

Minutes of the 12th Meeting of the Tarrawonga Coal Mine Community Consultative Committee

Meeting Held: 18th February 2009 at 4:00pm

Venue: The meeting held at Tarrawonga Coal Mine Training Room.

1. Present and Apologies

Present: Clr Ken Bates (Narrabri Shire Rep.) Chairman
Mr Danny Young (Environmental Manager)
Mr Bart Crosby (Community Rep)
Mr Bob McGregor (Community Rep)
Mr Sandy Bull (Community Rep)
Mr Peter Laird (Community Rep)
Mr. Tony Jones (Community Liaison Officer)

Apologies: Mr Casper Dieben (General Manager – Operations)
Mr Brian Cullen (General Manager – Technical Services)
Clr Colleen Fuller (Gunnedah Shire Council)
Mr Jason Conomos (Project Manager)

Visitor: Mr John Molloy (Toll)

2. Previous Minutes

Minutes of the previous meeting were adopted as a true record on the motion of Bob McGregor and Bart Crosby.

3. Business Arising

- 3.1** Signage to limit the use of exhaust brakes has been installed along the haul routes prior to the intersections with Manilla Road.
- 3.2** The intersection of the Tarrawonga haul route and Manilla Road has been re-sealed. Currently awaiting line marking works which will be undertaken in conjunction with line-marking requirements at the CHPP.
- 3.3** Works have been undertaken with the removal of sections of the dam wall on the “Tarrawonga” property adjacent to the haul road. These works have been done in an effort to allow surface waters to disperse more readily during significant rainfall events. Additional work is still required in order to lower the access road into the Tarrawonga property to enable water to disperse across the road and through the adjacent paddock.

4.0 General Business

4.1 Mine Progress

Since the previous meeting, Tarrawonga Coal mine has achieved the following production outcomes:-

November 2008 – 1,008,143bcm overburden
152,514 tonnes coal

December 2008 – 649,195bcm overburden
103,514 tonnes coal

January 2009 – 963,552bcm overburden
127,063 tonnes coal

Total Overburden: 2,620,890bcm
Total Coal: 383,030.

4.2 Environmental Monitoring Results

Danny Young presented the environmental monitoring results which are attached in the associated environmental monitoring report. All monitoring results indicate compliance with consent requirements.

5.0 New Business

No new business

6.0 Complaints

6.1 There were no complaints received on the hot line during the reporting period.

6.2 Mr Sandy Bull questioned noise monitoring being undertaken at the "Pine Grove" property, indicating that the latest round of monitoring was done later than normal, and as a consequence missed the noisiest part of the day at around 7am. He also raised the location of monitoring and requested it be conducted closer proximity to the residence. Danny Young confirmed he would raise this with the noise consultant to ensure measurement at around 7am, and within closer proximity to the residence.

- 6.3** Mr Peter Laird reported that dust from the mine site was very bad on the 12th February due to strong winds.
- 6.4** Mr Peter Laird advised that he had been contacted by members of the public who were concerned that the intersection of the Rocglen haul road and the Bluevale Road was dangerous and that a collision between fast moving cars and a slow moving truck from Rocglen was a possibility. He believed the trucks were moving out of the acceleration lane too soon. It was also noted that the white lane lines had worn off the road surface. On the basis of this information it was recommended that:-
- the line marking be renewed as soon as possible and that permanent fixed indicators (rubber flaps) be placed on the road to line the acceleration lane.
 - signs of increased size be placed before the crest of the hill on the Whitehaven side to warn drivers that slow moving trucks could be over the crest.
 - signs be erected on the Rocglen haul road directing truck drivers to stay in the acceleration lane until it merges with the traffic lane.
- 6.5** Mr Bob McGregor advised that there had been a large accumulation of cans and bottles along the haul route which were collected during grass slashing. Danny Young confirmed that this matter would be brought to the attention of the project manager for discussion with operators at the site.
- 6.6** Mr Sandy Bull and others on the committee registered a complaint with Cllr Bates regarding the poor condition of the Manilla Road and Hoads Lane. Cllr Bates to take this matter back to Council.
- 6.7** Mr Bart Crosby identified Toll trucks had started running earlier previously advised, with trucks running down Manilla Road from 6:30am. Danny Young indicated that matter would be raised with Toll.
- 6.8** Mr Sandy Bull raised a concern with regard to a deposited dust monitor at his property in which the funnel had been blown off and that the stand was not secure allowing the monitor to tilt. Danny Young advised that he would arrange for a new funnel and for the stand to be fixed so it remained securely in place.

7.0 New Business

- 7.1** Mr John Molloy identified that he had trialled running trucks to site earlier than current practice in an effort to avoid trucks nose to tail first thing in the morning. Danny Young advised that Toll would now look at running several empty trucks back to Tarrawonga by 10:00pm for park up on site and loading the next

morning. The aim of this exercise being to reduce the number of trucks running to site in the morning to reduce potential noise impact.

7.2 Mr John Molloy also advised that he would instruct all drivers that on entry to Bluevale Road from the Rocglen haul route they must enter via the acceleration lane and not cross directly into the traffic lane. He also advised that Toll would shortly be placing signage on each truck that the driver could be contacted on UHF Channel 20. This would provide some further contact between trucks and other road users.

7.3 The Chairman (Clr Ken Bates) of Narrabri Shire Council raised serious concerns of the Boggabri community that Whitehaven intended to close its Boggabri Office. The Boggabri Business Promotion Association has also raised it's concerns in a letter to the company seeking clarification of the company's intent as it believes any such closure would seriously impact on a number of Boggabri businesses. Danny Young advised that the decision to close the Boggabri Office was a corporate decision based around the creation of a central base of operations from Gunnedah. The committee has requested a management representative from Whitehaven attend the next meeting of the Boggabri Business Promotion Association to be held on Tuesday 10th March 2009 at 7pm at the Boggabri RSL.

7.0 Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held at the Tarrawonga Coal Mine Training Room on Thursday 21st May at 4:00pm.

Meeting closed at 4.53pm.

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Ken Bates - Chairman