



**Werris Creek Coal Mine Community Consultative
Committee**

Inaugural Meeting of the Committee

Liverpool Plains Shire Council Chambers

10:30am 23rd June 2005

The Chairman Cr Ron Short welcomed members to the meeting and advised that an invitation had been extended to Cr Ian Lobsey, Mayor, Liverpool Plains Shire Council and Mr Keith Ross, Chairman Werris Creek Coal Pty Ltd. Cr Lobsey had tendered an apology.

A copy of the Environmental Management Strategy was given to each member as a reference document and guide to company obligations.

Present:	John Tynan	Senior Mining Engineer Roche Mining
	Bob Corbett	Environmental Manager Werris Creek Coal Pty Ltd
	Keith Ross	Werris Creek Coal Pty Ltd
	Ray Robinson	Statutory Manager Werris Creek Coal Pty Ltd
	Tony Ryan	Property owner
	Chris Holley	President ARM Inc.
	Kay Neil	Property owner
	Mike Lomax	Property owner
	Ron Short	Chairman Councillor LPSC
	Colin Phillips	D.I.P.N.R.
	Rebecca Tralaggan	Secretary

Committee Responsibilities

The Chairman invited Colin Phillips to give an outline of the role of the Committee and thanked the Company and Council and the community members for assisting in the establishment of the Committee. General questions were raised as to how the Committee would operate.

The Chairman encouraged members to raise issues at meetings in an open and frank matter so that the operation of the Committee were transparent so that all interested parties would develop confidence in the Committee.

Inspection of Site

The Chairman advised that due to site conditions, the planned bus tour of the site had been deferred to a future date. Colin Phillips expressed his desire to inspect while he was in the district and mining company representative undertook to ensure Mr Phillip's wishes were met.

Outline of Mining Operations (Ray Robinson)

A slide presentation of some of the earlier work which commenced on the 11th April detailed:

- Overburden removal
- Drilling
- Blasting
- Dam construction
- Dirty water/ clean water management
- Workshop/ office construction site
- Storage pads/ crushing plant
- Rail loading facility/access road

A range of questions were raised concerning:

- Blasting/noise measurement practices
- Surface water management and downstream impacts
- Dust control/ weather station
- Local employment
- Bore monitoring
- Complaints processing

Bob Corbett, Ray Robinson and Keith Ross responded to these points of discussion with Colin Phillips emphasizing the importance of complaints being lodged quickly so that rapid assessment and resolution of those complaints was possible.

General Business

In response to the matter of surface water management raised by Kay Neal and the concerns of downstream landholders that there may be changes to flow patterns, Colin Phillips suggested that a copy of the Water Management plan be made available. The Chairman proposed that the deferred Committee inspection of the development site be combined with an invitation being extended to some Minewatch members and other nominated residents so that any concerns regarding the project could be addressed.

On the motion of Tony Ryan and Kay Neil, it was resolved that this Committee initiate an information meeting and site inspection and that the Chairman liaise with Werris Creek Coal Pty Ltd and the Chairman of the Minewatch Committee in organizing the meeting.

There being no further general business, the Chairman thanked those in attendance for their constructive and cooperative contribution to the inaugural meeting. The meeting terminated at 1:00pm.