anita Rojas

**Apologies:** Harold Hanson

**Observers:** Greg Newman (EPA), Glendon Lee (SESIAHS), Renee Winsor (WCC), William Dove (EPA)  
WCC Visitor: Jenny Haining

**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 Custodians	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>The Chair welcomed attendees</li><li>The Traditional Custodians were acknowledged.</li></ul>	-
2	Apologies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Harold Hanson, Nicky Sloan (late apology)</li></ul>	-
3	Disclosures of Pecuniary Interests/ Conflicts of Interest	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Nil</li></ul>	-
4	Previous minutes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>The previous minutes be accepted.</li><li>Moved: Dave Bell; Seconded: Mark Peterlin <b>Resolved Unanimously</b></li></ul>	-

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Company Update</li> <br/> <li>• Environment: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Incidents</li> <br/> <li>○ Enquiries/Complaints</li> <br/> <li>○ Improvements</li> </ul> </li> <br/> <li>• Additional items: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Sinter Plant By-pass plan in 2020</li> </ul> </li> </ul> | <p>Dave Bell provided a general BSL/PK update;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Continuing to experience down turn</li> <li>• Domestic market still going reasonably</li> <li>• Plate business – in backlog 4-5 weeks</li> <li>• Infrastructure quite strong domestically</li> <li>• Overall however prices still going down</li> <li>• International market has spare capacity</li> <li>• Positive - still investigating/spending on projects – \$400M spend on R&amp;M and the like</li> <li>• Mining leases update <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• S32 has submitted EIS statement. Next step is to collate responses and respond. This time next year a decision – 20 year mine life.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p>Incidents</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Emissions crossed Springhill Road from the Recycling area. Incident report submitted to EPA – working through the outcomes – Pollution Reduction project eg dust monitoring and additional water sprays</li> <li>• Coke Ovens gas condensate– 2 incidents – leakage to ground – incident reports submitted to EPA.</li> <li>• Incident involving instability of Blast Furnace–BF condensate emissions. We use a considerable amount of water to cool our furnace – rare event. No environmental consequences.</li> <li>• 5 days after BF incident – 12 dead fish in Allens Creek. No defined cause. Still open file with EPA</li> </ul> <p>Enquiries/Complaints</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Odour complaint from Cringila resident – sulphur type smell. Wind direction aligned with the plant – potentially from our granulating operation.</li> <li>• A member of public reported material on the road at Springhill Rd. Organised clean up.</li> <li>• Resident on Flagstaff Rd complaining of light shining in backyard. Neighbours had cut down trees hence allowing light to shine through which hadn't previously. Culprit lights and are remedying.</li> </ul> <p>Improvements</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Organic waste recycling. Collecting 27 tonnes/yr at the canteens. Rolling out this initiative through main office buildings. Waste segregation.</li> <li>• WCC FOGO (Food Organics Garden Organics) trial – 3 areas trialling</li> </ul> <p>Anita Rojas provided an update on the Sinter Plant By-pass plan for 2020</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• February 2020 commence 12 week preventative maintenance on the WGC outlet duct, stack and regenerator</li> <li>• Bypass planned to commence mid February to mid May <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Week of monitoring to make sure all going ok</li> <li>▪ Safety benefits</li> <li>▪ Monitoring stations located NW and SW of Sinter plant</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Net affect – no change. Possibly some increases – EPA installing ambient gauges to check. Contingencies in place.</li> <li>• Offline – will still be within the limits. Not too far off normal operations</li> <li>• What does it emit? SO<sub>2</sub>, nitrous oxides, low</li> </ul> |
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6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Coal haulage (DW/HH/PM)</li> </ul>	<p>BSL responded</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>S32 awarded the haulage contract to Linfox in July</li> <li>Size of the trucks A-doubles – 15 new trucks have been purpose built and are operational.</li> <li>Linfox developing a truck facility on our site in A&amp;R</li> <li>NH Forum 4 should contact the S32 Community for further comment.</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>Received and Noted</b></p>	DW
7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Long term land use for BlueScope Holdings (DW/HH/PM)</li> </ul>	<p>BSL responded</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>BSL preparing a plan for longer term land use</li> <li>Most of the spare land/office is currently leased to businesses.</li> <li>CRM area – steel storage; long term the Port development area. Massive port facility</li> <li>Trying to bring what we lease externally to our PK site to discontinue leases to consolidate, reduce costs etc</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>Received and Noted</b></p>	
8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Flood/pollution issues associated with new flood data – any BlueScope issues? (DW/HH/PM)</li> </ul>	<p>BSL responded</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>At this stage there is no change for BSL with this new flood data</li> <li>Council will continue to update flood studies.</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>Received and Noted</b></p>	
9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Risk Assessment around Port of PK – BlueScope data (MP)</li> </ul>	<p>Mark Peterlin tabled the report “The Ocean and Cryosphere in a Changing Climate (report attached).</p> <p>Mark expressed his concern on the emerging picture of the concentration of the adhoc building of “facilities” along our Foreshore and what is going to be progressed in the future eg</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Grain terminal x 2</li> <li>Fuel facility</li> <li>Coal Loader</li> <li>New liquid gas platform (side)</li> <li>Fuel facility/depots</li> <li>Fertilizer plant near the pilot station</li> </ul> <p>The Chairman noted Mark’s genuine concern re these activities involving volatile buildings / materials being built in close proximity and the possible high risk scenarios around the port and surrounding community. As Mayor of Wollongong the Chair will raise an appropriate motion of Council to address these concerns.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>Received and Noted</b></p>	GB
10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Gree house gas emissions and recycling strategies – BSL Energy Strategy (GB)</li> </ul>	<p>The Chair requested an overview of BSL’s strategies in regards to Greenhouse gas emissions and recycle strategies in light of climate protests and issues.</p> <p>Natasha Porteous spoke to BSL’s Environment Strategy.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>It was noted that it was important for BSL to provide a balanced message to counteract these type of views / comments.</li> <li>The steel industry is important to the region and BSL needs to give a balance of being a good corporate citizen. Vital for the future.</li> <li>BSL should work on messaging to the community eg <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Recycling</li> <li>Simplistic arguments</li> <li>Sustainability targets</li> </ul> </li> <li>Share on social media – Healthy Cities</li> <li>Good news stories etc</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>Received and Noted</b></p>	BSL

11	<p>Other Business</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Warrawong Community of Schools (CoS) STEAM project</li> </ul> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Introduction</li> </ul>	<p>Amanda Giles spoke re the Warrawong Community of Schools (CoS) STEM project</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>STEM run with University – 10 week – 1 term</li> <li>Public speaking – Toastmasters – worked with the children</li> <li>Project based learning</li> <li>Would like to be involved with BSL in this space</li> <li>Michael Reay to connect Amanda with Anna DiGiorgio.</li> </ul> <p>Renee Windsor introduced Jenny Haining, Sustainability Officer from the Wollongong City Council</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>Received and Noted</b></p>	MR
12	Close	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Meeting closed at 5.50 pm</li> <li>It was agreed that this would be the final meeting for 2019 and the next meeting would be set for February 2020</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>Noted and Agreed</b></p>	LB