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## Title: Maddingley Brown Coal Community Consultative Committee

<b>Date /time</b>	4.30pm to 6.00pm, Thursday 28 May, 2020	
<b>Location</b>	Microsoft Teams	
<b>Attendees</b>	Allan Comrie, Chair David Marnie, Neighbour Rick Dickson, Neighbour Keith Jackson (GCWWRRG) Sam Bishop, Civic Group Peter Thurn	David Maltby, MBC Tim Tillig, MBC Jay Connor, MBC Dylan Nichols, MBC Paula Lawrence (Facilitator) Alice O'Mara (Community Liaison)
<b>Apology</b>	Nick DeLeur (CFA), Carolyn Francis, EPA Vincent Nguyen	

<b>1.</b>	<b>Welcome</b>	<b>AC</b>
	- Minutes from previous meeting approved by Peter Thurn, seconded David Marnie	
<b>2.</b>	<b>Proposed Westgate Tunnel Spoil Processing Facility Update</b>	<b>TT</b>
	- There are still three key requirements for the project to proceed, and MBC does not have any of these following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o Planning approval</li> <li>o Environmental approval</li> <li>o A Contract</li> </ul> - MBC had been working on the technical proposition for the tender for six months. In early May, we made the request to the Minister for Planning to facilitate the planning approval of the project. Under section 20.5, the Minister is using his powers to consider the views of Moorabool Shire Council. MSC has received the technical reports from the Minister for Planning. MBC are bound by a Non-Disclosure-Agreement (NDA) as part of the tender. MBC	



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	<p>were unable to provide the reports due to the NDA. We support this release. The reports were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Cultural Heritage</li><li>○ Traffic Management</li><li>○ Noise</li><li>○ Storm Water</li></ul> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- MSC have 21 days to review the documents and provide a response to the Minister for Planning. There has been a range of content in various outlets and publications regarding MBC. MSC has started legal proceedings regarding MBC's current planning permit. MBC is currently defending ourselves against this legal action.</li><li>- The site is experiencing lots of attention from the EPA, visits from WorkSafe over allegations that were shown to be unfounded. We are working closely with the EPA and recently completed an audit. There were no issues were raised from the audit.</li><li>- The EPA has had more than 20 reports on pollution since March 2020. The audit resulted into ongoing investigation into leachate and gas. MBC has proven to show ongoing compliance with regard to litter into Parwan Creek, and outside the site. An EPA officer was onsite this week. While onsite he had a complaint regarding 1000's of pieces of litter on the batters, he found none. The images supplied with the complaint probably pre-dated the litter fence that was constructed in 2014 or 2015. We are commencing phase 2 of the litter fence construction to the north.</li><li>- We are currently tipping waste into the hole and stage 6. There is some final tipping to the top which can cause litter. To mitigate this, we have been cancelling tipping on high wind days. MBC have our own litter collection team and have also engaged a local contractor with six resources to manage litter. There have not been any issues with offsite litter and NIL non-compliance.</li><li>- Recently we updated the website and created a dedicated hotline and email address so people can report issues directly to MBC. There have been NIL reports. MBC have engaged a company to undertake daily morning and afternoon inspections to monitor dust, noise, litter and odour. An example of a report was shown which includes images of the site. This process enables MBC to</li></ul>	
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	<p>demonstrate compliance to the EPA and others and enables the site to accurately show the situation onsite in response to a complaint.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Q: When is there likely to be decision on the tender?</li> <li>- No set timeframe. It is possible that Transurban may want approvals in place. Once the approval is in place it may drive a decision.</li> <li>- Q: Why build a roundabout if the project is not a fait-a-compli?</li> <li>- The roundabout construction is not related to the project. MBC have done a dilapidation study of all the roads. We know they possibly will need ongoing maintenance, upgrades and some post project maintenance if the project is approved.</li> <li>- Any impact to the roads will be determined by the numbers of vehicles coming to site.</li> <li>- The roundabout is a VicRoads project.</li> <li>- The roundabout has been planned for years.</li> <li>- Comment – Prefer Nerowie Road and not Parwan Exford Road. It’s a safer options and avoids the five-ways.</li> <li>- Comment – Regarding litter on Geelong Bacchus Marsh Road, there is a little bit of litter but not at the quantities to bother with a complaint. The litter fences have made a big difference.</li> <li>- Q: Will the trucks use Woolpack Road and Avenue of Honour?</li> <li>- It is one of the proposed routes</li> <li>- Trucks may come along Woolpack Road and the Avenue of Honour – this is the primary route</li> <li>- The other route to be used when the Avenue of Honour is busy will see trucks using the Melton exit off the Western Freeway and then coming to the site via Exford Road. Trucks will exit the site and use the Parwan Exford Road to return towards Melbourne when the Avenue of Honour is busy.</li> </ul>	
<b>3.</b>	<b>Maddingley Energy Precinct Update on waste to energy</b>	<b>DN</b>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The Maddingley Energy Precinct is a broader strategy for the whole site as a circular economy. The project is</li> </ul>	



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	<p>looking at compost, industry and horticulture and other complimentary industries. Agro-forestry is being investigated as an option and the project is waiting on a quote.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- We are working with Sustainability Vic and ARRB to re-use ash as a road base. The first phase of the project has been approved for funding. MBC is continuing with waste and sampling to understand the type of waste, the amount of energy that could be produced and the likely emissions and management.</li> <li>- MBC's focus has been on other projects over the last few months and not the Energy Precinct.</li> </ul>	
<b>4.</b>	<b>EPA Update</b>	<b>PL</b>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Supplied by EPA read by Paula Lawrence</li> <li>- EPA Legislation</li> <li>- Following a sitting of Parliament on Thursday 23 April, EPA's new legislation has been postponed and is intended to commence on 1 July 2021. On that basis, EPA will continue to regulate under the Environment Protection Act 1970, including all existing subordinate legislation (Regulations and statutory policies including state environment protection policies and waste management policies) until the new commencement date.</li> <li>- This means that Victorian business, organisations and community should continue to work and act under the existing laws. The Act's intended commencement has been postponed to ease the burden on business and industry as they address the impacts of the current circumstances on business.</li> <li>- For more information about the legislation announcement, contact EPA by calling 1300 372 842 (1300 EPA VIC – 24 hours) or by emailing <a href="mailto:engagement@epa.vic.gov.au">engagement@epa.vic.gov.au</a></li> <li>- MBC complaints</li> <li>- EPA has received over 20 reports of pollution related to Maddingley Brown Coal since the start of March 2020. These related to dust, odour and litter offsite. EPA carried out a Licence Compliance Inspection in April 2020. This resulted in some ongoing investigation into management of leachate, surface water and landfill gas. These investigations are ongoing.</li> <li>- Advice was given regarding litter management and litter being blown into Parwan Creek. Regular inspections to</li> </ul>	



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	<p>monitor compliance with this licence condition will continue. EPA continues to receive enquiries and correspondence regarding the West Gate Tunnel project however this sits outside the remit of the region.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Q: What is the normal level of EPA complaints regarding MBC?<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>o Pre-litter fence there were lots of complaints regarding litter</li><li>o Since the tender, there have been trespassers onsite taking photos of litter</li><li>o There have not been any complaints directly to MBC</li><li>o On dust and odor there was a large volume of complaints. There has not been any instances of non-compliance. MBC is making sure that there are no offsite impacts</li><li>o Even with systems in place, it can be challenging to demonstrate retrospective compliance. The daily inspections are supporting compliance demonstration through third party reporting.</li></ul></li></ul>	
<b>5.</b>	<b>General business</b>	
	- NIL	