

Minutes of the 14th Meeting of the Tarrawonga Coal Mine Community Consultative Committee

Meeting Held: 6th August 2009 at 3:00pm

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

1. Present and Apologies

Present: Clr Ken Bates (Narrabri Shire Rep.) Chairman
Clr Colleen Fuller (Gunnedah Shire Rep)
Mr Danny Young (Environmental Manager)
Mr. Tony Jones (Community Liaison Officer)
Mr Jason Conomos (Project Manager)
Ms Jill Scealy (Environmental Officer)
Mr Sandy Bull (Community Rep)
Mr Bart Crosby (Community Rep)
Mr John Molloy (Guest – Toll Resources)

Apologies: Mr Casper Dieben (General Manager – Operations)
Mr Brian Cullen (General Manager – Technical Services)
Mr Bob McGregor (Community Rep)
Mr Peter Laird (Community Rep)

2. Previous Minutes

Minutes of the previous meeting were adopted as a true record on the motion of Sandy Bull and Colleen Fuller.

3. Business Arising

- 3.1** Condition of local roads raised. Grading has been done by Narrabri Shire at the Boggabri end however it was advised at the meeting that the Barney's Creek section of Manilla Road is dangerous and requires additional attention. This is a matter for Council.
- 3.2** Ongoing matter of coal haulage issues was discussed with John Molloy providing an update as to the status of Toll's operation in terms of hauling coal. Main points identified were:-
- All Toll trucks have had their exhaust brakes disconnected excluding those trucks recently purchased which have brakes that are generally quiet. Contract trucks still have exhaust brakes however these trucks are being progressively phased out.

- Toll takes all complaints seriously and strives to meet required commitments. John Molloy reiterated to the meeting that anyone with concerns can contact him direct.
- It was advised that Toll has a schedule in place whereby there trucks do not leave their Gunnedah depot until 6:07am in the morning.
- Toll has recently invested in 8 new B-Doubles which gives them a fleet of trucks constructed between 2007-2009.
- Each Toll truck carries a satellite system for movement tracking.
- Maintains regular toolbox talks with drivers to emphasise safety and appropriate performance.
- Toll trucks are speed limited to 94km/hr which is the most efficient operating speed for the truck in terms of fuel consumption and noise.

3.3 The chair reiterated the point that anyone with complaints pertaining to truck operations or other mine related complaints should raise the matter at the time to ensure an effective response.

3.4 The matter of truck noise as they cross the former ramps on the haul route was discussed. Tarrawonga has committed to getting Pioneer road services to have a look at the sunken concrete to determine best option. This may include consideration to use of hot mix as was used on the intersection.

3.5 Separation distance of trucks was discussed and John Molloy to reiterate with drivers to maintain at least a 90 second gap between trucks.

4.0 General Business

4.1 Mine Progress

The Project Manager, Jason Conomos reported as follows:-

3,500,000 BCM waste removed.
400,000 tonnes of coal recovered.

This result is slightly down on forecast with previous month proving problematic with several operators on sick leave.

4.2 Environmental Monitoring Results

Danny Young presented the environmental monitoring results which are attached in the associated environmental monitoring report.

5.0 New Business

- 5.1** Clr Bates advised the committee that he would not be available to attend CCC meetings at the usual time due to work commitments and requested meetings be held in the morning. Committee resolved to accommodate this requirement with intent of holding meetings on the 2nd Wednesday of the month at 10am.
- 5.2** Section of Blue Vale Road just south of the Canyon Coal Mine entrance was discussed due to its continued poor condition. The meeting was advised by Tony Jones that Council had been asked to undertake maintenance works on that section of road and charge it back to Whitehaven, however it was apparent that this had not yet occurred. Tony Jones to follow up with Council (Wayne Kerr) to ensure that section of road receives appropriate re-construction work.

6.0 Complaints

There were no complaints recorded on the complaints hot line. There were complaints direct to the Environmental Manager which were discussed in the Environmental Monitoring Report.

7.0 AEMR

The CCC were advised of the submission of the 2008-2009 AEMR to the relevant agencies and that a copy was submitted to the CCC through the Chair. It was also advised that the AEMR review meeting had been held with DPI with indications that the report was well received.

8.0 Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held at the Tarrawonga Coal Mine Training Room on Wednesday 11th November at 10:00am.

Meeting closed at 4.15 pm.

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Ken Bates - Chairman