

# Minutes of the 6th Meeting of the Tarrawonga Coal Mine Community Consultation Committee

**Meeting Held:** Thursday 16th August 2007 at 3:45pm

**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. Bob McGregor (Community Rep.)  
Mr. Sandy Bull (Community Rep.)  
Mr. Bart Crosby (Community Rep.)  
Mr. Chris Burgess (Group Manager New Projects)  
Mr. Tony Jones (Community Liaison Officer – Tarrawonga Mine)  
Mr. Danny Young (Environmental Manager – Tarrawonga Mine)

**Apologies:** Apology was received from:  
Mr. Peter Laird (Community Rep.) and  
Mr. Matthew Laird (Community Rep.)

## 2. Previous Minutes

The minutes from the previous meeting of Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2007 were read and accepted as a true record on the motion of Sandy Bull and seconded by Colleen Fuller.

### 2.1 Business Arising

#### 2.1.1 Rainwater First Flush Diverters

Tony Jones is to organise rainwater first flush diverters for the houses of Sandy Bull and Bart Crosby.

#### 2.1.2 Coal Spillage

Gunnedah Gunya CDEP is now cleaning coal off road under contract to Toll.

## 3. General Business

### 5.1 Mine Progress

Chris Burgess advised the meeting of his new title and position as General Manager New Projects. He further advised that Casper Dieben would be undertaking much of the work he previously did. He advised that Casper would be invited to the next meeting.

Chris reported that the mine is now operating at close to its proposed output levels. He advised that the biggest restraint to production at the moment was the ability to rail coal. Work is proceeding on the construction of new passing loops, with the Gunnedah loop construction having commenced. There are some 40 to 70 ships still waiting off the port.

Chris reported that a successful trial of a 72 wagon train was carried out and some time early next year they will be used regularly giving an increased load to 5,500 tonnes per train, a 70% increase.

## 5.2 Environmental Monitoring Results

Environmental Manager, Danny Young, presented his Environmental Monitoring Report for May-July 2007. Results were generally within defined limits with the exception of complaints received regarding Blast #35 on 5<sup>th</sup> July. It is conceded that weather conditions were less than favourable for the blast and Tarrawonga Coal Mine have agreed that should conditions not be satisfactory in the future, blast will be postponed.

## 5.3 Committee Guidelines

The Chairman, Clr. Bates, drew the committee's attention to the guidelines for establishing and operating Community Consultative Committees. Copies were provided to all committee members.

## 4. New Business

Clr. Bates suggested we should advertise the hotline number again and give the names of the committee members.

## 5. Complaints

Mr. Bart Crosby raised the following concerns on behalf of himself and for other residents who had contacted him.

5.1 That truck movements were commencing well before 7:00am

5.2 That trucks were using Hoads Lane dirt section past "Gundawarra" instead of the haul road early am. Hoads Lane needs more regular maintenance.

5.3 Trucks are still going through 'stop' signs without stopping. (Identified one regular breach by an old yellow Mack)

5.4 Signs on trucks were often indecipherable making it hard to identify those who infringe rules.

5.5 Trucks were speeding through intersections too quickly, particularly from the haul road south onto MR 237 causing them to cross over all 4 lanes. Mr. Crosby had to take evasive action to avoid a collision because the truck was on the wrong side of the road.

5.6 Some trucks were still using exhaust brakes.

5.7 Toll trucks are the noisiest. This may be the older Toll trucks

## 6. Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held at Tarrawonga Coal Mine Training Room on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> November 2007 at 4:30pm.

Meeting closed at 5:00pm

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Ken Bates - Chairman