

**Minutes of the 20th Meeting of the
Sunnyside Coal Mine Community Consultative Committee**

Meeting Held: 24th November 2015

Venue: The meeting was held at Namoi Valley Bricks Training Room

1. Present and Apologies

Present: Mr Michael Broekman (MB) (Chairman)
Mrs Jill Johnson (JJ) (Group Manager - Environment)
Mr Tim Muldoon (TM) (Manager Community Relations - Whitehaven)
Mrs Liz Ferguson (LF) (Community Representative)

Apologies: Nil

No advice:

Mr Bruce Reid (BR) (Community Representative)
Mr Glenn Bailey (GB) (Community Representative)
Ms Brittany Riley (BR) (Community Representative)
Mrs Rebecca Ryan (RR) (Gunnedah Shire Council Rep)

2. Previous Minutes

Minutes of the previous meeting were adopted as a true record on the motion of MB and TM.

3. Business Arising

3.1. Care and Maintenance update provided in Environmental Monitoring Report.

4. Environmental Monitoring Report

JJ presented the environmental monitoring results which are attached in the Environmental Monitoring Report.

LF asked about the Company's intention regarding the site. JJ said the intention is to remain in care and maintenance at this stage and any move to recommencement of operations or to closure would be based on a number of considerations including coal prices. The Company would need to discuss a further extension to the consent expiry date if the site continued to remain in care and maintenance.

LF asked if there was much coal remaining and if any was stockpiled. JJ said there is approximately 1 million tonnes of coal to be mined and there is no coal stockpiled at the site.

JJ advised that a range of regular inspections are conducted by personnel such as the Manager Mining Engineering and Environmental Officer.

LF asked about the status of the spontaneous combustion issue and said she hadn't heard anything about it still occurring or smelled anything. JJ advised that there have been no further issues with spontaneous combustion.

MB advised that as a community member he wouldn't be comfortable with Whitehaven wanting to renew the consent again in another 5 years to leave the site in care and maintenance. LF agreed.

LF asked how the coal would be mined. JJ said the site is permitted to mine a maximum of 1 million tonnes per annum but could mine at a lesser rate. Permitted operating hours remain the same as previously approved.

Report moved – JJ and MB.

5. Complaints

Complaints discussed in Environmental Monitoring Report

6. General Business

LF advised that the RFS (Coochooboonah 9) would be developing a booklet containing information for their members and requested that Whitehaven provide details for the best Whitehaven contact as well as basic site layout and details. TM said Whitehaven is going through a process of looking at what RFS zones each property across the Group is within and requiring lessees to join the relevant RFS.

TM advised that Whitehaven has issued letters to lessees regarding hunting dogs and that any renewed licences have a condition restricting hunting dogs.

LF asked about feral pig control. TM referred to a range of control measures being implemented across Whitehaven properties including baiting programs, aerial shoots in conjunction with LLS and engagement of contractors. TM also advised of the requirement for lessees to manage weeds and the work that Whitehaven does in relation to weed management.

7. Next Meeting

Approximately 12 months time, or as required if changes or issues are identified.

Meeting closed at 3:45pm

Michael Broekman - Chairman