



but the  $L_{Aeq}$  accounts for that. JS asked about the background noise level and TW explained what this is and how it is determined. TW explained why high frequency noise doesn't travel far through things compared to low frequency noise and RS said he used play in bands and you could feel the bass in your back and TW explained how this works. RD asked about certain hertz and TW explained how the meter records the info and gives a statistical summary. RD asked about hearing the highway and TW said you will hear that and then sometimes you won't due to the weather. JS asked about noise going over his property as he was originally told and TW explained how the wind effects noise movement. RD said it is louder further away under inversions and TW said that's right as the noise can bypass features. RS said he has been in areas louder when they were further away from the source and TW explained how the inversions work and the hotter the day the less noise there should be. TW stated that clouds don't bounce noise and explained why that is. RD asked about mine's not wanting to blast on cloudy days due to noise and TW explained why that shouldn't be the case. SB asked about the inversions and TW explained how they work with a positive temperature change over height. JS said he can notice the temperature difference on different areas of his farm.

#### 4. GENERAL BUSINESS

##### 4.1 OPERATIONS PROGRESS REPORT

The operations update was provided as follows:

###### Mine Progress Report (to 31 August 2017)

Coal produced (t):	August 2017	703,812
	FY-to-date	1,396,422
Coal Railed (t):	August 2017	671,649
	FY-to-date	1,393,865
Average workforce numbers (August 2017):		
	NCO	Waged – 136
		Salary – 120
		Total – 256
	Contractors	Total – 177
Safety Update (FY to August 2017):		
	Lost Time Injury (LTI)	1
	Days LTI Free:	36
	Total Recordable Injuries:	4
	Planned Task Observations:	1,322
	Take 5 Assessments:	23,466
	Work Hours (May-17):	123,971

SB went through the operations report.

RS said he was impressed with Paul Flynn's talk at the awards. RS said it was interesting when he was talking about how to get investment into mining with the Government saying they will lock in the electricity price which locks in what companies can charge for the raw product. SB said it has been a good year for mining and Whitehaven with coal prices up. SB explained Vickery is the next project on the books. JS said they may have to back off going close to the river and SB said he wasn't sure of the detail. SB said the markets are good at the moment.

##### 4.2 ENVIRONMENTAL OVERVIEW

DE went through the environmental report.

RD asked about the noise level increases relating to the exceedances which TW explained. TW also explained the 2dB allowance in the Industrial Noise Policy. JS asked about the resident where the exceedance was recorded and DE said he wasn't sure who it is.

RD asked about P15 and DE said we have mined through the area already. RD asked about the two dips and DE explained he thinks it is development and then longwall mining but he will get more information for the next meeting. MF asked about the complaint as he is the only one that lives on the road and DE said he would take it on notice as he is not sure.

## 5. NEW BUSINESS

DE handed RS a copy of the Annual Review. JS requested a copy as well.

RS talked about the country university site and Narrabri is in a good position and said it would be good for Whitehaven and the broader community by allowing training in the local area so people to have to leave. RD asked what universities they are and RS explained the universities involved. MF asked where it would be setup and RS explained where it could go as the TAFE may not be suitable. RS said he would be seeking a rep from Whitehaven for input. RS said it would be good to offer opportunities early, say Year 10, to keep young people in the area.

## 6. NEXT MEETING

Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> December 2017 at 5:00pm at the Railway Hotel, Baan Baa.

## 7. CLOSURE OF MEETING

Meeting closed at 5:30pm.