



OVERVIEW	
Meeting	Community Consultative Committee
Date	19/11/2015 Time 10.00am
Venue	Boggabri Golf Club
Chairperson	John Turner
Presenter	Daniel Martin
Attendees	Richard Gillham(RG), John Turner (JT), Lloyd Hardy (LH), Daniel Martin (DM),Lynne

MacKellar (LM), Alistair Todd(AT), Greg Griffiths (GG), Catherine Collyer (CC), John

Bastardo (JB)

Apologies Jim Picton

**Next Meeting** 

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ITEM	AGENDA	
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2	Declaration of Pecuniary or other Interests	
3	Previous minutes	
4	Business arising from previous minutes	
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#### **Discussion Items**

1. Apologies:- none

### 2. Declarations of Pecuniary Interests:

RG declared that his property is located in the zone of affectation. JT declared that he receives a fee for chairing the meeting. CC declared she leases a Boggabri Coal owned property. JB lives in a mine owned house.

# 3. Acceptance of previous minutes:

Moved by (CC) and seconded by (AT). Minutes accepted.

### 4. Business arising from previous minutes:

CC requested to have a copy of the meeting agenda before the meeting is held.

Mitchum Neave requested figures for the workforce demographics on percentages of indigenous people employed by Downer. DM referred to slide presentation showing the Indigenous participation target is not less than 3%, currently with an actual employment rate of 3.8%. Local employment is currently 66.6%. AT asked if this includes out of state figures. DM replied yes. GG asked for a copy of this slide (3).

The mine entry road has begun to fail due to the current heavy truck movements. Work to rectify this is underway with completion expected around the end of first quarter 2016.

# 5. Correspondence:





EPA requested information on one event during this period. This was a Blast event on the 28<sup>th</sup> October . No complaint was raised but contact was made with the EPA.

DPE conducted an audit on this year's tree clearing and an infringement notice was given due to the over clearing carried out in error. This area has been remediated and was regenerating well. Photos shown post 6 months of the event. GG asked why the boundary was breached. DM explained that there were several survey lines marked in the field and this was rectified to guard against future boundary breaches.

### 6. Company Reports & Reviews:

(DM) Provide an overview of the latest round of attended monitoring which was conducted in September 2015. Monitoring was carried out in accordance with requirements of the EPL and Australian Standards. There were 2 occasions where the site specific operational noise criterion was measured higher at Goonbri location. This property is now owned by the mine and therefore the noise criterion does not apply. The sleep disturbance criterion was not exceeded at any location during any of the night time monitoring periods. CC commented that the second Roma property indicated on the map should be renamed Springfield. DM to correct this. No other comments.

(DM) Provided an overview of the air quality results from the real time PM10. No comments.

(DM) Provided an overview of the dust monitoring referring to slide. (JB) asked if both mines take responsibility for any dust exceedances. (DM) replied both mines have a high response to the readings. (AT) asked if we have reading for Onavale. (DM) All reports are on our website.

(DM) Provided an overview of ground water and surface water results.

(CC) requested map showing water networks. (DM) explained the Merriown and Nagero seam monitoring. Mining currently is showing minimal if any impact to the bores south of the pit. (AT) asked what is the depth of the pit at present? (LH) Approximately 110mtrs. GG & CC asked for copy of all monitoring results.

(DM) Rainfall is tracked YTD

(DM) Feral animal management will continue. (AT) commented this year was particularly bad for feral animals. (RG) has never had a problem with feral animals until now. (CC) commented on the pig chasers in the area. (AT) said a new bait has been released which is safe to use around cattle etc. (RG) has requested to know when BC are going to start Dog/Fox baiting so he can align his program to the same time. (CC) has asked to be kept informed as well. (LH) reported that BC fences have been cut and he will be reporting this to police. The latest vandalised fences are in an area is just north of Daisymede property.

#### 7. General Business:

(DM) Mod 5 will be submitted within the next week.

(AT) asked what amount of cattle we have grazing on mine owned land. (DM) a guestimate would be less than half the properties owned by Boggabri Coal would have some level of grazing.

(CC) and (BC) are getting involved with the local RFS. (LH) Offered access as and when needed to RFS. (RG) Stated that the RFS have the same access rights as police.

(GG) asked is we have finished obtaining BOS properties now that we have an excess. (LH) We have acquired enough for the moment. (AT) asked how much land we have rehabilitated this year. (DM) replied 16-17





hectares this year of mine overburden area. (GG) has requested as much information as possible with regards to water management. (DM) all information will be compiled in an annual report.

(DM) Boggabri Coal has provided sponsorship to Westpac Rescue Helicopter, Carp Muster, Winter Sleepout as well as local schools. Downer has also sponsored GS Kidd Memorial School Golf Day, Boggabri Public School, Youth Suicide Prevention and Westpac Helicopters.

(DM) Boggabri Coal is looking to align with the Clontarf Foundation which engages young people in education through sport.

(DM) Announced that Boggabri Coal will take over, from LCR, the management and operation of the CHPP in early 2016. (LH) We are committed to smooth change over with due consideration to staff. (JB) asked if we would be taking over Downer as well. (LH) explained that they have a contract until the end of 2017.

(DM) Boggabri Coal will be advertising again for an environmental group member to join the CCC. (JT) It is part of the CCC guidelines that a CCC may have a member from an environmental group; however it has been difficult to fill this position.

(JT) An update of the Environmental Trust – Now in a position to settle after the next meeting. Will report back after the next meeting.

(CC) Raised concerns over the land in Boggabri owned by Boggabri Coal. In Boggabri Coal approval it states that we are to build a number of new houses. (DM) to take this on notice and look into it. (CC) stated that we were obliged to make a house available for the local doctor.

(GG) Stated that we can't do much more than advertise for an environmental group representative. Also he is concerned about the dead animals on the roads as a whole, and asked if we could remove dead carcasses off the roads so as not to endanger other animals feeding on them. (JT) Stated that councils should also take this advice. (DM) Has made a note that it is OK for BC staff to remove carcasses off roads. (LH) responded that Boggabri Coal receives numerous calls and this is carried out already.

8. N	lext Meeting will be 3rd of May 2016 at 9.00am.	
Meeting Closed at 11.10am by (JT)		