

Minutes of the 9th Meeting of the Tarrawonga Coal Mine Community Consultative Committee

Meeting Held: Thursday 8th May at 3:30pm

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 Jason Conomos (Project Manager)
Mr Peter Laird (Community Rep)
Mr Sandy Bull (Community Rep)
Mr Bob McGregor (Community Rep)

Apologies: Mr Chris Burgess (Group Manager New Projects)
Mr Bart Crosby (Community Rep)

2. Previous Minutes

The minutes of the previous meeting of CCC were read and confirmed as a true record on the motion of Colleen Fuller and Bob McGregor.

3. Business Arising

3.1 Results of noise monitoring after removal of cattle grids revealed a 1dB(A) exceedance at Pine Grove and Ambardo at monitoring in January 2008. This was put down to start of shift trucks arriving as a convoy. The March round of monitoring identified compliance with noise criteria. Haul truck noise on the private sections of the haul road will be monitored closely to ensure noise compliance. Where monitoring indicates exceedances in the morning at the start of shift, actions will be implemented to stagger truck commencement times to reduce noise impact.

4.0 General Business

4.1 Mine Progress

Jason Conomos reported that 3 months of dry weather had allowed production to proceed very well with 2,990,000 BCM of overburden moved to produce of 349,000 tonnes of coal.

4.2 Environmental Monitoring Results

The Environmental Monitoring Report was presented for the period with analysis indicating general compliance with consent criteria. Noise monitoring for January indicated a 1dB(A) exceedance in relation to road traffic on the private sections of the haul road at the Pine Grove and Ambardo residences. This exceedance has been attributed to the commencement of shift operations of Toll coal transport trucks, resulting in a significant portion of road traffic at the monitoring time. The monitoring in March indicated compliance with noise criteria. The issue of noise at shift commencement for Toll trucks will be closely monitored. In the event that truck movements first thing of a morning continues to result in exceedance of noise criteria, procedures will be adopted in order to stagger truck movements and reduce noise impact at that time.

Rehabilitation of the site continues to progress, with the main feature over the last three months being the establishment of a rock lined waterway on the western face. It is expected this feature will be completed within 4 weeks. Desilting of storage dams at the base of the waterway is also underway and will be completed in the near future.

One complaint was received from Mrs. Crosby at Northam in relation to a blast on 23rd April which rattled her windows. On checking blast monitor results, the blast was found to be well within compliance levels. Mrs. Crosby was advised to make follow up contact with Tarrawonga in the event that future blasts continued to cause her concern.

5.0 New Business

- 5.1** Some break up of the surface on the Manilla Road. Narrabri Shire Council will be contacted.
- 5.2** Colleen Fuller advised of her appointment to the Namoi Conservation Committee. She requested that an item on rehabilitation be included in the business paper for a future meeting
- 5.3** It was noted that it would be good to have our new General Manager of Operations attend the next meeting.
- 5.4** The erection of a sign advising drivers to restrict the use of air brakes will be investigated for placement at the intersections of the private haul road with Manilla road. This will aid in reducing noise impacts on the Pine Grove and Ambardo residences.

5.5 Peter Laird commented on dust clouds arising from the direction of the mine, but believed a large component was from behind Tarrawonga and associated with the Idemitsu Boggabri mine. Danny Young explained the requirement for both sites to monitor and report on cumulative impacts from both operations, with meetings between operations occurring on a regular basis to address this cumulative impact.

5.6 Peter Laird advised that some trucks tail lights and turn indicators were dirty and it was had to see the indicators at times. This matter will be brought to the attention of Toll.

Peter Laird complimented the Toll drivers on their courteous behaviour on the road.

6.0 Complaints

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7.0 Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held at the Tarrawonga Coal Mine Training Room on 6th August 2008 at 3:30pm.

Meeting closed at 4:15pm.

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Ken Bates - Chairman