



Community Consultative Committee Meeting Minutes

Meeting No: 9

Date: 1 June 2010

Time: 4.00pm

Location: Narrabri Coal Operations Site Office

Present: Terry Miller - Chairman

Sally Hunter

James Stieger

Peter Webb

Mark Foster

Clr Ken Bates

Clr Les Knox

Greig Duncan (Narrabri Coal Operations General Manager)

Kellie Maslen (Site Clerk)

Jill Scealy (Whitehaven Environmental Officer)

Danny Young (Whitehaven Environmental Manager)

1.0 Apologies

Clr Lester Kelly

2.0 Previous Minutes

Moved Clr Les Knox, James Stieger.

2.1 Business Arising from Previous Minutes

Open day postponed until the first week of December when the Longwall will be assembled on the surface and continuous miners will be operating underground.

3.0 General Business

3.1 Construction Progress Report

Kamilaroi Highway Upgrade	Complete
Earthworks and Rehabilitation	Complete
Site access & Kurrajong Creek Road	Complete
Industrial Complex	Complete
Ventilation Fans	Complete
66kv Transmission Line	Complete
Rail Loop	Complete
Sewerage Treatment Plant	Complete
Mine Entry	Complete
Boxcut	Complete
High and Low Voltage Works	Complete
Drift Construction	96% Complete
Mining Equipment Delivery	90% Complete
Drift & Skyline Conveyors	Complete
Coal Processing Plant	99% Complete
Train Loadout	99% Complete

Stage 2 Civil works (covered under the approved Section 75W modification to Stage 1) have commenced with works on the shaft site pad and access road underway.



Stage 2 approval still with Department of Planning (DoP). Approval with Draft Consent Conditions expected in coming weeks with final approval expected Mid June. Hold up relates to Biodiversity Offset arrangements with DoP and Department of Environment, Climate Change and Water (DECCW) holding different views on requirements. Details on three properties, which were assessed by Whitehaven as potential offset areas, have been submitted to the DoP and DECCW for advice on preferred option.

Drilling operations for gas drainage requirements are continuing onsite, with upgrades to the gas plant also being made in order to reach gas compliance levels. The program of gas drainage will continue for a number of years in advance of each panel. Gas levels currently being experienced are in line with initial predictions. The drilling program for gas drainage has been increased to operate the rig 24/7 due to the requirement to improve efficiency of gas drainage to achieve gas compliance in advance of mining. The move to 24/7 drilling for gas drainage was undertaken only after sound power testing of the drill rig to confirm the sound power levels included in the noise model were appropriate. The testing confirmed the gas drainage rig as being of a lower sound power level to that included in the model and therefore well within noise compliance limits. This will be confirmed through ongoing monitoring, including the use of real time noise monitoring at the most affected residences from mine related noise.

3.2 Environmental Overview

As per provided report.

4.0 Complaints and Complaints Hotline

As per provided report

5.0 New Business

Sally Hunter requested assistance in finding a polocrosse field for the Galloping Gully Polocrosse Club. Danny Young advised the request be put in writing.

Terry Miller asked about the affect of the Governments Super Tax. Greig Duncan advised that operations will continue as planned and the Super Tax will be dealt with in due course if it is implemented.

James Steiger asked about the rail wagons. A total of 86 wagons will be delivered to site within the next 6 – 8 weeks. Whitehaven will own the train and wagons and they will be operated by Pacific National on our behalf. Carriages will not be covered at this stage. It is understood DECCW is reviewing dust impacts from rail wagons as a review of the ARTC's Environmental Protection Licence and will await outcomes of this review prior to any additional consideration to this matter.

Terry Miller suggested that an environmental monitoring station be erected in Baan Baa as a central location for mines to compare findings. Danny Young indicated that mine related results are compared with baseline information already, ie. DECCW PM₁₀ at Tamworth, but would consider this suggestion in consultation with the relevant agencies.



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Terry Miller questioned whether meetings need to continue on a quarterly basis now that construction is almost complete. Danny Young indicated that the Consent requires quarterly meetings and that the frequency of meetings may be adjusted if the committee deems necessary by writing to the Department requesting alternative requirements.

6.0 Next Meeting

Tuesday 7 September 2010, 4pm, Site Office
Meeting closed 4.40pm