

OVERVIEW

Meeting	BC Community Consultative Committee
Date	19/12/2012 Time 5.00pm
Venue	Boggabri RSL Club
Chairperson	Bob McGregor (BMc)
Note Taker	Sue Kirkby (SK)
Attendees	BMc, SK, Joe Rennick (JR), Marty Brennan (MB), Richard Gillham (RG) , Jim Picton(JP), Catherine Collier (CC[NSC]), John Bastardo (JB)
Apologies	Cathy Redding (CR), Lloyd Findlay (LF), Steve Talbott (ST), Troy Silver (TS)
Guests	
Guest Speakers	
Next Meeting	3 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
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ITEM	AGENDA/DISCUSSION ITEMS	Action
1 Welcome/ Apologies and declarations of pecuniary interests	<p>Welcome</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BM - welcomed all attendees • CC – Has explained to CR and LF that only one representative of NSC is required at CCC meetings and if she is unable to attend either one of them should attend in her absence <p>Declaration of Pecuniary Interests</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BM asked for anyone present to declare any pecuniary interest they may have in BCM: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ BM – proprietor of Arczone Mining which employs one part time worker at BCM ○ BM – Property comes into the Tarrawonga, BC and Maules Creek zone of affectation ○ BM - owns a section of the Tarrawonga haul road ○ CC – Leases country owned by BC ○ RG – Property falls into the zone of affectation for acquisition by BCM ○ JP – Has approached BC regarding the purchase of his property • Minutes were checked by those present at the last CCC 	

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	<p>meeting.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 16 October 2012 Minutes were found to be a true and accurate record of the meeting <p>Business Arising</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BM – Asked for any business arising from the previous minutes • CC – Tarrawonga Mine had their PAC hearing last Friday, still awaiting government consent, no works will be done on the gravel section of Rangari road until approval granted • JR – Boggabri Coal (BC) no longer has input into plans to seal Rangari road as access along Blue Vale road to site is no longer an option • RG – What is the proposed route for trucks traveling to BC • JR – BC meeting with DOP to discuss options <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Wean road 2. Braymont road • Tarrawonga has stopped all traffic other than that travelling to Tarrawonga Mine • At present B- Doubles travelling to BC are parked in Boggabri at the silos where they are split and travel to site over the iron bridge taking 2 trips • RMS are concerned about this because of weight restrictions on the iron bridge • RG – Has noticed a huge increase in traffic past his property • BMc – will strongly object if the Braymont road option is proposed as an access for trucks • JR – All trucks travelling to site are risk assessed • BMc – Is hopeful that a solution to the Tarrawonga haul road issue can be reached so that BC can use this road as an access • JR – BC are currently progressing plans to access site via the Kamilaroi Hwy and the Lovton haul road • JB – Why is this option not being used now • JR – There is currently no legal access to the Lovton haul road off the Hwy • JR – Currently drawing up a Traffic Management Plan (TMP) which nominates proposed heavy vehicle site access and general site access, this is due to be submitted tomorrow • JR – Until other site access is approved there will be 42.5t trucks going across the Iron Bridge • CC – There shouldn't be many trucks travelling to site 	<p>Moved CC Seconded JP</p>

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	<p>during the shutdown period</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • JR – Normally 10 – 12 B-Doubles per day delivering to site • CC – If the Hwy access route is used there will be better safety designs put in place • JR – TMP will be forwarded to CCC • CC – When do BC expect to get Federal Government approval • JR – Sometime late January • JR – Gave an explanation of the difference in Federal and State Government approval • BMc – Does the Social Impact Management Plan (SIMP) come into this approval • JR – No 	
<p>3 Community Complaints</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Complaints summary since last meeting was circulated • JR - since dump height has increased there has been a dust complaint from Maules Creek • JR – There has been another memo sent to all staff to keep off gravel roads as much as possible • BMc – there have been B-Doubles coming passed his property • MB – Has lodged a complaint to Tarrawonga and has received no response • JP – What was the outcome of a blast complaint he lodged • BM – how does the EPA hotline work • JR – Once the EPA receive a complaint they contact BC via phone or email and ask for a response including causes and corrective actions • CC – If the complaint is directed at more than one mine what happens • JR – BC will still respond to the complaint an look at triggers • CC – Has noticed an improvement in dust levels <p>General discussion on the use of gravel from BC for local shire road maintenance</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CC – There has been a great deal of miscommunication amongst the NSC regarding the supply of gravel from BC to NSC for road maintenance • MB – Can this proposal be revisited • CC – Yes it will be • BMc – Asked for any more complaints and there were none 	<p>SK – Send EPA report on blast to JP</p>

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<p>4 General Business/ Questions</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BMc – Circulated a statement he and Rhonda have written to Tarrawonga Mine regarding the use of the Tarrawonga haul road (statement attached at the end of these minutes) • BMc – advised that there have been threats made to the Crosby's concerning this issue • CC – Whitehaven (WH) have very poor community relations, they were given the opportunity to attend community meetings in Boggabri regarding road freight options triggered by the Cox's Creek Bridge collapse but no one from WH showed • CC – BC were very good the way they took time to meet with the community over this issue, it was highly appreciated by all • BMc – The statement sent to Tarrawonga was triggered by ongoing concerns; cattle have been hit, there are dust issues and insurance issues with unauthorised road users • BMc – Still has not seen a copy of WH public liability insurance • BMc – There has been no response from WH so the issue will remain unchanged • JR – BC will remain out of any conflict or communications on this issue • JR – BC have started pumping water to site from the river at approximately 3 – 3.5ML/day • JR – a tank farm is being built at Daisymede to enable the rate to be increased and also allow water to be pumped from bores • JR – Explained the Salinity Offsets Scheme for local land owners which can be accessed on the BC website • JR – the first train to BC since the bridge collapse is due tomorrow • JR – Crushing at BC should recommence about 2 -3 January and the pit should be operating mid to late January • RG – Concerns with increased traffic on the road; was passed on the Iron Bridge by a Landcruiser • MB – Concerns about pig chasers going passed and letting dogs go into his paddocks, these people are known to be mine workers 	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • JP – Reiterated MB concerns • MB – Is there anything mining companies can do to stop this • JR – A memo to mine workers may be able to be sent out with a warning • BMc – Mine workers rent ex-farm houses so they can go pig chasing 	
<p>Meeting closed: 6.25pm</p>	<p>Next Meeting: 3 months' time in Boggabri</p>	

Statement from Robert and Rhonda McGregor

We Robert Peter McGregor and Rhonda Daphne McGregor are the registered proprietors of the property "Tarrawonga" Boggabri. Under a Lease dated 14 March 2005 we leased to Whitehaven Coal Mining Limited part of such property consisting of Lot 3 DP 1131282 for use as a transport route for a period commencing 7 March 2005 and terminating on 6 March 2015. Under the terms of the Lease which was drafted by the solicitor for Whitehaven Coal Mining Limited and was executed by Whitehaven Coal Mining Limited the lessee is not permitted to assign, transfer, sublet or part with possession of the land the subject of the lease. Under the Lease the land is to be used only as a transport route. It is stated in the Lease that such transport route is to be for the East Boggabri Coal Mine (now known as the Tarrawonga Mine). It is also stated in the lease that the road is a private mine access road. It is further stated in the Lease that the road shall be appropriately sign posted at both ends with reflective signage, and gates will be constructed, or other agreed precautions installed, at each point where the road intersects a public road to protect its private status.

We note that on 14 December 2012 Mr Tim Muldoon the Manager Community Relations of Whitehaven Coal Limited sent to a number of parties an email stating that Whitehaven had been requested by the landowners of two private sections of the Tarrawonga Haul road to stop any vehicle from utilising the road that is not attending or departing Tarrawonga Mine. We emphasise that what we are attempting to do is simply make sure that Whitehaven Coal Mining Limited as lessee complies with its obligations under the terms of the Lease dated 14 March 2005 which Lease was prepared by the solicitor for Whitehaven Coal Mining Limited and executed by Whitehaven Coal Mining Limited.