

OVERVIEW	
Meeting	BC Community Consultative Committee
Date	16/10/2012 <b>Time</b> 5.00pm
Venue	BC Board Room
Chairperson	Bob McGregor (BM)
Note Taker	Sue Kirkby (SK)
Attendees	BM, SK, Ken McLaren (KMc), Joe Rennick (JR), Marty Brennan (MB), Richard Gillham (RG), Jim Picton(JP), Catherine Collier (CC[NSC])
Apologies	John Bastardo (JB)
Guests	Cathy Redding (CR), Lloyd Findlay (LF), Brad McLean (BMcL [IAR])
Guest Speakers	Jan Green (JG [IAR]), Brendan Blakely (BB), Mark Cornwall (MC[IAR])
Next Meeting	2 months' time

MEETING OBJECTIVES	
1	To communicate matters of importance at BCM to members of the community
2	To give committee members the opportunity to act as a voice for the general community
3	To give an overview of the draft Biodiversity Management Plan and make the document available for comment (JG)
4	To give an overview of the proposed Social Impact Management Plan (BB)
5	To give an update on the Boggabri Coal Expansion Project (MC)

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1 Welcome/ Apologies and declarations of pecuniary interests	<p><b>Welcome and Introductions</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• BM - welcomed all attendees</li> <li>• Introduction of CC (Narrabri Shire Council NSC representative)</li> <li>• Introduction of guests; CR, LF and BMcL</li> <li>• Introduction of guest speakers; JG, BB and MC</li> </ul> <p><b>Declaration of Pecuniary Interests</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• BM asked for anyone present to declare any pecuniary interest they may have in BCM: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ BM – proprietor of Arczone Mining which employs one part time worker at BCM</li> <li>○ BM – Property comes into the Tarrawonga, BC and Maules Creek zone of affectation</li> <li>○ BM - owns a section of the Tarrawonga haul road</li> <li>○ CC – Leases country owned by BC</li> <li>○ RG – Property falls into the zone of affectation for acquisition by BCM</li> <li>○ JP – Has approached BC regarding the purchase of his property</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Minutes were checked by those present at the last CCC meeting.</li> <li>• 4 July 2012 Minutes were found to be a true and</li> </ul>	Moved JP

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	<p>accurate record of the meeting</p> <p><b>Business Arising</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• BM – Asked for any business arising from the previous minutes</li> <li>• BM – suggested that Community complaints should be listed and dealt with as a separate agenda item in the future</li> </ul>	<p>Seconded JR</p>
<p>2 Presentation environmental performance and Complaints</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• JR – Presentation of the last 3 months environmental monitoring results and community complaints (attached to these minutes).</li> <li>• JP – Query regarding the EPA camera at Tarrawonga not being allowed to overlook BCM</li> <li>• JG – BC were legally advised not to allow EPA camera to overlook BCM</li> <li>• KMc – EPA have no budget to keep the camera operating</li> <li>• JP – reported terrible dust on very windy days and asked why the mines are not shut down in such conditions</li> <li>• JR – BC has shut down operations due to very windy conditions, water cart circuits are being updated all the time to improve efficiency</li> <li>• BM – query regarding the effectiveness of the EPA cameras and noted the dust is only visible from a distance</li> <li>• JR – BC dust monitors show compliance</li> <li>• CC – Are there going to be more dust monitors positioned more widely to give more effective results in the future</li> <li>• KMc – has directed JR to enhance the monitoring program with more and better monitoring systems in the future, he has placed great emphasis on this</li> <li>• MB – How much more equipment can be expected in the future with production increases</li> <li>• KMc – Resources for 6.9mtpa are mostly on site now numbers as such will not increase</li> </ul> <p><b>Complaints</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All complaints received since the last CCC meeting are documented in the attached presentation</li> <li>• BM – asked if there were any more complaints</li> <li>• JP – The Iron Bridge at shift change time is very dangerous</li> <li>• JR – A memo is being sent to all employees directing them to travel via the iron Bridge on the sealed road rather than creating more dust by using alternative back routes such as Bluevale and Braymont roads</li> <li>• KMc – Directed JR to include a note in the memo</li> </ul>	

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	<p>advising all road users of safety protocol particularly at the Iron Bridge</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• CC – Agreed there are definite issues with visibility on the approaches to the Iron Bridge but commended the decision to divert traffic along sealed roads</li> <li>• RG – Ongoing concerns regarding the safety of Rangari Road</li> </ul>	
6 Rangari Rd update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• KMc – Quotes have been received for the sealing of the 4km section of Rangari Road between Leard Forest Road and the Tarrawonga haul road</li> <li>• Tarrawonga have refused to pay for sealing this section of the road until their expansion has been fully approved even though it is part of their VPA</li> <li>• KMc – Has been trying various different options with Pat White at NSC and is planning to convene a meeting between BC, Tarrawonga and NSC to push for funding possibilities</li> <li>• Watering is an interim management option</li> <li>• Dust suppressants are not a financial option</li> <li>• JP – NSC needs to take responsibility for an interim measure</li> <li>• CR – What is Tarrawonga’s position with dust suppression</li> <li>• KMc – Tarrawonga will only pay for 1/3 of interim dust suppression costs</li> <li>• KMc – Other concerns with road watering are lack of water at present and safety issues with overwatered sections of road becoming slippery</li> <li>• MC – Once Tarrawonga gets their approval the VPA must go ahead</li> </ul>	
3 Guidelines for establishing CCCs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The current CCC needs to adopt practices outlined in the guidelines for establishing and operating CCCs for mining projects (document handed out to all present to be reviewed)</li> <li>• CR – Will changes mean the election of an independent Chairman</li> <li>• JG – The Department of planning chooses the chair</li> <li>• MB – Is the independent chair a paid position</li> <li>• JP – If the chair is paid by the mine the community perception is tainted</li> <li>• MC – The guidelines outline remuneration</li> <li>• BB – Independent chair of 3 CCC, the position is one of mediator, to keep a balance and check minutes, this position generally works very well</li> </ul>	

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<p>4 Biodiversity Management Plan (Jan Green)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• JG - Presentation on the proposed draft Biodiversity Management Plan (presentation attached to these minutes)</li> <li>• BDMP is due to be submitted to DoPI this Friday</li> <li>• MB – Joins a BC biodiversity offset property and is concerned about the control of feral animals, he stressed the need for neighbour consultation</li> <li>• JR – adjoining landholder meetings will be held quarterly</li> <li>• JG – Has copies of the draft BDMP for all CCC members and is looking for comments as soon as possible</li> <li>• BM – reiterated that feral animals are a real concern to neighbouring landholders</li> <li>• KMc – Will attempt to organise meetings between neighbouring landholders and BC to discuss concerns and implement a feral animal control plan, stressed the importance of working together</li> <li>• MB – Concerned that the landholders voice is not being heard and the PAC is speaking for them</li> <li>• JG – The mine precinct area is dealt with as a whole and cumulative impacts are being addressed</li> <li>• CC – Commended the fact that the whole mine precinct has been dealt with in plans</li> <li>• JR – Links to all approval documents are on the BC website</li> </ul>	<p>JR – implement a plan to organise meetings between neighbouring landholders and BC</p>
<p>5 Social Impact Management Plan (Brendan Blakely)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• SIMP to set forward practical actions for social issues associated with mine development and expansion</li> <li>• Condition 75 and 77 of project approval</li> <li>• Draft SIMP should be available early 2013</li> <li>• BB – Asked for CCC contact details to conduct short interviews to gain information</li> <li>• SIMP main objective is to maximise the positives of mining development and minimise the negatives</li> </ul> <p>Input from CCC :</p> <p>Positives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Training and development of local skills</li> <li>• Development of infrastructure</li> <li>• Employment opportunities</li> <li>• More young families moving to the district</li> <li>• Towns and locals thriving</li> </ul> <p>Negatives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Overdevelopment, development must be kept at a sustainable level</li> <li>• No long term future for farmers and the next generation</li> </ul>	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mass exodus of farming families</li> <li>• Farmers left with an unsalable asset which would have been their superannuation</li> <li>• Negative health impacts</li> <li>• Lack of information from mines</li> <li>• Farms land locked by mine owned property</li> <li>• Mine owned land not looked after</li>   <li>• BM – Stressed the importance planning for social impacts</li> </ul>	
<p>7 Leard Forest Road and BCEP update (Mark Cornwall)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Q1 2013 estimated time for major construction to commence</li> <li>• Construction time frame estimated to be 20 -24 months from commencement</li> <li>• Peak workforce of 500</li> <li>• Large number of employees to date have been local</li> <li>• MC – will be able to give a more accurate report at next CCC meeting</li> <li>• 3 major projects associated with the BCEP               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ CHPP</li> <li>○ Rail line (shared with Maules Creek Coal)</li> <li>○ Power line</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p>Closure of LFR</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Within the next month engage with groups in line with BC consent</li> <li>• JP – Will the new road be open before the old road is closed</li> <li>• An alternative route will be provided before the old road is closed</li> <li>• A number of possible routes are still being looked at</li> <li>• Community consultation is a top priority</li> </ul> <p>Camp for construction crews</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Options are a temporary camp off the mining lease to the south of BC office</li> <li>• Boggabri MAC Camp if it is approved by NSC</li> <li>• Social impacts of any options to be carefully considered</li> <li>• CC – Would employees be bussed from the MAC camp in Boggabri</li> <li>• MC Bussing of employees is written into the contract</li> </ul>	
<p>8 General Business/ Questions</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• RG – has there been any word of a replacement for the Iron Bridge</li> <li>• JR – A new river bridge will possibly be part of the Maules Creek Coal VPA</li> <li>• MB- Are there any plans to go higher with BC dump heights</li> </ul>	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• JR – Current dump height is 360RL, approval allows to go to 395RL, as a comparison nearby Merriown Mountain is 372RL</li> <li>• MB – Has noticed significant difference in higher noise levels since the increase in dump height</li> <li>• LF – Will there be an increase in dust monitoring in the upper Maules Creek area</li> <li>• JR – All monitoring in the Maules Creek area will be the responsibility of Maules Creek Coal</li> <li>• BM – Asked if there were any more questions</li> <li>• There being no further business meeting closed</li> </ul>	
<p><b>Meeting closed: 7.25pm</b></p>	<p><b>Next Meeting: 2 months' time in Boggabri</b></p>	