

# Minutes of the 3rd Meeting of the Tarrawonga Coal Mine Community Consultation Committee

- Meeting Held:** Thursday 2 November 2006 at 4:00pm
- Venue:** The meeting held a Tarrawonga Coal Mine Training Room
- Present:** Clr. Ken Bates (Narrabri Shire Rep.) Chairman  
Clr. Colleen Fuller (Gunnedah Shire Rep.)  
Mr. Peter Laird (Community Rep.)  
Mr. Bob McGregor (Community Rep.)  
Mr. Sandy Bull (Community Rep.)  
Mr. Bart Crosby (Community Rep.)  
Mr. Chris Burgess (Area Manager – Tarrawonga Mine)  
Mr. Tony Jones (Community Liaison Officer – Tarrawonga Mine)  
Miss. Rachel Gleeson (Environmental Manager – Tarrawonga Mine)
- Apologies:** Apologies were received from Mr. Rob Kneale (Narrabri Shire Works Engineer), Mr. Mathew Laird (Alternate Community Rep.)

## 1. Previous Minutes

The minutes from the previous meeting of 3 August 2006 were read and accepted as a true record on the motion of Clr. Colleen Fuller and seconded by Mr. Sandy Bull.

## 2. Business Arising

### 2.1 Management Plan Approvals

- 2.1.1. The Flora and Fauna Management Plan has been with Government Departments for some time without response.
- 2.1.2. The confirmation of approval of the Bushfire Management Plan has been received from Narrabri Shire Council. The assistance of Chairman Clr. Bates in this was noted.
- 2.1.3. The Ground Water Contingency Plan has now been approved. Copies will be sent to all Committee members.

### 2.2 Poor Visibility

The issue of poor visibility regarding the intersection of Goonbri Road and the haulage road was discussed with Mr. Rob Kneale of Narrabri Shire Council. Mr. Kneale was invited to attend this meeting of the Tarrawonga CCC but was unable to attend. Mr. Kneale has advised he will contact Tony Jones to conduct an inspection of the area early in the week commencing 6 November 2006. Tony will contact Ken Bates and Bob McGregor to attend the inspection.

### 2.3 Complaint – Mrs. Pritchard

Mrs. Pritchard has withdrawn her earlier complaint regarding blasting. The withdrawal of the complaint followed a visit and monitoring by mine staff.

### **3. General Business**

#### **3.1 Mine Progress**

Area Manager, Chris Burgess reported that all required machinery was on site. The last of the new diggers was being constructed and would be ready to work in approx. 12 days. Three excavators and six trucks are currently working on site. The night shift has commenced with one unit and the second night shift unit will commence after Christmas.

Coal is currently being transported to Whitehaven Mine for crushing and hauling to the Preparation Plant.

The tender for the Tarrawonga crushing plant has been let to Moree Engineering to build the crusher which is expected to be ready by the end of January 2007.

Suitable experienced staff are hard to find, despite having many applicants.

The water bore is up and running but we are still carting water. A good downpour is needed.

#### **3.2 Environmental Monitoring Results**

Environmental Manager, Rachel Gleeson, presented a detailed report on the environmental status and monitoring results for the period July to October 2006. Dept. of Primary Industry and Dept. of Environment and Conservation have inspected the results and are satisfied that they comply. A copy of this report is attached.

### **4. New Business**

Peter Laird enquired as to whether rainwater first flush diverters were to be fitted to domestic water tanks in the vicinity of the mine. He thought it was mentioned in the E.I.S. Area Manager, Chris Burgess, agreed to investigate.

Peter Laird queried a blast which was 30 minutes late and for which he had not received notification of the delay. Peter also queried the yellow dust that had resulted from the blast. Area Manager, Chris Burgess, agreed to obtain details.

Peter Laird complained of a rumbling noise that had occurred between 1:00am and 2:00am on one night last week. Area Manager, Chris Burgess, advised that we were not operating at that time, so the rumbling must have come from somewhere else.

Sandy Bull suggested that no trees be planted in the area adjacent to the junction of the haul road and the Manilla Road, as it would obscure safe visibility for traffic.

The matter of Stop Signs on the Goonbri Road was raised. The matter will be discussed with Mr. Rob Kneale when he comes up next week to inspect the intersection.

### **5. Complaints**

No complaints received since last meeting.

**5. Next Meeting**

The next meeting will be held at Tarrawonga Coal Mine Training Room on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> February 2007 at 4:00pm.

Meeting closed at 5:00pm.

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Ken Bates - Chairman

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