



Austar Coal Mine Community Consultative Committee Meeting Minutes

Location: Board Room, Austar Coal Mine Main Office

Time: 4:05pm

Date: 19 February 2009

Name	Representative
Hon Garry West (GW) Councillor Jeff Maybury (JM) Louise Dews (LD) Adrian Moodie (AM)	Independent Chair Cessnock City Council Representative Community Representative Austar Coal Mine
Apologies	
Frank Fulham (FF) Sarah Harvey (SH) Roger Lewis (RL)	Austar Coal Mine Austar Coal Mine Community Representative
Copy of minutes	
Councillor Alison Davey	Mayor of Cessnock City Council
Mr Joel Fitzgibbon MP	Federal Member for Hunter and Defence Minister
The Hon Kerry Hickey	State Member for Cessnock
Mr Colin Phillips	NSW Department of Planning
Ms Valerie Phillips	Librarian, Cessnock City Council

Item	Issue	Action	Date
1	Welcome		
	GW welcomed the committee.		
2	Declaration of Interests		
	Nil.		
3	Confirmation of Previous Minutes		
	The minutes were ratified. Moved by LD and seconded by JM.		
4	Business Arising		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GW discussed replacement for Paul McGreevy on CCC. DoP want to wait until Stage 3 approval finalised so a broader group of candidates can be considered • GW discussed with DoP holding a public meeting for which the DoP can 		

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	attend and field questions. DoP prefer to respond to specific questions individually and feel plenty of information is available on the DoP or Austar websites.		
5	Current Operations Update		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stage 1 mining is complete and UG mining area sealed • Stage 2 longwall mining commenced in A3 16/2/09 • Stage 2 subsidence, ecological and ground water monitoring in place 		
6	General Business		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No complaints received since last meeting. One enquiry regarding vibration. Contact Singleton Military who were conducting blasting that morning. No mining operation occurring at time. • Austar will be conducting pipeline work along Dry Creek Road. Landholders informed. Issues of access for one landholder to be managed in conjunction with that landholder to minimise impact • Austar also conducting stabilisation works on Bellbird Rail cutting to make area safer. Nearby residents informed of work activity. • Key findings (draft) from Audit of Development Consent reviewed. No major concerns and mostly improvement opportunities rather than non-compliances suggested. • DECC conducts site survey for Green and Golden Bell frogs. None found but 14 other species identified indicting a healthy ecosystem • Sarah Harvey has resigned from her position at Austar Coal Mine. Sarah was thanked by all at the CCC for her efforts both with the CCC and at the site in general. 		

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7	Stage 3 Project Update		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Response to submission returned to DoP - Now awaiting determination 		
8	Actions form Previous Meeting		
	Review use of barbed wire on top and bottom strands of new fencing being installed.	Reviewed with work supervisors and is being actioned in future	
	Conduct an open day at site for community	Austar considering and would like to time once Stage 3 determination received	
9	Next Meeting		
	Next meeting tentatively scheduled for Thursday 16 April 2009 at 4:00 pm		
	Meeting closed 4:50pm		

Recorded: A Moodie 19/2/09

Confirmed: To be confirmed at next meeting

Chairperson – Austar Coal Mine Community Consultative Committee