

## **Minutes of Canyon (Whitehaven) Coal Mine Community Consultation Committee**

**Meeting Held:** Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> September 2009, 4:00pm.

**Venue:** The meeting held at Canyon Coal Mine Crib Room.  
Canyon CCC members and representatives of the  
Rocglen CCC were given a site tour prior to the meeting.

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

**Present:** Kellie Fletcher (Community Rep)  
Helen Cruikshank (Community Rep)  
Clr Colleen Fuller (Chairperson)  
Bob McGregor (Community Rep)  
Colin Hulm (Project Manger – Canyon Coal Mine)  
Danny Young (Environmental Manager – Whitehaven)  
Jill Scealy (Environmental Officer – Whitehaven)

**Apologies:** Clr Ken Bates (Narrabri Shire Rep)  
Hans Allgayer (Former Chairperson and Gunnedah Shire  
rep)

### **2. Previous Minutes**

The minutes from the previous meeting of Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> September 2008 were read and accepted as a true record. Moved by Kellie Fletcher and seconded by Bob McGregor.

#### **2.1 Business Arising**

##### **2.1.1 Traffic – Hoad Lane**

Danny Young advised that the audit of traffic movements was conducted by Narrabri Shire Council (NSC) but Whitehaven is not aware of the results of the audit. Danny Young advised that the degraded section of Hoad Lane will be re-sealed.

##### **2.1.2 Mine Life**

Production ceased at the Canyon mine during June 2009.

The Mine Closure Plan was finalised and submitted in mid-2009 following consultation with various Government departments. The plan includes completion criteria for relinquishment and expected timeframes.

The committee was advised that monitoring and maintenance works will occur for at least five years from the time of closure and the DPI will continue to visit the site to assess the progress of rehabilitation works (next proposed visit – end of 2009).

### **3.0 General Business**

#### **3.1 Mine Progress**

The mine is no longer producing coal (ceased June 2009) and the final shaping of the void has been completed. The next phase will involve cover crop establishment and then tree planting.

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

Environmental Manager, Danny Young, tabled the Environmental Monitoring report for the period September 2008 to September 2009. Results were generally within limits specified in the Consent and Environment Protection Licence. Members of the CCC were provided hardcopies of the Environmental Monitoring Report for their review.

In addition to the monitoring results, it was tabled that numerous tree planting campaigns had occurred since the last meeting (including 4000 tubestock in mid September 2009) by Red Chief Local Aboriginal Land Council, Whitehaven employees and contractors.

### **4.0 New Business**

The only new business tabled at the meeting was in relation to future CCC meetings. It was agreed that annual meetings would be beneficial to assess ongoing rehabilitation of the site. Motion moved by Bob McGregor and seconded by Kellie Fletcher.

It was also noted that Hans Allgayer had determined to step down from his role as Chairperson and Gunnedah Council representative to the committee on the basis of his employment with Narrabri Coal Operations Pty Ltd (owned by Whitehaven). Gunnedah Council moved to appoint Councillor Colleen Fuller as the new Council rep on the committee at a recent Council meeting.

### **5.0 Complaints**

No new complaints were made over the reporting period.

## **6.0 Next Meeting**

The next meeting will be held in approximately 12 months (September 2010). The location, date and time of the meeting will be determined closer to the approximate meeting date.

Meeting closed at 5:00pm

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Colleen Fuller – Chairperson  
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