

# **Minutes of Sunnyside Coal Mine Community Consultation Committee**

**Meeting Held:** Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> June 2009 at 4:00pm

**Venue:** The meeting was held in the Board Room at Namoi Valley Brickworks.

**Commencement Time:** 4:00pm

## **1. Present and Apologies**

**Present:** Mr Michael Broekman (Chairman)  
Mr Bruce Reid (Community Representative)  
Mr Danny Young (Group Environmental Manager)  
Cr. Steve Benham (Gunnedah Shire Rep.)  
Mr Tony Jones (Community Liaison Officer)  
Miss Jill Scealy (Environmental Officer)  
Mr Glenn Bailey (Community Representative)

**Apology:** An apology was received from Mrs Treena Daniels.

## **2. Previous Minutes**

Moved that the minutes of the previous meeting were a true and accurate record by Stephen Benham, seconded by Bruce Reid.

## **3. Business Arising from Previous Minutes**

### **3.1 Roundabout on Quia Road**

The matter of the roundabout was discussed and identified construction was to Council design requirements. Discussions between Mr Reid and semi trailer drivers has identified that truck drivers are generally ok with the design of the roundabout.

It was noted that trucks turning west off Blackjack Road were veering onto the incorrect side of the road. This was to be raised with Toll.

Mr Reid raised the point that he thought the road leading to the roundabout should be divided to avoid the possibility of vehicles travelling onto the wrong side of the roundabout.

### **3.2 Update on Coal Haul Route Construction**

It was advised that there have been protracted delays with the

RTA in providing approval to the design of the intersections with the Oxley highway. A delegation from Whitehaven and the firm project managing the road construction works was to meet with the RTA the following week to expedite progress.

In the meantime, Whitehaven proposes to obtain an agreement with the RTA and Council to enable coal haulage to commence prior to completion of the haul route construction works, subject to conditions those agencies seek to impose. Coal haulage is expected to commence in July 2009.

The road maintenance agreement to be entered into with Council for the haul route is currently being negotiated.

Bruce Reid raised concerns as to the size of drainage structures at the Oxley Highway end of Coocooboonah Lane and believed they would be insufficient to handle water flows. Tony Jones agreed, but noted that they were as per engineers design.

#### **4. Mine Progress**

An update was provided on mine progress with 250533bcm of overburden moved during March-May 2009, and 25000 tonnes of coal mined.

It was explained that delays in haulage route construction works had contributed to minimal quantities of coal mined to date. It was also explained that at the current point in time, it was anticipated that the Sunnyside operation would run below the approved production rate of 1,000,000 tonnes of ROM coal per year, with production likely to equate to around 300,000 tonnes per year. This is on the basis of current production levels at other Whitehaven operations and required contract/shipment targets. On this basis, the Sunnyside operation will not, at this point in time, construct a coal bin or conveyor/feeder, with coal to be loaded to trucks via front end loader. This may change in the future, depending on demand for Sunnyside Coal.

#### **5. Environmental Report**

Danny Young provided the Environmental Monitoring Results, a copy of which is attached to these minutes.

#### **6. Complaints**

One complaint has been received since the last meeting. This related to noise concerns from the "Glendower" property. In response to the complaint, Mr Stubbs was advised that at the next noise monitoring event, monitoring would also be conducted at his residence to verify

compliance.

**7. General Business**

It was confirmed that the CCC wished to retain Treena Daniels on the committee despite her recent move to Sydney. Treena maintains links with the Gunnedah community and returns frequently to the area.

**8. Date for next meeting**

Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> September 2009 – 3:30pm, Namoi Valley Brickworks.  
Tour of mine site to follow meeting.



Michael Broekman - Chairman

