

OVERVIEW			
Meeting	Community Consultative Committee		
Date	16/02/2017	Time	9.00am
Venue	Boggabri Coal Boardroom		
Chairperson	David Ross		
Presenter	Hamish Russell		
Attendees	Richard Gillham(RG), Peter Forbes (PF), David Ross (DR), Ray Balks (RB), Ron Campbell (RC), Geoff Eather (GE), Kerri Clarke (KC), Libby Laird (LL), Catherine Collier (CC), Hamish Russell (HR), Sue Kirkby (SK)		
Observer			
Guests			
Apologies	Daniel Martin (DM),Lynne MacKellar (LM), Roz Druce (RD), Mitchum Neave (MN)		
Next Meeting	18/05/2017		
ITEM	AGENDA		
1	Apologies		
2	Declaration of Pecuniary or other Interests		
3	Confirmation of previous minutes		
4	Business arising from previous minutes		
5	Correspondence		
6	Company reports and overview		
7	General business/questions		
8	Next Meeting		
Discussion Items			
1. Apologies:- Daniel Martin (DM),Lynne MacKellar (LM), Roz Druce (RD), Mitchum Neave (MN)			
2. Declarations of Pecuniary Interests:			
RG declared that his property is located in the zone of affectation. RC owns a company Namoi Waste who deals with Boggabri Coal. DR is paid a fee for his chairing services.			
3. Acceptance of previous minutes:			
Moved by (RC) that the previous minutes be accepted. (DR) Minutes moved and endorsed.			
4. Business from previous minutes:			
(DR) Has been in contact with Steven Cox and will continue to keep in touch; at this stage no one at OEH has been designated to PIA Mapping			
(DR) Blast complaint letter information provided to (PF) who has been in touch with the complainant. All conditions were complied with and all monitoring results were well within limits. Action closed			
(HR) A copy of the map showing BC owned land is in today's presentation			
(HR) Previous minutes were mailed to (GG) and he was phoned to remind him of this meeting			

<p>5. Correspondence:</p>
<p>IN:</p> <p>EPA - letter of warning regarding failure to undertake 1 round of noise monitoring in 2015</p>
<p>EPA - letter requesting completion of Annual Return for EPL12407</p>
<p>Forests NSW – ongoing discussions regarding re-negotiation of existing agreement for compensation</p>
<p>DoPE – Ongoing correspondence re: MOP</p>
<p>DoPE – Letter re approval for transporting samples of coal by road for laboratory analysis purposes. (RB) explained the sampling procedures used in the onsite coal lab as well as the need for some samples to be analysed off site.</p>
<p>DoPE – Letter of endorsement of new CCC members</p>
<p>DoPE – Letter of approval of Cultural Heritage Management Plan (CHMP)</p>
<p>Department of Industry Resources and Energy – Letter of approval MOP Amendment C</p>
<p>OUT:</p> <p>BC – Letter to DPI Water re: revised Water Management Plan (WMP)</p>
<p>6. Company Reports & Reviews:</p>
<p>(KC) Query the 2017 tree clearing area, (RB) explained the time frames for the tree clearing from the 15th Feb – 30th April, MOP time frame runs for the calendar year</p>
<p>(HR) Overview of revisions to WMP</p>
<p>(HR) Noise monitoring overview and explanation of procedures. Map displayed of noise monitoring locations. Noise monitoring reports are available on the Idemitsu Website * Action –(SK) include a link to the Idemitsu Website in the meeting minutes https://www.idemitsu.com.au/</p>
<p>(LL) Asked if the noise monitoring location map just shown is on the Website and requested a copy of the map * Action - (HR) to make a copy of the noise monitoring location map available on the Idemitsu Website</p>
<p>(HR) Explained the Boggabri, Tarrawonga, Maules Creek (BTM Complex) meetings which are held monthly (HR) There were no noise exceedences reported since the last meeting</p>
<p>(RB) – Provided an update on the opening of the new primary access road to BC which will be off the Kamilaroi Hwy and along the old BC haul road. This will still be a private road for BC site access only. BC is currently negotiating with Narrabri Shire Council regarding the options for Leard Forest Road, the preference is for it to remain open for access to site for Manilla residents</p>
<p>(HR) Map of air quality monitoring displayed</p> <p>General discussion about the different types of air quality monitoring and their effectiveness (LL) Asked if BC had ever thought about alternative methods of dust monitoring (RB) The community feedback regarding depositional dust gauges is generally negative however this is just one</p>

method of measuring dust. BC are continually looking for better ways to monitor air quality
 (PF) A great deal of research has gone into air quality monitoring in the Hunter Valley
 (RB) The regulators are the key drivers in this area
 (KC) Suggested that BC could be the instigators of new and better systems
 (HR) BC has always responded to requests from property owners for dust monitors to be installed

(GE) There has been community concerns raised about the amount of coal dust coming from trains passing through Boggabri
 (RB) Coal train dust is an active ongoing discussion but is driven by the regulators, BC is a stakeholder but this is a regulatory issue.
 *Action (PF) Instigate a discussion with EPA with regard to dust coming off coal trains
 *Action (PF) Invite a representative from the EPA to attend BC CCC meeting
 (KC) BC should be more proactive with the monitoring of coal dust in towns
 (PF) The EPA audited the rail corridor recently
 (KC) Where is the nearest PM10 monitor to the rail line? (HR) Merriown (location pointed out on the air quality monitoring map)
 (LL) Are there any other strategies available other than depositional dust gauges? (LL) I would just like to know what is in the black dust that is on surfaces and in water tanks
 (HR) BC did put an HVAS in at the request of a resident
 (DR) The systems in place are regulatory driven , BTM Complex is always looking at alternatives and better ways to do things
 (RC) Does the HVAS analyse what is in the dust? (HR) there is some analysis, (PF) there are advantages and disadvantages in all systems. (PF) Important to use the correct sampling technique to achieve the objective that the analysis set out to achieve.
 (DR) LL & GE have both raised concerns regarding air quality so we will make this a major focus at the next meeting as we don't have any more information today
 (LL) There is an overriding concern regarding the rise of Black Lung, BC employees should also be mindful of the dangers
 (RB) BC is more than happy to share the strategies that are in place for minimising risks

(HR) Ground Water Monitoring locations map displayed
 Graphs displaying long term depth to ground water explained. 12 month rainfall graphs displayed

(PF) Explanation of community sponsorship process
 (DR) Mitchum Neave was requesting information regarding the sponsorship process, (PF) has spoken to Mitchum
 (DR) Mitchum Neave needs to be made aware of the sponsorship process

(RG) Expressed his gratitude for the support from BC for the Boggabri Drover's Campfire
 (CC) Also expressed gratitude for BC community support for such events as the Arts & Crafts Festival and the Spring Fair, this has not just been money but also man power and general help

7. General Business

(KC) Whitehaven are proposing to build a Northern rail spur to their Vickery Mine; what impacts will this have on BC's offset properties? Will BC have to sell their offsets to Whitehaven?

(RB) BC have limited knowledge of this; we have been approached by Whitehaven when they were doing a feasibility study and they requested to view some BC owned land but there has been no further correspondence
(CC) Whitehaven have 3 options currently tabled regarding the Vickery rail corridor, no decision has been made as to the preferred option

(KC) What is BC's position regarding the decommissioning of its rail line and its rehabilitation at the end of the mine's life?

(PF) Approval of a detailed plan for the future of the rail line is to be completed by 2025. (RB) Any decision on what is to happen to the rail line would involve extensive stakeholder consultation

(RG) What is the expected life of the mine (RB) current approval to 2033

(KC) Koala recovery – How much of BC's offset country is suitable for koalas?

(CC) There was a study undertaken by researchers into the koala habitats which showed that there are no koala habitats in Leards Forest and it is a corridor for Pilliga Koalas.

(HR) Questions of this nature need to be addressed to BC's project ecologist; Alex Cockerill.

(KC) Other studies show Leard Forest (LF) is koala habitat

(LL) Koalas here don't have chlamydia as do the ones in the Gunnedah area. (LL) has collected koala scats in LF over a number of years. Everyone needs to consider what is being left behind for the next generation, Idemitsu should be looking at a transition plan away from coal

(HR) Outlined BC's tree planting program; past, present & future

(RB) Welcomed the contributions from members and outlined BC's obvious commitment to the future, using the approvals process as a minimum standard, BC is demonstrating a higher standard of action

* Action (DR) – Invite Alex Cockerill to meet with the CCC to answer questions relating to koala habitats

(KC) Recently attended a conference at UNE in Armidale titled "Restore, Regenerate, Revegetate". Whitehaven were to be the main sponsors but were asked to withdraw their support

(KC) Impressed upon the importance of retaining current landscapes and suggested that biodiversity offsets do not work and that BC needs to stop clearing LF

(KC) Admitted that BC's rehabilitation was having good results

(HR) Explained that the biodiversity offsets did work on the theory of retaining ecosystems

(KC) Biodiversity offsets retain ecosystems in the wrong areas so they don't work. Has BC done any fencing on offset properties to preserve areas?

(HR) 10s of km's of fencing have already been constructed so far this year on bio diversity offsets

(CC) Agriculture is losing out with the offset system as productive farms are being turned into fire hazards and feral pest havens, there are also the social impacts within the community, this issue is not simple, there are a great many flow on effects.

(HR) BC has upgraded all fire breaks and fire access through all properties. The budget includes feral animal controls which are being implemented. BTM Complex work together on these and other issues. Many of the properties purchase as biodiversity offsets are leased back to the previous owners and are still run as productive farms, the vegetation areas are fenced off.

(PF) Tree clearing is strictly supervised by 5 ecologists, the process is very restrictive

(RC) Community feedback on BC's rehab is very positive

(DR) We can't resolve all these issues today.

(DR) Distribution of CCC agreement for signing

*Action – (DR) requested feedback from CCC members after next meeting

(DR) Overview of the Environmental Trust. Currently \$300k in trust for projects around LF. Round 1 February – April 2016, round 2 is now open from November 2016 – April 2017. Information and applications available on the Narrabri Shire website and from the Boggabri Library. Successful applicants from round 1 were the Boggabri

Public School and the Boggabri Showground Trust.
(DR) BC is calling for representatives to join the Environmental Trust committee, anyone interested to see (DR) after the meeting.

* Action - CCC members talk to (DR) if they wish to get involved with the Leard Forest Environmental Trust

(RG) The fire near Boggabri last Sunday made it quite clear that fire breaks are of little or no use on days of extreme weather. Plans need to be put in place for these kind of days

(LL) What actions were taken during extreme weather / fire?

(RB) Extreme weather procedure. There are strict limitations around hot work so we reduce activities and manage as per our management plans. Workers are brought up early.

(RG) there were 2 separate accidents on Rangari Road this morning involving cows being hit by people travelling to and from Boggabri Mine, the owner of the cattle indicated to (RG) that he thought speed was the main contributor. Police will determine if speed was a factor

(RG) People need to be mindful that livestock may be out on public roads at any time and drive accordingly

(RB) If there are any hazards seen on local roads including livestock personnel are asked to advise their supervisor and a notice is issued site wide. There is a reminder issued to all personnel every 3 months for people to report any hazards on public roads.

(DR) Future meeting schedule:

19th May 2017 (Including Environmental Trust Meeting & Cumulative Impact Meeting

17th August 2017

16 November 2017

(DR) There being no further business, meeting closed 11:25am

8. Next Meeting

Thursday 18/05/2017 9am

Meeting Closed at 11.25am

Actioned against	Action to be done
Lynne MacKellar	Mail minutes to GG at 3 Jarmain Close Gunnedah - Ongoing
Lynne MacKellar	Phone call to GG to remind of next meeting - Ongoing
David Ross	Keep in touch with Steven Cox to know when next PIA mapping is released
Kerri Clarke	Provide a report from the recent student site visit (From last meeting)
Sue Kirkby	Include link to the Idemitsu Website in meeting minutes
Hamish Russell	Post a copy of the Noise Monitoring Location Map on the Idemitsu Website
Ray Balks, Peter Forbes	Instigate a discussion with EPA with regard to dust coming off coal trains
Peter Forbes	Invite a representative from the EPA to attend BC CCC meeting
David Ross	Invite Alex Cockerill (Project Ecologist) to attend BC CCC meeting to answer questions relating to koala habitats
All CCC members	Provide feedback to (DR) on BC CCC procedures after the next meeting
All CCC members	Talk to (DR) if they wish to get involved with the Leard Forest Environmental Trust
Ron Campbell	Supply road repair schedule for JB (From last meeting)
Ron Campbell	Advise how CCC can give feedback (From last meeting)