

## **Minutes of Sunnyside Coal Mine Community Consultation Committee**

**Meeting Held:** Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> March 2009 at 4:00pm

**Venue:** The meeting was held in the Board Room at Namoi Valley Brickworks.

**Commencement Time:** 4:00pm

### **1. Present and Apologies**

**Present:** Mr Michael Broekman ( Chairman)  
Mr Bruce Reid (Community Representative)  
Ms Treena Daniels (Community Representative)  
Mr Brian Cullen (G.M Tech. Services)  
Mr Danny Young (Group Environmental Manager)  
Mr Colin Hulm (Project Manager)  
Cr. Steve Benham (Gunnedah Shire Rep.)  
Mr Tony Jones ( Community Liaison Officer)

**Apology:** An apology was received from Mr Glen Bailey. Accepted on the motion of Ms Daniels and Cr. Benham.

### **2. Overview of CCC Process**

Mr Danny Young, on behalf of the Whitehaven Group welcomed the the committee members to the first CCC meeting for the Sunnyside Coal Mine. Danny gave an overview of the role of the CCC and the Committees relationship to both the committee and the community with emphasis on the liaison role it could play. He pointed out that their local knowledge and contacts would be essential in bringing any problems to the attention of the company for resolution before they became an issue.

### **3. Mine Progress Report**

Danny and Buck outlined progress at the mine to date and explained why the early shipment of one load of Coal was essential. The construction of the haul road was discussed and details were given on progress with the haul route along the Highway and Blackjack Road. Mr Reid expressed the view that now the mine was to be a one shift operation it would be easier for the public to accept it.

**4. Review of Environmental Performance**

Danny presented his environmental report for the period since the mine commenced development. ( Copy attached)

**5. Complaints/Complaints Hotline**

Danny advised that the complaints hot line was in operation and advised that the number is 0427 106384.

**6. General Business**

Mr Reid raised the question of the roundabout at the corner of Blackjack and Quia Road and expressed the view that its design made it confusing and hard to negotiate.

Following the meeting he relayed a conversation he had with a truck driver who had to drive his B Double the wrong way around it to turn left from Quia Road into Blackjack Road.

It was explained that the roundabout was a requirement of Council and that the design was undertaken to meet Council requirements. On this basis, Namoi Mining had limited control over the design and function of the roadworks. It was also advised that once line-marking and signage for the roundabout was finished it should be clearer to traffic.

Ms Daniels advised that although she had relocated to Sydney for family reasons she still believed she would be a valuable committee member. Ms Daniels indicated she would continue to travel back to Gunnedah on a frequent basis thereby maintaining her links with the community. The CCC concurred and requested that she remain a member.

**7. Date for next meeting**

Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> June 2009 – 4:00pm, venue to be decided.

- 8.** The committee adjourned at this point and travelled to the mine site for an inspection of progress to date.

  
Michael Broekman - Chairman