



Austar Coal Mine Community Consultative Committee Meeting Minutes

Location: Board Room, Austar Coal Mine Main Office

Time: 4:00pm

Date: 21 May 2009

Name	Representative
Hon Garry West (GW) Councillor Jeff Maybury (JM) Louise Dews (LD) Adrian Moodie (AM) Chris Jones (CJ)	Independent Chair Cessnock City Council Representative Community Representative Austar Coal Mine GSS Environmental
Apologies	
Frank Fulham (FF) Roger Lewis (RL)	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		
4	Business Arising		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Discuss process for obtaining more CCC members following Stage 3 project approval. GW to confirm with DoP, however may look to call for nominations at next community meeting. 	GW	Next Meeting
5	Current Operations Update		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Longwall A3 progressing past 200m retreat. 		

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No measurable subsidence or environmental effects to date • Stockpiles of coal at CHPP again growing in size 		
6	General Business		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No complaints since last meeting • Coming into winter and with CHPP stockpiles being high, surround neighbours may start to observe more noise • CHPP Noise reduction plan submitted to DECC. Current focus has been on conveyor rollers. Next phase will be to trial cladding on conveyors drives with view to select most appropriate material for CHPP cladding. Noise bund construction is ongoing. • 6 Monthly report of measured before and after noise monitoring results from attenuation works to be reported to DECC and distributed to CCC. • Pipeline works along Dry creek road and Q14 completed • Audit of development consent finalised and submitted to DoP. Response to recommendations also submitted. In all only a few minor non-compliances were recorded and mostly improvement opportunities identified. • Vincent St rail crossing construction of lights and bells to improve safety to commence in first week of June. The road will be fully closed for around 1.5 days and there will also be part road closures for the remainder of the time (1 week). • Rehabilitation of area 12 and 13 behind Bellbird to recommence and be completed by mid year in accordance with Mine Operations Plan (MOP) approved by DPI. • Emplacement of rejects at Aberdare emplacement area behind Bellbird Heights (off Francis st) to recommence in coming months. This involves hauling of rejects along private haul road on south side of 	AM	July 09

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	Wollombi road. This is the first time this has been conducted in the last 4-5years so there may be some community members that have not been in residence since this last occurred. Community liaison to occur prior to this recommencing informing effected residence of the activity and noise effects.		
7	Stage 3 Project Update		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Understand that project determination nearing ad can be expected in late May to early June. - Once approved first works on infrastructure site to commence in September 2009. - Currently only conducting exploration activities over Stage 3 area with Exploration license area 		
8	Actions from Previous Meeting		
	Inform DECC regarding recommencement of reject emplacement at Aberdare emplacement area	AM	June
	View to hold community information sessions following Stage 3 project determination. Consideration to inviting larger community to Stage 3 for this meeting.		
9	Next Meeting		
	Next meeting tentatively scheduled for Thursday 6 August 2009 at 4:00 pm		
	Meeting closed 5:00pm		

Recorded: A Moodie 21/5/09

Confirmed: To be confirmed at next meeting

Chairperson – Austar Coal Mine Community Consultative Committee