

**Minutes of the 15th Meeting of the
Sunnyside Coal Mine Community Consultative Committee**

Meeting Held: 12th September 2012, 3:30pm

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

1. Present and Apologies

Present: Mr Michael Broekman (MB) (Chairman)
Mr Bruce Reid (BR) (Community Representative)
Mrs Jill Johnson (JJ) (Environmental Officer - Whitehaven)
Mr Craig Woodhead (CW) (Acting Project Manager - Whitehaven)
Mr Tim Muldoon (TM) (Community Liaison Officer - Whitehaven)
Mrs Liz Ferguson (LF) (Community Representative)
Miss Brittany Riley (BRi) (Alternate Community Representative)
Mr Hans Allgayer (HA) (Gunnedah Shire Council Representative)
Glenn Bailey (GB) (Community Representative)

Apologies: Mr Danny Young (DY) (Environmental Manager - Whitehaven)

Moved: BR and GB

2. Previous Minutes

Minutes of the previous meeting were adopted as a true record on the motion of BR and HA.

3. Business Arising

3.1. No business arising from the last meeting.

4. Mine Progress Report

CW provided an update on the mine's progress as follows:

- Operators - 13 full time, 30 contractors.
- Fitters - 1 permanent.
- Site management – 2 full time, 2 casual.
- 779 LTI free days as at end of August.
- 28.45ha seeded to crop and remaining 5000 trees planted. Rehabilitation complete as far as possible.
- 6 blasts between 1st June and 31st August with no issues. Total blast volume for the three months was 828,150bcm.
- Nil topsoil has been removed and stockpiled in the last three months.
- In the last three months 940,120 bcm of overburden has been removed and 261,339 tonnes of coal mined.
- 145,367 tonnes of ROM coal has been transported offsite.

HA asked whether the washout caused by heavy rain had been repaired and CW said it had.

LF asked if Sunnyside coal trucks are required to be covered with a tarp. JJ said they are required to be and they all are. LF said she followed a truck on the way to the meeting that wasn't covered and had material spilling from the back of it. JJ asked where it was and LF said it was on Blackjack Road. JJ advised that it would have been carting fine reject rather than coal and asked whether the material was spilling from the tailgate or over the top. LF said it was spilling over the top in clumps. MB and GB both concurred that reject is being spilt along Blackjack Road and MB asked if Whitehaven was looking into engineering a solution to prevent it happening. JJ said if the material is spilling out the top like LF said then the easiest solution is to not fill them up so much. LF suggested tarps like the coal trucks. JJ committed to discussing the issue with Toll.

HA asked whether Whitehaven knows the carbon content of the tailings and suggested it could be applied to poor soils if the carbon content was greater than 60%. JJ said ash analysis of the tailings had been undertaken in the past but there would need to be rigorous investigation and approvals before it would be permitted.

5. Environmental Monitoring Report

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

LF questioned elevated deposited dust levels in January and February at some monitors. JJ said she couldn't remember the reason provided for the elevated results and also explained that deposited dust monitoring is a very basic means of monitoring dust from a mine as it can be influenced by all dust sources, not just mining. JJ will provide an explanation for the January and February results at the next meeting.

6. Complaints

Complaints were discussed in the Environmental Monitoring Report.

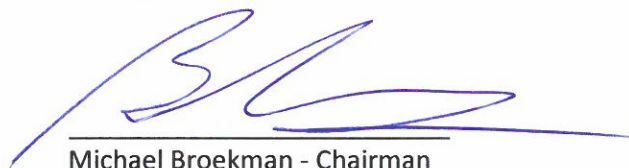
7. General Business

TM provided an update on Whitehaven mergers and acquisitions. Whitehaven now owns the Maules Creek project following a merger with Aston Resources. Whitehaven has also acquired 100% of Coalworks. The Coalworks Vickery South project has been put on hold at this stage and may be included in the future as a modification to the Vickery Project. A Community Information Day will be held on the 13th September 2012. Whitehaven is progressing the application for the Project but the actual Project will be delayed for some time, firstly pending the Tarrawonga venture with Boggabri Coal (which will remove Tarrawonga road haulage) and secondly because of economic reasons. The Maules Creek Project is further advanced and more economical and will be progressed first.

8. Next Meeting

Wednesday 12th December 2012, 3:00pm (with mine tour after).

Meeting closed at 4:15pm



Michael Broekman - Chairman