

Werris Creek Coal Mine Community Consultative Committee

Fifth Meeting of the Committee

Tony Caine Room, Quirindi RSL Club

2.50pm 28th August 2007

MINUTES

1. **Attendance** Tony Ryan, (Community Representative); Monique Meyer (DPI – Mineral Resources); Bob Stewart, (LPSC); Des George, (Manager Mining Engineering/MME); Neil Brown & Gordon Atkinson (WCC).
2. **Apologies** Ron Short, (Chairman): Chris Holley, (Community Representative)
3. **Minutes of Previous Meeting**
In the absence of Chairman Ron Short (convalescing) Bob Stewart chaired the meeting and welcomed all in attendance in particular invited guest DPI's Acting Senior Environmental Officer, Ms Monique Meyer and MME's new Manager Mining Engineering, Des George.
4. **Matters Arising**
 - 4.1 In regard to the provision of quarterly environmental monitoring data including an overview explaining any exceedances and actions taken in reporting/addressing the particular issue plus details of any complaints received including description, date and actions taken an Environmental Monitoring Quarterly Report for the period April, May and June 2007 was tabled by G. Atkinson. This report was forwarded later than anticipated (aim to forward to CCC members at least 2 weeks prior to meeting) but served as an example for further comment in regard to content and format.
 - 4.2 Further changes to site management (both WCC and MME) were outlined by Neil Brown as General Manager of WCC to ensure that the level of community contact previously available and recently re-established continued. A copy of current structure as attached was tabled.
 - 4.3 An updated set of Site contact details as previously provided with Minutes from 14 June 2007 is attached.
 - 4.4 R Stewart confirmed that advertising for additional CCC Community Representatives had resulted in four (4) nominees. All four nominees had been submitted to the DG DoP Attention Colin Phillips for approval.
 - 4.5 Update regarding monitoring results was provided under Item 4.1.
 - 4.6 Further restructuring of operations at WCC was outlined by General Manager, Neil Brown as per Item 4.2 including introduction of MME's new Manager Mining Engineering, Des George who has replaced Paul Hensley. In addition replacement of blasting contractor RBS by Orica was confirmed.
 - 4.7 To ensure frequency of CCC meetings is maintained and that the next meeting was planned in conjunction with the WCC 2006/2007 AEMR Site Inspection this fifth meeting was convened despite limited attendance.
 - 4.8 Operation of the WCC "hot line" was confirmed and contact details for both the "hot line" and site contact are now posted at the front mine access gate.

Minutes of Previous Meeting held 14 June 2007 were accepted.
Moved T. Ryan, Seconded R Stewart.

5. Update regarding Consultative Committee Membership

Bob Stewart confirmed that LPSC had been successful in advertising for CCC Community Representatives as outlined in the 14 June 2007 meeting with all four (4) nominees received having been forwarded to Director General DoP, Attention Colin Phillips for approval.

Subject to DG approval it was considered that all four (4) nominees should be considered for membership and that the next CCC meeting should consider a WCC site visit as a means of introduction to the role as a CCC member.

6. Update on monitoring results to March 2007

Monitoring results for April, May and June 2007 tabled. Refer to Item 4.1.

7. Overview of DPI Environmental Role

Monique Meyer Acting Senior Environmental Officer, DPI provided an outline of the Department's role and responsibilities in regard to environmental management in the coal mining industry. In particular the purpose of the AEMR in monitoring site environmental performance and the importance of consultation with immediate neighbours and the community.

Issues currently outlined in the 2006/2007 AEMR and requiring attention included noise, rehabilitation, site water management and biodiversity issues.

A copy of the 2006/2007 AEMR to be forwarded to T Ryan.

8. General Business

Operational Noise exceedances and the air blast overpressure on 15th May 2007 were noted in the April, May and June 2007 monitoring results.

Acting Chairman Bob Stewart thanked all for their attendance and declared the meeting closed at 3.35pm

9. Next Meeting

Refer to Item 5. Next meeting to be planned around a site visit to welcome new CCC members.

Copy to:

Ron Short Chairman
Tony Ryan Local Community Representative
Chris Holley Local Community Representative

Colin Phillips DoP
Monique Meyer DPI
Bob Stewart LPSC

Des George MME

Neil Brown WCC
Gordon Atkinson WCC

Attachment: WCC and MME Mine Contacts List
WCC Management Structure
WCC Environmental Monitoring Quarterly Report, April, May and June 2007