



OVERVIEW	
Meeting	Community Consultative Committee
Date	17/11/2016 Time 9.00am
Venue	Boggabri Coal Boardroom
Chairperson	David Ross
Presenter	Daniel Martin
Attendees	Richard Gillham(RG), Daniel Martin (DM), Lynne MacKellar (LM), Alistair Todd(AT),
	Mitchum Neave (MN), Peter Forbes (PF), Anna Christie (AC), Greg Griffiths (GG), David
	Ross (DR), Ray Balks (RB), John Bastardo (JB), Ron Campbell (RC),
Observer	Catherine Collyer (CC),
Guests	Tony Welbourne (TW) Global Acoustic, Steve O'Donoghue (SO) DPE, Steven Cox
	(SC)OEH,
Apologies	Marty Brennan (MB) and resignation
Next Meeting	16/2/2017
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

Discussion Items

1. Apologies:- Marty Brennan (MB) and resignation

General business/questions

2. Declarations of Pecuniary Interests:

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RG declared that his property is located in the zone of affectation. RC owns a company Namoi Waste who deals with Boggabri Coal. DR is paid a fee for his chairing services.

3. Acceptance of previous minutes:

Moved by (RG) and seconded by (AT). (DR) Minutes moved and accepted. (GG) asked that he be mailed a copy of the minutes as well as a phone call reminder a few days before the next meeting,

4. Business from previous minutes:

(DM) Copy of the Cultural Heritage Report has been provided to aboriginal land council at last week's ASCF meeting.

(DM) Noted 3.9% of employees at Downer are of indigenous heritage.

(DM) Monitoring figures have been updated to include property names.

(DM) Noted that Narrabri Shire Council had repaired damaged roads just after previous meeting

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(DM) Held a meeting onsite with (RG) to discuss concerns with the proposed tree planting spacing on the flood plain at Heathcliff. DM and RG have now agreed to plant trees at a greater spacing. (RG)

5. Correspondence:

(DM) EPA requested access to meteorological data.

(DM) EPA requested further information on latest annual return.

(DM) EPA requested a meeting to discuss monitoring.

(DM) Forest Corporation NSW has requested a meeting to discuss licence. (AC) asked if there were any changes to the licence (DM) replied only commercial changes

(DM) DP&E Planning team plan to visit site.

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

6. Company Reports & Reviews:

(DM) Referred to slide presentation – Water Management Plan currently under revision. – (SO) explained borefield extraction rules have to comply with approved plans and approvals

(GG) requested a map with all Boggabri Coal owned land and asked if it could have all the offset properties listed as well. (AC) would like a copy of this map as well.

(SO) Asked for maps showing Biodiversity Offsets incorporating the three mines and high level actions covering approximately 25-26000 hectares and how are they managing threatened species, landowners, fire trails, monitoring, restoring, feral animal and weed control. Also explained that there is new legislation being considered at the moment to identify future biodiversity opportunities. (SC) Explained the reform relating to package. The New Biodiversity Conservation Act is due to start July 2017 and will contain 2 main mapping products – 1. A regulatory map with blue/yellow shading that will show priorities areas and will have a set public review timeframe and 2. Priority investment area mapping will guide future potential offset sites and it is hoped that it will promote private conservation. Funding will be available from the Government if the criteria are met. The map identifies potential areas but does not mean landholders have to oblige. The first round of funding is for 5 years. (SO) Commented that there will be community consultation but not sure in what form at this stage. (DM) commented that the Cultural Heritage Strategy captures cultural values on mine owned offset properties. (SO) Surveys are done in areas to identify sites so they can be managed and site access can be given to those who request it.

(AC) Asked if Boonalla Aboriginal Area is in the same condition as Deriah Aboriginal Area. (GG) replied that Deriah is higher in altitude and Boonalla has been used more and explained there are other sites in the local regional geographic area of significance to indigenous culture. (SO) Replied that the primary focus of the Offset Strategy is to identify ecological offset areas not heritage content areas.

(AT) Asked if mines have already reached their Biobank limit then why is this document needed, and asked is there more development in the wings that we don't know about? (CC) Asked, with the biodiversity strategy, "why there was no consultation or representation with farmers in the area". (SO) replied that there is a working group which

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was considered from the PAC report. (PF) asked if there was time for reply after the submissions were submitted (SO) replied it was consistent with the Leard Forest Precinct. (CC) Asked if we have to put in a submission for future consultation.

(AC) Would like to point out through the CCC the draft stage 1 scope it was explicitly stated that CCC was to be? consulted and the steering committee changed it and all maps were not provided in consultation. (SO) replied that was incorrect as stage 1 scoping was through Dept., the mines and government agencies and stage 2 was with CCC. (DM) replied that overview maps were provided in the last document. (AC) commented that they were not big enough and requested to be able to load it onto her computer. (AC) expressed concerns that there were detailed maps and stage 3 will roll on without any consultation. (SO) explained that future priority mapping won't show where mining will be, rather it will show where biodiversity areas will be. (DR) Keep in touch with Steven Cox to know when next PIA mapping is released, (AC) requested this on memory stick (SC) replied it will be available by a link on line and there will a zoom function.

(DM) refers to Attended Noise Monitoring Map on slide and explains names are now placed on the map instead of numbers.

(DM) refers to Air Quality Monitoring Map. (AC) asked if we were aware of the negative TEOM results in the last meeting. (DM) replied that TEOM's do record negative numbers by design and this is not an issue. (AC) asked when we use TEOM and when we use HVAS. (PF) replied TEOM is more complex and HVAS is simpler (AC) asked which is more accurate (PF) replied they are both accurate and are used for different dust measures, real time for TEOM's and 6th day rolling cycle for HVAS.

(DM) refers to slides relating to ground water monitoring and noted that site has had 602ml of rainfall for November to date.

7. General Business:

(AC) noted that overall the student group really appreciated the field trip to site and would like to pass on thanks from Kerri Clarke and the students. (AC) to provide a report from the site visit. (AC) has koala scat photos from previous visit and hopes that Boggabri Coal could have a great opportunity to promote koalas.

(GG) Noted that Winanga-li did not receive any donations and was asked if they had applied for any. (RB) replied that nothing had been received by Boggabri Coal. (GG) commented that the Waterways Wildlife Park would be a good candidate for sponsorship. (RB) explained that BC has an internal checklist for sponsorship qualification and approval (GG) asked for this list (RB) replied that this is an internal list but he will supply a list for (GG). (GG) and (CC) apologised but were required to leave the meeting at 10.30am.

(TW) referred to Noise presentation slides. (RG) asked if cloud cover will make noise travel longer (TW) replied yes and no and will explain in later slides. (AC) asked what distance the nearest neighbour was from the mine. (TW) nearest neighbour is 6 or 7 kms away. Cloud cover makes conditions more like night time conditions. (AC) asked if we filter out insect noise from monitoring. (TW) yes by using a 3rd octave band data and filter case by case. (SO) asked how you customise. (TW) replied by using filters and the graphs only show noise that you can hear and the atmosphere over distance filters out very high frequencies. (AT) asked if topography makes a difference with noise travel. (TW) replied not a lot. (RC) asked if a line of trees would affect noise travel. (TW) replied not as much as a solid wall. (AC) asked if you can remove a cow's mooing out of monitoring and does it affect the 15minute sample. (TW) yes, to successfully quantify mining noise levels. (RC) asked what distance is travelled before noise goes up. (TW) depends on atmosphere, wind and temperature – hotter the more noise

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goes up. (AT) asked if there is a record of the attended monitoring. (TW) done by a person and does rely on honesty system and his company is highly sought after and regarded for providing rigorous monitoring. (RG) commented that sometimes he can hear trains leave Emerald Hill. (RB) Boggabri Coal has management plans in place and we modify plans if circumstances change as in the river pumping was modified to stop at night time. If anyone feels disadvantaged by mining activities they need to let us know. (RG) commented that stopping and altering machines at night is good. (RB) we use technology to monitor but we still need people to give any feedback as well.

- (DM) Ausforcast have been contacted and we have received a response. (AC) has requested we share data from 2 particular dates. (AC) said that it was a refreshing change to have a positive meeting and discussions.
- (DR) Issue rose from landholder on 28th October regarding weather conditions and blast event. (DR) to provide details of letter to PF.
- (DR) Environmental Trust provided grants in May and hoping to set up and advertise for the next round of funding.
- (DR) New CCC Guidelines have just been released. All members will be asked to sign a code of conduct for CCC.
- (DR) Joint CCC and Tarrawonga have requested that these meetings be held 6 monthly.
- (RG) asked about current CCC members (DR) replied that now new guidelines are finalised we can advertise and have clarity for the new positions.
- (RC) asked if there were any issues that needed to be taken back to Narrabri Shire Council. (JB) asked what NSC thinks about the gravel roads in the area and is the repair schedule the same as pre mine times. (RC) replied that school bus routes have priority and that weather effects road works as well as the amount of traffic. (RC) will come back with a schedule for the area.
- (DR) Announced that council has started on their Community Strategic Plan which is part of their 10 year planning and strongly recommends that we feed in requests and asked (RC) how CCC can give feedback. (RB) Commented that BC has a commitment to open new mine access along previous haul road and it has been delayed due to road failure and will need repairs. Discussions with NSC on closing a section of the old Leard Forest road from Goonbri Road turnoff has started. (JB) asked if the new road will have public access. (RB) It will be mine access only as the road only goes to the mine.

8. Next Meeting is to be 16/2/2017

Meeting Closed at 11.24am

Actioned against	Action to be done
Lynne MacKellar	Mail minutes to GG at 3 Jarmain Close Gunnedah
Lynne MacKellar	Phone call to GG to remind of next meeting.
Dan Martin	Copy of map with all BC owned land including offsets to GG and AC
David Ross	Keep in touch with Steven Cox to know when next PIA mapping is released
Kerri Clarke	Provide a report from the recent student site visit
Ray Balks	Supply an overview of requirements to be considered for sponsorship by BC
David Ross	Provide complaint letter details to PF
Lynne MacKellar	Send copy of new CCC Guidelines to all members
Ron Campbell	Supply road repair schedule for JB
Ron Campbell	Advise how CCC can give feedback

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