



<b>OVERVIEW</b>		
Meeting	Community Consultative Committee	
Date	2/11/2017 Time 9.00am	
Venue	Boggabri Coal Boardroom	
Chairperson	David Ross	
Presenter	Daniel Martin	
Attendees	Richard Gillham (RG), Daniel Martin (DM), Peter Forbes (PF), David Ross (DR), Ron Campbell (RC), Anna Christie (AC)(Alternative environmental rep.), Catherine Collier (CC), Mitchum Neave (MN), Ray Balks (RB) Geoff Eather (GE), Ros Druce (RD), Sarah Torrance (ST)	
Observer		
Guests	Dan Yates	
Apologies	Greg Griffiths, Kerri Clarke	
Next		
Meeting		
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	
8	Next Meeting	
Discussion Items		

# 1. Apologies:

# 2. Declarations of Pecuniary Interests:

(RG) declared that his property is located in the zone of affectation.

- (RC) declared that he owns a company; Namoi Waste that deals with Boggabri Coal.
- (DR) declared that he is paid a fee for his chairing services.

# 3. Acceptance of previous minutes:

Moved by (RG) that the previous minutes be accepted. (CC) Seconded, minutes moved and endorsed.

# 4. Business from previous minutes:

(RC) Provided traffic counts through to DR to distribute to the CCC.

(PF) provided members with the figure of 5% of Downer workforce are indigenous and moving forward BGC intend on maintaining these figures as a minimum.

(MN) provided contact Shaun Allan: Manager of ALC and TAFE NSW as local companies that could help with indigenous employment and training on site.





(DM) provided Mine Progression Plan

(MN) requests further figures and for (DM) to provide a map at the next meeting.

With regards to an area just west of the proposed MW5 dam, (on the progression plan map), (RG) slashed the track in the 1990s and asked for what purpose? BCOP was unable to answer this and it was decided that Julie Heiler would be the best person to ask and will be asked at the joint CCC meeting later in the day.

- (CC) Wanted to note the poor condition of the Manilla / Rangari Road. This is a potential safety issue for personnel travelling to and from site along this strip. The corrugation is significant and caused (CC) to slow down to 60km/hr in some areas.
- (RC) mentioned that Tamworth City Council have been talking with Narrabri and Gunnedah Shire Councils about tarring the road.
- (CC) said that the council was talking about resurfacing the road back when she sat as a member. At the very least it needs to be graded.

# 5. Correspondence:

#### **NSW DP&E**

Independent Environmental Audit provided to DoPE for acceptance

Consultation with DoPE occurred on Blast Management Plan, Blast Fume Management Protocol, Traffic Management and Noise Management Plan and the Air Quality Management Plan.

Independent Quantity Surveyor was approved for review of the conservation bond for the Biodiversity Offset area

Regional Biodiversity Strategy (stage 2) was approved

Biodiversity Offset Strategy was approved

# NSW Department Industry and Investment – Resources and Geosciences

Comments received from DRG on Mining Operations Plan (MOP).

### **EPA**

Draft variation to EPL 12407 was received

### 6. Company Reports & Reviews:

#### Presentation

Noise Monitoring: No comments

(CC) mentioned at the Maules Creek CCC meeting yesterday, there was a loud noise and complaint at Thornfield.

(AC) WHC said that there is sometimes noise leakage from one mine to another. How does this work?

It was decided that this was something that could be discussed at the joint CCC meeting later in the afternoon.

Air Quality Monitoring: (DM) some mixed readings at Merriown and Roma PM10 monitors. Higher readings may





be due to the increase in dry periods towards the end of winter.

With regards to nil results for the depositional dust gauge (D6) at Onavale due to contamination, (AC) asked what causes contamination when looking at the insoluble matter present. (DM) Insects, vegetation and bird droppings are the main contaminants.

(MN) Maules Creek were fined for a dust event earlier in the year. What was Boggabri Coal's dust readings for the same date?

(DM) will provide results from that period.

Ground Water Monitoring: No comments

Rainfall: No comments

**Exploration: No comments** 

**Community Complaints:** 

One complaint for the period regarding a blast event on the 2<sup>nd</sup> October. (RD) asked if that was her complaint? (PF) the EPA does not disclose our complainants.

Community Sponsorship: No comments

#### **Independent Environmental Audit:**

(DM) Biodiversity aspects are not included as it is audited separately. Boggabri are looking at having an auditor appointed for this by the end of the year.

(DM) of the 13 low risk non-compliant findings from the IEA, there are 7 matters that have already been declared to the regulatory agencies and disclosed in AEMR, the 4 (2) remaining are to be discussed with the regulator.

Southern Rehabilitation Strategy:

(MN) requested a copy of the presentation

(ST) to print out presentations for all members – provided.

(AC) asked how many analogue sites we have and if they are pegged out?

(DM) responded with 3-4 sites, all of which are pegged out.

(DM) Asked for the CCC members input on the SRS and will distribute copies at the end of the meeting.

#### 7. General Business

Mine Entry update:

(PF) Before the end of November we hope to be using the new access from the Kamilaroi Hwy for the majority of traffic.

(MN) asked if the current access will be closed off?

(RB) responded that it will not be closed off but the main access will be off the Hwy. Personnel travelling from Tamworth and Manilla areas are still able to use this access.

(MN) will the mine entry road from Leard Forest Road remain the same?

(RB) No. It will no longer take you past the homestead and will link up with the new access road. It will be a straight road and take you through to the main car park.

(RG) requested that when BGC start, can a letter be sent out regarding Braymont/ Boston Road. Traffic starts very early in the morning and the property owners have to deal with all the generated dust.

(RB) Boggabri Coal will look after this.

### **BCOS Update:**

(RB) Still on track for December 1. The biggest issue we are having is attracting people to the area and retaining them.





- (RC) asked what is involved in a mine blast?
- (RB) explained the process of drilling holes and connecting them with detonators. The timing sequence of the detonations are down to milliseconds apart and the total blast would last only less than one second. If you are quite close to the blast you would hear the individual detonations but from the office for example you only hear one single blast.
- (RC) to (RD) When you made your complaint, what was the blast affects?
- (RD) described the loud noise and if it wasn't a blast it may have been a loud train or the hopper. There was a large blast earlier this week that she suspected could be overpressure. Thinks it was a Maules Ck blast.
- (PF) Noise affects and ground vibrations. It is usually the air waves that cause shaking of windows etc rather than ground vibrations.
- (RD) Mentioned that it was a Saturday blast which she was not notified about, it was very similar to other blasts and she rang the EPA and got them to check their cameras situated in the area. The EPA apparently did not see any evidence at the camera locations.

### 8. Next Meeting

Thursday 15/02/2018 at 9am

Meeting Closed at 11.35am after Site Rehab visit. (DM) distributed copies of the Southern Rehabilitation Strategy to committee members.

Actioned against	Action to be done
Dan Martin	Ask Julie Heiler about the clearing of area to the west of the proposed MW5
	dam
Dan Martin	To provide dust data for our site the same day that Maules Creek were fined
All members	Read through the Strategy and offer input by December 22nd
Boggabri Coal	Distribute letters to personnel regarding Braymont/Boston Road