

Minutes of Sunnyside Coal Mine Community Consultation Committee

Meeting Held: Wednesday 9th September 2009 at 3:30pm

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

Commencement Time: 3:30pm

1. Present and Apologies

Present: Mr Michael Broekman (Chairman)
Mr Bruce Reid (Community Representative)
Mr Glenn Bailey (Community Representative)
Mr Danny Young (Group Environmental Manager)
Miss Jill Scealy (Environmental Officer)
Mr Michael Clark (Project Manager)

Apologies: Mr Stephen Benham, Mr Tony Jones, Mrs Treena Daniells.

2. Previous Minutes

Moved that the minutes of the previous meeting were a true and accurate record by Bruce Reid, seconded by Glenn Bailey

3. Business Arising from Previous Minutes

3.1 Roundabout on Quia Road

Bruce Reid considers the roundabout to be unsatisfactory due to potential for accident from people travelling west through the roundabout on the wrong side. Matter of a lane dividing barrier and additional signage was discussed. Again, design of roundabout and signage is a matter for Council. Whitehaven will identify the concerns with Council and seek a formal response.

3.2 Update on Coal Haul Route Construction

Intersection works with both the Oxley Highway and Blackjack Road expected to be completed within 8 weeks. Glenn Bailey raised the need for additional signage or notification as to the reasoning for road works and expected timeframe of works so the community is aware of the timeframe of the inconvenience.

It was raised that additional signage would be problematic in the short term due to approval processes with the RTA, but that an appropriate notice would be placed in the local paper.

4. Mine Progress

An update was provided on mine progress by Project Manager, Michael Clark, with 1.1 million bcm of overburden moved since mine commencement, and 56,628 tonnes of coal currently on the ROM pad.

Activity on site to date in accordance with project forecasts.

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 the commencement of coal haulage off site and the resulting gravel being deposited on the highway intersection as trucks turned off Coochoonah Lane. This was resolved with Council through the use of a street sweeper to collect the gravel. The situation will be monitored regularly to ensure the roadway remains clear of gravel.

7. General Business

Bruce Reid indicated that Ross Norman of "Illili" had complained of an odour emanating from the site. No complaint has been made direct from Mr Norman. The source of the odour is unknown as there has been no indication to date from site personnel or other adjacent landholders in relation to an odour issue.

Bruce Reid indicated that the blast following Ag-Quip was of a large nature and caused significant vibration and wanted to know why such a large blast was necessary. It was explained that the shot was only marginally larger than previous blasts and was well within compliance limits. Perception of the significance of the blast may have been influenced by cooler weather conditions at the time of the shot.

Bruce Reid queried the reasoning for the closure of Coochoonah Lane. It was advised that this was undertaken in accordance with our operating consent, in conjunction with Council. The public has full use of the newly constructed haul route which will be subject to the same road rules as Coochoonah Lane. That section of Coochoonah

Lane that has been closed does not provide access to any privately owned land. The road will continue to be maintained to ensure on re-opening it is to a standard that existed pre-closure.

Bruce Reid queried if we needed to notify the Civil Aviation Safety Authority prior to blasting activity. It was confirmed that no such notification was necessary and that notification is provided to those parties who request it.

A letter of resignation from the CCC by Treena Daniells was tabled at the meeting. The resignation was accepted on the basis of Treena's move to Sydney. It was moved that a new CCC representative be sought through an advertisement in the paper calling for expressions of interest. Notice to be published in next week's paper. A letter is also to be drafted to Treena thanking her for her contribution to the committee.

8. Date for next meeting

Wednesday 9th December 2009 – 3:30pm, Namoi Valley Brickworks.



Michael Broekman - Chairman

