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7th September, 2006.

Mr. Ray Robinson,
Werris Creek Coal Pty Ltd,
P.O. Box 5,
CURLEWIS. NSW. 2381.


Dear Ray,

Werris Creek Coal Community Consultative Committee Meeting
held on Tuesday 22 August 2006

Please find attached minutes from the previous Werris Creek Coal Community Consultative Committee Meeting which was held on Tuesday, 22nd August, 2006.

If you have any further enquiries please do not hesitate to contact either myself or Kyla Breese.

Yours faithfully,


per
A. R. Short,
CHAIR.

MINUTES

WERRIS CREEK COAL COMMUNITY CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

TUESDAY 22 AUGUST 2006

Present: Cr. Ron Short, Christopher Holley, Ray Robinson, Bob Corbet, Bob Stewart, Kay Neal, John Janetzki, Kyla Breese and Cas Barnes.

Apologies: Tony Ryan and Col Philips

1. **OPENING OF MEETING BY THE CHAIRPERSON:**

Cr. Ron Short declared the meeting opened at 10.30 a.m. Ron explained that an invitation was extended to Monique McDonald, A/Senior Environmental Officer, NSW Department of Primary Industries – Mineral Resources to present the meeting but was unable to attend. Ron added that Monique should be able to attend the next meeting of the Werris Creek Coal Consultative Committee.

2. **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:**

MOVED Ray Robinson SECONDED Kay Neal that the Minutes of the Werris Creek Coal Community Consultative Committee held on 13th October, 2005 be CONFIRMED.

3. **MATTERS ARISING:**

Nil.

4. **RESIGNATION OF MIKE LOMAX:**

Ron Short explained that advertising for a representative to replace Mike Lomax received nil applications and asked the question to the committee if they feel a replacement is required.

Kay Neal then presented the committee with her resignation letter explaining that she now lives in town and the Werris Creek Coal Mine no longer affects her. She added that she felt a resident should replace her, some-one who is directly affected by the Coal Mine.

Ron Short accepted Kay's resignation and stated that the committee still had three (3) external representatives but he and Chris Holley both felt it should go the Department first.

Vacancies for community representatives be run again and appropriate appointment be made through the Department.

5. **REVIEW OF CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE OPERATIONS:**

Ron Short explained his reason for adding this topic on the agenda. He expressed that he has had little approach from the outside in relation to the Werris Creek Coal Mine.

Ray Robinson gave an overview of the operations of the mine and the impacts of noise and dust and how the mine monitors these factors. He stated that the closer residents are going to be more effected then others.

Kay Neal questioned Ron Short as to whether he had been receiving any complaints.

Ron Short answered that he received one phone call off Tony Ryan some months ago and also off Bob McInnes (adjacent to Killara Feedlot) regarding a blast on site.

Chris Holley added that he had received no complaints so far.

Bob Stewart offered that Council had received only one (1) compliant.

Kay Neal declared that she had received a number of complaints previously but feels that people are accepting the mine more and accept the blasts, dust and noise.

Bob Corbet informed that there are statutory limits for vibration levels and if they are exceeded a report needs to be made to the Department of Environment and Conservation of NSW. He further added that there has been two (2) formal exceedances which were above 120 decibels from 59 blasts (up until the last financial year).

6. **TABLING OF ANNUAL ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT REPORT AND DISCUSSION:**

Ray Robinson said that Monique McDonald will go through the performance of the mine. He made a presentation to the committee outlining what the mine has done so far and what the future plans are for the mine. He gave an overview of the water management (storage etc), progressive activities, complaints that had been received, number of staff employed and the blast monitoring and results. He also talked about the relocation of the Axe Grinding Grooves.

Chris Holley would like the committee members to receive monthly interim summaries of the Coal Mine, since the last meeting was held in October.

Ray Robinson added that the company could send the monthly monitoring results to all committee members.

Bob Stewart is to make a copy of the Environmental Management report publicly available.

7. **GENERAL BUSINESS:**

Nil.

Ron Short declared the meeting closed at 12.55 p.m.

Ron Short,
Chairman.