



BLUESCOPE (BSL) COMMUNITY CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE

Thursday 20 February 2020

Community Campus – Mortlock House (hosted by Community Industry Group)

4.00 pm – 5.40 pm

- Committee:** Chair: Gordon Bradbery
 Mark Peterlin (PKPM); Nicki Sloan (Community Industry Group); Peter Maywald (NH Forum 7), Harold Hanson (NH Forum 5), Amanda Giles (Cringila Public School)
- BlueScope:** Dave Bell, Craig Nealon, Samantha Cole, Anita Rojas
- Apologies:** Bill Wilkins, Natasha Porteous, Liz Barnden, Michael Reay, David Winterbottom, Kelly Andrews
- Observers:** Renee Winsor (WCC), William Dove (EPA), Margie Rahmann (Edmiston Jones)
- Minutes:** Craig Nealon (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)

Agenda

Item No	Item	Action	Who
1	Welcome and Acknowledgement of Traditional Custodians	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Chair welcomed attendees and thanked our hosts for the venue The Traditional Custodians were acknowledged. 	-
2	Apologies	Bill Wilkins, Natasha Porteous, Liz Barnden, Michael Reay, David Winterbottom, Kelly Andrews Received and noted	-
3	Disclosures of Pecuniary Interests/Conflicts of Interest	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Nil 	-
4	Previous minutes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The previous minutes be accepted. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Moved: Dave Bell; Seconded: Mark Peterlin Resolved Unanimously 	Previous minutes issued
5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Company Update Environment: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Incidents Enquiries/Complaints Improvements 	Dave Bell provided an update: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Half-year results announced next Monday Steelmaking production record broken last month at Port Kembla – there were numerous reasons for this, including the use of higher quality raw materials. The recent rain has caused some slow-down in production however. Safety – Port Kembla has now had two months in a row with zero Lost Time Injuries. Samantha Cole provided an update: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Incidents <ul style="list-style-type: none"> No significant incidents or reportable non-compliances Enquiries <ul style="list-style-type: none"> One noise complaint from the public relating to work done on a bridge at Cringila. The complainant was satisfied with the BlueScope response. One enquiry regarding a BOS roof emission. Enquiry regarding a slurry in Port Kembla Harbour – this was as a result of recent dust storms. 	

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improvements <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ More waters carts are now being used at the Recycling Area to aid in dust suppression. ○ The NSW EPA has reviewed and published the Annual Return for EPL 6092 (Port Kembla Steelworks) on the POEO Public Register. ○ A total of 9 x Non-Compliances were reported during the license period. <p>Mark Peterlin also asked whether increased iron levels at the Sinter Plant would have any impact on emissions. Dave Bell explained that there should be no appreciable difference.</p> <p>Anita Rojas provided an update on the Sinter Plant by-pass:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shutdown has gone to plan • Level of risk is low • Data will be provided at the next meeting, but link to live monitoring data is currently available via the BlueScope Illawarra website https://www.bluescopeillawarra.com.au/news-media/2020/02/sinter-plant-bypass-feb-may-2020/ • Mark Peterlin asked if a glossary of terms could be provided on the website to assist with interpreting the online monitoring data i.e. definition of Type 1 and Type 2 substances etc. • There is a higher risk of visible emissions during the by-pass operation. <p style="text-align: right;">Received and Noted</p>	
6	BlueScope Climate Change Direction	<p>General discussion included;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The group were conscious of current messaging around climate change and the importance of how the steel industry can fit into solutions for this. • BlueScope are studying new Blast Furnace initiatives and watching the use of hydrogen in steelmaking closely (this is currently difficult to do technically and economically). • Also studying other initiatives such as off-gas re-use and the use of bio-char (charcoal from wood) as an alternative to pulverised coal. • Also looking to use discarded wooden pallets in the ironmaking process. • The use of BlueScope land for renewable energy research. Extensive studies have already taken place regarding solar power on site, and if it is more efficient placed elsewhere where there is more sun and land (eg Finley Solar Farm). • (via message from Bill Wilkins) The narrative should include the fact that the Steelworks is a huge recycling plant. • Steel can be recycled indefinitely and the Port Kembla Steelworks itself is a large recycler of steel. For every 300 tonnes of new steel made, 50-70 tonnes of scrap steel is used in the mixture. • Requests were made for more detailed numbers around actual emissions, which have been reducing in line with BlueScope's 1% reduction target per year. • Discussion took place regarding the Council's net zero carbon target and the difficulties involved with reaching this by 2050 in an area with large industry. • The group expressed the need to share information with the community regarding what BlueScope is doing to reduce greenhouse gas emissions at the Port Kembla Steelworks site. Council offered help with communications if needed. A BlueScope representative will be invited to address Neighbourhood Forum 5 on these issues. 	-

		Received and Noted	
7	BlueScope Sustainability Report – Key Points	<p>Samantha Cole highlighted key aspects of the report including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The report contains numerous environmental performance metrics and good news stories (internally, these are called “STARS”) for the FY19 reporting period. • Information on the Life Cycle analysis of steel. • BlueScope’s membership and lead role in “Responsible Steel” – a set of ethical and sustainability standards against which the company will be audited. https://www.responsiblesteel.org • Consideration of the United Nations’ Sustainability Goals’ and BlueScope’s stance on 6 of the goals that are most pertinent to the organisation. • Water management and strategies at Port Kembla - the focus is on using as much recycled water from the Sydney Water Coniston treatment plant as possible. <p>https://www.bluescope.com/sustainable-steel/reports/</p>	Received and Noted
8	Masterplan for BlueScope Community Campus	<p>Margie Ramon provided detailed concept plans to extend the BlueScope Community Campus. Facilities fell into three main categories;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Entertainment/Culture • Community Education/Skills • Environment/Health <p>Issues exist around current land zoning and length of tenure, and these may take some time to resolve before moving ahead with the plans. Questions were raised around potential users of the facilities and availability of parking.</p>	Received and Noted
9	Other Business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Amanda Giles asked for a BlueScope contact for STEM/STEAM programs at school for a possible BlueScope partnership. A contact was provided. 	Received and Noted
10	Close	5.40 pm meeting closed	