

# ABEL UNDERGROUND COAL MINE

## COMMUNITY CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE Meeting #24

Monday 9<sup>th</sup> December 2013 at 5.00 pm

Abel Underground Mine Administration Building

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### MINUTES

1. **OPENING & WELCOME:** *Chairman, Mr Milton Morris.*
2. **PRESENT:** *Mr Charlie Spence, Mr Adam Heeney, Mr Andrew Pace, Mr Alan Brown, Mr Allan Jennings, Mr Brad Ure, Mr Tony Sutherland, Mr Phillip Brown and Mr Jack Potter (mins).*
3. **APOLOGIES:** *Mr Terry Lewin and Mr Greg Lamb.*
4. **CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING:**
  - 4.1 *Mr Phillip Brown provided revised minutes for the March, June and September 2013 meetings. Confirmation of these revised meeting minutes has been deferred to the next meeting.*
5. **BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES:**
  - 5.1 *Business Arising.*
    - 5.1.1 *Chairman's annual report to the Director General of the Department of Planning. Mr Milton Morris stated that the annual report would be provided at the next meeting pending response and acceptance from the Director-General Planning and Infrastructure (Sam Haddad)*
    - 5.1.2 *Mr Milton Morris stated that no progress had been made on having the Abel mine declared as a mine subsidence region by the Mine Subsidence Board. The application is before the Division of Resources and Energy Mr Alan Brown stated that this was a significant concern for Black Hill residents. Mr Tony Sutherland stated that the Mine Subsidence Board had started paying for some repairs of subsidence damage, which was a promising development.*
6. **CORRESPONDENCE:**
  - 6.1 *Email from Mr Alan Brown*
    - 6.1.1 *Email dated 17<sup>th</sup> September 2013.*
    - 6.1.2 *Email dated 1<sup>st</sup> October 2013.*
7. **COMPANY REPORTS AND OVERVIEW OF ACTIVITIES:**
  - 7.1 **Abel Mine Update**

*Mr Charlie Spence provided the Abel Mine Update.*
  - 7.2 **Monitoring and Environmental Performance**
    - *Mr Phillip Brown provided an update on monitoring and environmental performance. Mr Alan Brown outlined a number of errors that were present in the Abel AEMR including:*
      - *Foreword – consultant typo: July 2012*
      - *Approval, Lease and Licences: no reference to 75W application*
      - *Table 3.8: no statistics for Panels 19A or 22*
      - *4.2: a representative from Bloomfield Colliery???*
  - 7.3 **Community Complaints and Response to Complaints**

*No Complaints*
  - 7.4 **Website Information**

*No comments.*

#### Revision History

Edition	Revision	Comment	Author	Date	Authorised by:
1	0	Draft Minutes	J Potter	10 December 2013	
		Approved Minutes	J Potter	17 March 2014	M Morris

**7.5 Information provided to the Community and any Feedback**

*No comments.*

**7.6 SMP Update**

*Mr Tony Sutherland provided the SMP update. Mr Brad Ure asked how much tilt had been measured on the Transgrid Towers. Mr Tony Sutherland stated 20-30mm per metre.*

**7.7 Black Hill Road Undermining Update**

*Mr Tony Sutherland provided an update on the undermining of Black Hill Road. Mr Alan Brown asked what a dilapidation survey of the road had involved. Mr Tony Sutherland stated that it had outlined the condition of the road prior to mining commencing.*

**7.8 SMP Area 4 Update**

*Mr Tony Sutherland provided an update on SMP Area 4.*

**7.9 Abel 75 W Update**

*Mr Phillip Brown provided an update on the Abel 75 W project.*

**7.10 Donaldson Coal Conservation Trust Update**

*Mr Phillip Brown provided an update on the Donaldson Coal Conservation Trust. Mr Alan Brown asked if the Donaldson Coal Conservation Trust still had funds remaining. Mr Phillip Brown stated that the Donaldson Coal Conservation Trust still had significant funds remaining. Mr Alan Brown asked if the Tom Farrell Institute was still involved with the Donaldson Coal Conservation Trust from a project management position. Mr Phillip Brown stated that the Tom Farrell Institute was still operating as a project manager for the Donaldson Coal Conservation Trust.*

**7.11 Donaldson Coal Community Support Program Update**

*Mr Phillip Brown provided an update on the Donaldson Coal Community Support Program.*

**7.12 Donaldson Coal Welfare Trust Update**

*Mr Phillip Brown provided an update on the Donaldson Coal Welfare Trust. Mr Brad Ure gave an update on the Black Hill School Education Trust and stated that he would provide a more comprehensive report at the next community consultative committee meeting.*

**7.13 Donaldson Open Cut Rehabilitation**

*Mr Phillip Brown provided an update on the Donaldson Open Cut rehabilitation. Mr Alan Brown asked what materials would potentially be placed in the Square Pit. Mr Phillip Brown stated that tailings from the Bloomfield washery could potentially be placed in the Square Pit. Mr Allan Jennings asked when the Donaldson Open Cut lease could be relinquished. Mr Phillip Brown stated that it would be relinquished when the Department of Trade and Investment determined that the land was returning to a natural, stable state.*

**8. COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVE COMMENTS**

**8.1** *Mr Alan Brown asked about the status of the 2013 Subsidence Report. Mr Tony Sutherland stated that the report had not yet been completed.*

**9. GENERAL BUSINESS:**

*No general business.*

**10. NEXT MEETING**

**10.1** *The next meeting of the Abel Community Consultative Committee was set down for Monday 17<sup>th</sup> March 2014 to be held at the Abel Underground Mine Administration Building at 5.00 pm.*

***The meeting was declared closed at 5:55 pm by the Chairman.***