

## **Minutes of the 17<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Sunnyside Coal Mine Community Consultative Committee**

**Meeting Held:** 13<sup>th</sup> March 2013, 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)  
Glenn Bailey (GB) (Community Representative)  
Mrs Jill Johnson (JJ) (Environmental Officer - Whitehaven)  
Mr Tim Muldoon (TM) (Manager Community Relations - Whitehaven)

**Apologies:** Mr Danny Young (DY) (Environmental Manager - Whitehaven)  
Mrs Liz Ferguson (LF) (Community Representative)  
Mr Hans Allgayer (HA) (Gunnedah Shire Council Representative)

Moved: GB, BR

### **2. Previous Minutes**

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

### **3. Business Arising**

- 3.1.** JJ provided an update on the care and maintenance situation at Sunnyside advising that environmental consultants were finalising the Care and Maintenance Mining Operations Plan for submission to the Division of Resources and Energy.

ROM coal is still being transported to the CHPP and all environmental monitoring is still being conducted, with the exception of noise monitoring and PM<sub>10</sub> monitoring at the project-related "Lilydale" residence.

- 3.2.** JJ advised that the P7 and P8 were believed to be affected by a temporary perched water table, as such, as a result of the leaking void water dam rather than the water table they are drilled to monitor rising in standing water level. There is potential that the upper level of the monitoring piezometers was compromised during drilling however Whitehaven's geologist has advised that they still continue to be effective in monitoring the lower water table that they are drilled into.
- 3.3.** JJ advised that the contact details of tenants of Whitehaven owned properties around Sunnyside have been provided to the Rural Fire Service, following a request from LF at the previous meeting. The tenants consented to their contact details being provided.
- 3.4.** GB said he doesn't think it's right that Toll refuted the claim that reject falls out from the top of the trucks and suggested clarification with Toll.

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

JJ advised that 135,000 tonnes had been transported to the CHPP in the last 3 months.

## **5. Environmental Monitoring Report**

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

BR said he finds it hard to believe that the elevated dust result is not related to mining. JJ said that the only operation occurring at the site during that month was coal loading and no other deposited dust gauges, including those closer to the mine site, showed the same elevated results at "Woodlawn". BR disagreed and said that he knows any dust would be from mining, that he is not concerned with natural dust and that you can eat it. He said it's the mine dust which is a concern and that children are susceptible to mine dust whereas it doesn't affect adults.

## **6. Complaints**

No complaints in the last three months.

## **7. General Business**

JJ provided the CCC with a hard copy and an electronic copy of the latest AEMR.

JJ noted that the majority of the conversation during the meeting would not be recorded in the minutes as it was un-related to operations at Sunnyside (ie. discussions about the Shenhua EA and mining on the Liverpool Plains). Moved MB, GB.

## **8. Next Meeting**

Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> June 2013, 3:30pm

Meeting closed at 4:20pm



Michael Broekman - Chairman