



**Werris Creek Coal Mine Community Consultative
Committee**

**10:00am 13th October 2005 Tour of Werris Creek Coal followed by
Committee Meeting at Quirindi RSL**

The Chairman Cr Ron Short welcomed members and invited guests to the visit of Werris Creek Coal, organized by Ray Robinson. The committee and invited guests then proceeded on a bus tour of the mine site.

The inspection included the following:

1. Oversight of initial excavation operations
2. Inspection of the approved access road (under construction) and location of Main Road intersection
3. Inspection of clean/dirty water system
4. Office site and workshop area
5. Crushing area and process and run-of-mine site
6. Coal loader and access road
7. Escott Road upgrade

Participants returned to the Quirindi RSL where they were invited to raise any questions resulting from the inspection.

At the conclusion of the session, the Chairman thanked those in attendance for the interest and participation.

The participants included Consultative Committee members and invited guests Noel & Wendy Taylor, John Cowley, Ron Blackwell, Ross Turnbull, Rodney & Anne Hogan.

Apologies for non attendance were received from Jim & Kathy Marshall, Chris Holley, and Tony Ryan.

**Minutes of the Meeting of the Werris Creek Coal Mine Community Consultative
Committee held at Quirindi RSL 13th October 1005 at 1:00pm**

Present Ron Short, Ray Robinson, Kay Neal, John Tynan, Bob Corbett, Mike Lomax, Rebecca Tralaggan

Apologies Tony Ryan and Chris Holley

Moved Mike Lomax seconded Kay Neal that the apologies be accepted

Minutes Moved Ray Robinson seconded Mike Lomax that the Minutes of the Committee on the 23rd July 2005 be accepted as an accurate record of the business conducted.

General Business

Bob Corbett reported that guidelines for the operation of Consultative Committees were being developed and had been the subject of a meeting in Singleton a copy of which was tabled for information.

Kay Neal raised a question concerning employment at the mine. The Committee was advised that the engagement process was initially conducted by Roche Mining office in Brisbane.

Ray Robinson presented a verbal report on the number and range of complaints received and of the actions taken. One incident of noise exceedence was reported and was the subject of a report to the Department of Planning. John Tynan explained some of the complexities of blast design being experienced at the mine due to variations in geology. The Chairman advised that under certain conditions, operations noise could be heard at Lower Quipolly on the Kamilaroi Highway.

Bob Corbett explained how temperature inversion could impact on noise transfer and how on-site measuring equipment helped avoiding significant inversion events.

Ray Robinson further reported that:

- a) copies of blast monitoring details would be supplied to the Committee
- b) a compliance inspection had been carried out by the Department of Planning and that the Main Road intersection and bunding of a small fuel storage area required action.
- c) An application for extension of the consent for intersection construction had been lodged with the Department of Planning
- d) The complaint (referred to by Kay Neal) that coal had been taken by road to Tamworth would be investigated and report submitted to Committee
- e) The 15 m high bund was completed and that hours of operation had been approved to 10:00pm commencing on or about 17th October 2005. Ray Robinson also advised that improvements to the bund wall with top dressing and grass planting would proceed over the next 3-4 months.

Meeting closed 2:46pm