

**MINUTES OF MEETING**  
**Cowal Gold Operations**  
**Community Environmental Monitoring**  
**and Consultative Committee (CEMCC)**

**Date:** Wednesday, 5 December 2018  
**Time:** 9.00 am – Evolution Community Consultation Centre, Main St, West Wyalong  
**Minutes taken by:** Anne Bolton

**Attendees:**

Deputy Chair: Margaret MacDonald-Hill (MMH)  
Evolution: Mark Brown (MB) & Anne Bolton (AB)  
Community Members: Lucy Buttenshaw (LB), Kate Dean (KD) & Angus Stitt (AS)  
Lake Cowal Landowners: Bruce Dent (BD) & John Ridley (JR)  
Independent Scientist: Max Finlayson (MF)  
Bland Shire Council: Cr Murray Thomas (MT)  
Wiradjuri Condobolin Corporation: Laurie Hutchison (LH)

**Apologies:** Lisa Andrews (LA), Ally Coe (AC), Cr Phyllis Miller OAM (PM), Cr Brian Monaghan (BM) Cr Chris Roylance (CR) Danielle Wallace (DW).

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| <p><b>1. Welcome</b></p> <p>Independent Chair, LA, opened the meeting at 9:01am.</p>  |  |                |                |   |   |         |   |  |         |  |
| <p><b>2. Declaration of Interest</b></p> <p>MMH advised there were no changes to previous declarations by CEMCC members, nor to hers; Independent Chair of the CEMCC, appointed by the Secretary of the NSW Department of Planning and Environment, and she receives payment via a Trust established by the Bland Shire Council for her work as Chair of the CEMCC.</p>   |  |                |                |   |   |         |   |  |         |  |
| <p><b>3. Confirmation of Previous Minutes</b></p> <p>Moved by AS, seconded by JR.</p>   |  |                |                |   |   |         |   |  |         |  |
| <p><b>4. Business Arising from Previous Minutes</b></p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%;"> <thead> <tr> <th style="text-align: left;">ITEM</th> <th style="text-align: left;">ISSUE</th> <th style="text-align: left;">RESPONSIBILITY</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>1</td> <td>CEMCC to be informed of any notifiable incidents. <b>Ongoing.</b></td> <td>Ongoing</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2</td> <td>Native fauna deaths to be notified at quarterly meetings, unless they relate to cyanide. <b>Ongoing.</b></td> <td>Ongoing</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> | ITEM   | ISSUE          | RESPONSIBILITY | 1 | CEMCC to be informed of any notifiable incidents. <b>Ongoing.</b> | Ongoing | 2 | Native fauna deaths to be notified at quarterly meetings, unless they relate to cyanide. <b>Ongoing.</b> | Ongoing |  |
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| <p><b>5. Correspondence</b></p> <p>Moved by MMH, seconded by LB.</p>  |  |                |                |   |   |         |   |  |         |  |



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| <p><b>6. Reports</b></p> <p>MB provided a detailed account of Cawal Gold Operations (CGO's) Environment Department's activities over the past three months.</p> <p>MB provided a detailed account of the reportable NTSF incident in the last quarter.</p> <p>AB provided details on the activities undertaken by the Social Responsibility Department in the last quarter.</p> <p>MB provided an update on the proposed Modification 14 (Processing Rate Increase Modification).</p> <p>MB provided details on the Review of Environmental Factors (REF) for the proposed Exploration Decline.</p> | <p><b>See attached presentation for further details</b></p> |
| <p><b>7. General Business</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• LH asked if there was any further update on graffiti incident. MB advised that all crews were spoken to, however no culprit was identified.</li><li>• MF advised the LCF was extending its ecological program on Lake Cawal.</li><li>• MT advised BSC was looking for funding to establish a BBQ/picnic area at the Public Access to Lake Cawal.</li></ul>  |   |
| <p><b>8. Meeting Closed</b> – 10am.</p>   |   |
| <p><b>9. Dates for 2019 Meetings</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 6 March at WSC, Condobolin – 9am.</li><li>• 5 June 2019 at FSC, Forbes – 9am.</li><li>• 28 August 2019 at LCCC, Lake Cawal – 9am.</li><li>• 4 December 2019 at ECCC, Main Street, West Wyalong - 9am.</li></ul>  |   |