



OVERVIEW	
Meeting	Community Consultative Workshop
Date	25/8/2016 Time 9.00am
Venue	Boggabri Coal Boardroom
Chairperson	Cath Collyer (Acting Chair)
Presenter	Daniel Martin
Attendees	Richard Gillham(RG), Daniel Martin (DM), Lynne MacKellar (LM), Alistair Todd(AT),
	Catherine Collyer (CC), Mitchum Neave (MN), Peter Forbes (PF), Anna Christie (AC)
Apologies	Ray Balks(RB),
Next Meeting	TBA

ITEM	AGENDA
1	Apologies
2	Declaration of Pecuniary or other Interests
3	Confirmation of previous minutes
4	Business arising from previous minutes
5	Correspondence
6	Company reports and overview
7	General business/questions
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Discussion Items

1. **Apologies:**- Ray Balks(RB)

2. Declarations of Pecuniary Interests:

RG declared that his property is located in the zone of affectation. CC leases property owned by Boggabri Coal

3. Acceptance of previous minutes:

Moved by (RG) and seconded by (AT). (CC) Minutes moved and accepted. Also stated that this meeting was only a workshop as the chairperson was yet to be endorsed by the Department of Planning and Environment, but was in the interest of members to keep the consultation process going.

4. Business from previous minutes:

(DM) Copy of the Groundwater impact assessment report has been sent to CCC members.

(DM) Slide presentation of today's meeting supplied along with a copy of the conceptual rehabilitation plan of the mine.

(DM) Water Management Plans are still being drafted and are not ready for consultation, aim for next CCC meeting.

(DM) The Social Impact Management plan has been circulated for consultation prior to this meeting.

(DM) Members were sent the last CCC presentation.

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5. Correspondence:

(DM) EPA conducted a site visit to review coal train wagons being loaded.

(DM) Letter was received to advise of a proposed dam audit by EPA, DRE and DPE.

(DM) EPA requested weather data during the period.

(DM) Forest Corporation NSW has requested a meeting on ongoing operations.

(DM) DP&E provided a response was received on 2016 Tree Clearing audit.

(DM) DP&E provided Draft conditions for Modification 5.

6. Company Reports & Reviews:

(DM) Referred to slide presentation - Management Plans currently under revision. - No questions were raised

(DM) Referred to slide presentation – Air Quality Management Plan. (AC) asked what are the triggers and can you elaborate. (DM) replied that updated triggers were included which were previously not documented in the Management Plan.

(AC) Commented that weather forecasting on Ozforcast is free and has requested access for Ausforcast to have access to our meteorological stations. (DM) replied that he had no issues with that but would need to check with management.

(CC) Commented that she is trying to get the state government to implement real time monitoring (like in the Upper Hunter) for the local region (DM) asked if this was a council push or a community push (CC) replied both.

(MN) asked about the cultural heritage work from tree clearing and do we still have RAP's and commented that Red Chief has not received any information. (DM) replied that we have had several community meetings with very poor attendance and there are procedures that we have to follow with tree clearing. (DM) will send Red Chief Local Land Council the last Cultural Heritage report.

(MN) Asked if BC share the same dust monitors with Tarrawonga and Maules Creek and commented that they should be separate. (DM) explained that BC has a number of Operated/Owned monitors for assisting management in dust control from the operation. These monitors are available to other operations if requested. (MN) said if we share the monitors we can blame each other and no one takes the blame. (DM) commented that all the results are reported to the regulatory agencies and that both sites look into the reason for the results so as to reduce likely reoccurrence.

(DM) Referred to Noise Management Plan revisions. Asked for comments

(AC) asked what the triggers are for. (DM) explained that the triggers were aimed at helping site manage potential impacts on the local community by reducing noise emissions if limits were approached. (AC) said that there is a requirement for regional monitoring strategy. (DM)Replied it is with the Department and the 3 operations for comment and review. (AC) asked if we have identified if there is noise from both BC and Whitehaven. (DM) replied that cumulative was 40dB and was modelled in recent approvals. (AC) asked which areas are affected by noise.

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(DM) Noise monitoring will be reviewed in coming slides.

(DM) Referred to Blast Management slide.

(AT) asked how far away is the camera that films blasts (DM) replied it is outside the 500m exclusion zone but it depends on the shot. (PF) replied that it is in an appropriate position to each shot. (RG) replied that he uses video as well for roundup application to keep a record. (CC) commented that she can see blasts from her property as well, and asked where the camera is (DM) replied within the mining footprint. (PF) commented that there has been a massive shift in the mining industry about fume management which is much rarer now because of the way blasting is managed and when it does occur are investigated on site. (CC) commented on operational changes Boggabri have made to reduce local impacts, referring to the mines consultation with a local resident. (AC) asked how do we assess inversion on a given day and make decisions. (DM) responded that we have a met station on site that is able to calculate inversions. (AC) what type of calculation is used to determine inversions on site? (DM) will provide the details at next meeting. (PF) said we could include inversion demonstration slides in the next meeting. (AC) replied that would be useful.

(DM) Referred to Social Impact slides and notes that a copy was sent to members before the meeting for consultation. (RG) asked about the dwellings required to be built in Boggabri and Narrabri? (CC) commented that statistics and the review of the SIMP are saying that there is not the need for the new houses but a couple of new houses for rent in town would encourage new families to the town. (DM) asked what is the current condition of houses to rent in Boggabri (CC) replied that they are not suitable and new houses would encourage new families to town. (RG) commented that previously Boggabri Coal had said that they would build houses not units in town but now number units have been constructed in town by investors. Also that the houses were originally planned for non-mine employees. (CC) conceded that things had changed and would be willing to negotiate a lower limit. (MN) said he raised concerns with the report about housing as there were no houses planned for Gunnedah. The aboriginal community are being neglected in the report and they want to go into partnership and build new homes for their elders. Also raised concerns that Winanga-Li school did not get any donations from Boggabri Coal. (MN) asked if Boggabri Coal employ 3% aboriginal staff rates and commented that Boggabri Coal employ Downer and Boggabri Coal should push the issue with them. (DM) will have statistics for the next meeting. (MN) is going to organise a meeting with the aboriginal community and has requested Boggabri Coal attend. (DM) Boggabri Coal would be willing to attend. (RG) asked MN how many young aboriginal people he could get to come and be available to work. (MN) replied that that he could fill a bus but they need transport. (AC) asked if there was a bus (RG) said there was but it is owned by the operators at Downer. (MN) asked about Warralee. (PF) asked who they are. (MN) relied they are coastal based company that organises workers and jobs for aboriginal people but has not had contact with them for a while.

(DM) refers to Attended Noise Monitoring Map on slide and explains the 40dBA line for the project is noted by the red dashes and the monthly monitor sites are the red dots. (CC) asked for names to be placed on the map instead of numbers. (DM) said he would put a key with names on the next Attended Noise Monitoring Map. (AC) commented that it can be done and it would be very helpful and that BC doesn't get many noise complaints compared to other operations. (DM) commented that it could have something to do with the topography Boggabri Coal and mining and noise management practices. (RG) commented that it was also because the mine owns the land that could be affected. (PF) commented that it was a combination of good geography, mine owned land and good practices. (MN) said it was easier to get rid of a number rather than a name and wants names of properties so the locals know what the properties are on the maps. (AC) asked what method was used by our consultants. (DM) would provide this information at the next meeting.

(DM) refers to Air Quality Monitoring Map. (AT) asked if there were any negative results. (PF) replied that we don't

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have negative results. (AC) asked what do you mean – are there nil readings. (DM) replied some days are reported as nil readings (AC) asked what the monitor measure (DM) replied PM 10. (AC) asked if farming contributes to these results. (CC) commented that there would be some farming contributions. (AC) commented that could be observed by the spike in both slides. (DM) commented that a high spike was attributed to the dust event that occurred across the state. (AT) asked what type of sampler was used. (DM) replied high volume air sampler (PM10). (AC) asked what the dust depositional gauges looks like (DM) replied that it was a cylinder on a pole in a paddock.

(DM) refers to slides relating to ground water monitoring. (AT) asked where the monitors are (DM) replied and pointed to the locations on the map (AT) asked if all Boggabri Coal water storage were full now. (DM) replied that we are constantly moving water around site as needed and site levels were filling. (AT) asked if all the mine affected water stays on site (DM) replied yes.

- 7. **General Business**: (DM) noted that dates for complaints are now listed. Complaints Local neighbour has complained about noise coming from water transfer point during the night. (AC) asked how far away was the pump. (DM) replied that the resident would be under 2 kms away and the pumps and the pumps were turned off during night time hours there have been no further concerns about this issue.
- 8. (DM) asked if the Campfire was up for any more awards. (RG) replied that they have been to Moama for tourism awards and the Campfire came up trumps again and now go to Sydney for the finals in October. Commented that the success was due to all ages being able to work together for the project.
- 9. (AT) referred to page 10 of the presentation and asked about the dotted line and what are the technicalities after a train leaves our area. (PF) replied that rail has their own EPA noise limits. (AC) asked where to you could find the documents related to EPA/ARTC noise levels. (DM) replied that the EPA or ARTC website. (CC) commented that empty trains had been a dust problem. (PF) commented that diesel emissions are more likely to be an issue than dust from the train.
- 10. (MN) Commented that they have had a problem filling the CEO role at the Red Chief Aboriginal Land Council and a CEO should be appointed by Monday. (MN) will bring maps next meeting, which shows the traditional demarcation land areas which are different to council areas.
- 11. (AC) asked for our comment on why the Regional Biodiversity Strategy has taken 3 years. (DM) Replied that a number of different Government departments are pulling the data together. (AC) asked if BC has acquired all the Biodiversity offset properties that we need. (DM) replied yes but it was awaiting final approval from DP&E.
- 12. (RG) has questioned the condition of the local roads. (CC) has said to put together a letter to council and she will also follow this up from her end. (DM) will follow up with Boggabri Coals management team. (AT) asked if there can't be traffic lights put on the iron bridge. (CC) replied that the Iron Bridge falls under RMS control. (RG) commented that the new mine entrance will be have two entry and exit points off the highway.
- 13. (RG) would like to see the plan for the new tree planting and see how far it will extend. (DM) said he would take RG for a drive to show him. (AC) asked if Kerri Clarke could be on that trip as well as her speciality is botany. (DM) said he will organise it before the next meeting. (CC) commented that the flood plain channels through there and we need to consider the effects. (DM) will look at the planting plan.
- 14. (MN) Asked about the animal corridors and can we lock a certain width in. (DM) replied that we have an offset area approved by the federal and state government and are not allowed to change this without an approved alternate arrangement. (AC) asked what year the barrier will be mined (DM) currently not

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planned for the next 10 years. (PF) added that will depend on processes and approvals. (AC) asked which offsets would be used for the barrier. (DM) replied not sure, but there will need to be a suitable alternate.

15. (MN) asked what are the attendance requirements for the CCC meetings? (CC) replied that after 3 absences in a row you are then sent a letter – but not totally sure. (AC) noted that there were several people who had bad attendance. (DM) had spoken to John Turner about this, but since he has resigned he would have to wait until a new chair was appointed to move forward with attendance issues.

16. Next Meeting is to be advised

Meeting Closed at 11.14am

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