

# **Minutes of the 5th Meeting of the Tarrawonga Coal Mine Community Consultation Committee**

**Meeting Held:** Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2007 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  
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)  
Mr. Danny Young (Environmental Manager – Tarrawonga Mine)

**Apologies:** Apology was received from Clr. Colleen Fuller (Gunnedah Shire Rep.) who was absent on council business

## **2. Previous Minutes**

The minutes from the previous meeting of Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> February 2007 were read and accepted as a true record on the motion of Sandy Bull and seconded by Peter Laird.

### **2.1 Business Arising**

#### **2.1.1 Flora and Fauna Management Plan**

The Flora and Fauna Management Plan has been approved by the Dept. of Planning.

#### **2.1.2 Intersection Poor Visibility**

The additional clearing of scrub and 'Coal Trucks Crossing Ahead' signs have been completed.

#### **2.1.3 Rainwater First Flush Diverters**

Following investigations it has been determined that first flush diverters on rain water tanks may be installed on properties within 2km of the mine. Sandy Bull and Bart Crosby have indicated they would like them installed.

#### **2.1.4 Coal Trucks Crossing Centre Line & Coal Spillage**

The issues of coal trucks crossing the centre line and coal spillage have been addressed with Toll, the new haulage contractor. Toll has engaged a contractor, Gunya C.D.E.P. to clear coal off road pavement and shoulders.

### 3. General Business

#### 3.1 Mine Progress

Area Manager, Chris Burgess reported that the new crusher will be dry commissioned end of week 11<sup>th</sup> May 2007.

The new Toll trucks will also begin arriving at the end of week 11<sup>th</sup> May 2007.

There are still some problems with delivery of coal with up to 70 ships waiting off coast. There is up to 50,000 tonnes of coal in the pit waiting to be taken out. Management of stockpiles is something of a problem.

Mine Inspectors recent visit, all OK. The audit of the new Coal Mine Regs, also OK.

#### 3.2 Environmental Monitoring Results

Environmental Manager, Danny Young, presented a detailed report on the environmental status and monitoring results. All readings were within the Consent parameters. A copy of the report was given to committee members.

### 4. New Business

Nil

### 5. Complaints

One complaint received from E.P.A. regarding a 'minor' discharge, but we were advised it was within our parameters.

Clr. Ken Bates raised the issue of speeding on dirt roads, but it was determined it was not within the company's power to control.

A complaint was made on Anzac Day regarding a driver speeding through cattle on the Manilla Road. It was determined not to have been one of our employees or contractors.

### 5. Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held at Tarrawonga Coal Mine Training Room on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> August 2007 at 3:45pm.

Meeting closed at 5:30pm.

.....*K. Bates*..... 31/5/2007  
Ken Bates - Chairman