

ABEL UNDERGROUND COAL MINE

**COMMUNITY CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE
Meeting #21**

Monday 25th March 2013 at 5.00 pm

Abel Underground Mine Administration Building

1. OPENING & WELCOME: *Acting Chairman, Mr Terry Lewin.*

PRESENT: *Mr Terry Lewin (Acting Chairman), Mr Alan Brown, Mr Allan Jennings, Mr Tony Sutherland, Mr Charlie Spence, Mr Adam Heeney, Mr Phillip Brown and Mr Jack Potter (mins).*

2. APOLOGIES: *Mr Milton Morris, Mr Andrew Pace and Mr Greg Lamb (Bloomfield).*

3. CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING:

3.1 *Previous Minutes 10 December 2012 were confirmed by those members present.*

4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES:

4.1 *Business Arising.*

4.1.1 *Donaldson Community Trust to report to CCC.*

5. CORRESPONDENCE:

5.1 *There was no correspondence.*

6. COMPANY REPORTS AND OVERVIEW OF ACTIVITIES:

6.1 Development update

6.1.1 *Abel Program 2013 – Mr Charlie Spence (Refer to attached presentation).*

Mr Terry Lewin asked about the Duncan mining method. Mr Charlie Spence stated that it reduced subsidence and lead to faster production, but reduced recovery rates.

Mr Terry Lewin asked why extraction production rates had increased. Mr Charlie Spence attributed this to the downturn, which had resulted in increased motivation amongst the workforce.

Mr Allan Jennings asked about how long the downturn was expected to last. Mr Charlie Spence stated that any comment he made would be speculation.

Mr Alan Brown asked about the port arrangements. Mr Charlie Spence stated that coal was moved through both PWCS and NCIG operations.

6.2 Monitoring and Environmental Performance

Mr Phillip Brown (Refer to attached presentation).

6.3 Community Complaints and response to complaints

No complaints.

6.4 Website Information

Further work required to update website information, Mr Phillip Brown and Mr Alan Brown to meet to discuss.

6.5 Information provided to the Community and any feedback

No comments.

Revision History

Edition	Revision	Comment	Author	Date	Authorised by:
1	0	Draft Minutes	J Potter	25 March 2013	
		Approved Minutes	J Potter	17 March 2014	M Morris

6.6 SMP Update

Mr Tony Sutherland (Refer to attached presentation).

Mr Allan Jennings questioned the use of signage on the already degraded Blackhill road and stated that the community could incorrectly attribute the existing degradation to mining operations. Mr Tony Sutherland stated that it might be possible to attempt to inform residents that mining had only just entered the area and that the degraded condition of Blackhill road predated mining.

Mr Allan Jennings asked how many Property Management Plans had been completed. Mr Tony Sutherland stated that seven had been completed.

Mr Terry Lewin asked about a recent community information session. Mr Phillip Brown stated that the attendance had exceeded expectations, the general response was positive and that the map showing the planned timing of mine progress was appreciated.

6.7 Abel 75 W Update

Mr Tony Sutherland (Refer to attached presentation).

7. COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVE COMMENTS

7.1 Questions Raised by Mr Alan Brown

7.1.1 Incorrect publications of minutes and attachments on website. Issue already discussed (6.4).

7.1.2 Feedback from community information sessions. Issue already discussed (6.6).

7.1.3 Two full scale hard copies of Abel Mine Borehole Seam Workings requested. Two copies provided to Mr Alan Brown. Mr Phillip Brown asked if other community representatives required copies. Mr Terry Lewin requested a pdf copy.

7.1.4 Three full scale hard copies of Abel Mine Advanced Mining Plan requested. Three copies provided to Mr Alan Brown. Mr Phillip Brown asked if other community representatives required copies. Mr Terry Lewin requested a pdf copy.

7.1.5 Proforma of Property Owners Subsidence Management Plan requested. Mr Phillip Brown stated that this would be provided.

7.1.6 Has the Abel Mine area been declared a mine subsidence district? Mr Tony Sutherland stated that the Mine Subsidence Board assessment process was currently ongoing.

7.1.7 Reconcile the claimed tonnage benefit from longwall/shortwall compared with original estimates, 4.5 to 6.1 Mtpa. Mr Tony Sutherland stated that the modification will enable extraction of additional seam components.

7.1.8 Community members have requested that community information sessions be followed up with individual QA sessions. Mr Tony Sutherland stated that this could be possible.

7.1.9 Can we have a copy of the chairman's CCC Annual Report to Director General of the DPI? Mr Phillip Brown stated that the report could be requested.

7.1.10 Is there a summary status of Consent Conditions compliance? Mr Phillip Brown stated that this was provided in the annual report to the DoP.

7.1.11 Can the members who have been consistently absent from meetings be removed from the CCC? Mr Phillip Brown stated that he would discuss this with the chairman upon his return.

7.2 Questions Raised by Mr Allan Jennings

7.2.1 Please explain the reasoning behind the mine signs on Blackhill Road. Issue already discussed (6.6).

8. GENERAL BUSINESS:

8.1 Mr Alan Brown commented that in a Yancoal Valuation Breakdown Report conducted by RBS Morgan the Abel Longwall scenario had been removed. Mr Tony Sutherland commented that the Longwall had been removed from SMP Area 3 and suggested the RBS Morgan report was speculative.

8.2 Mr Adam Heeney stated that a fox baiting program is being planned. Mr Alan Brown expressed enthusiasm for such a program.

9. NEXT MEETING

9.1 *The next meeting of the Abel Community Consultative Committee was set down for Monday 17 June 2013 to be held at the Abel Underground Mine Administration Building at 5.00 pm.*

The meeting was declared closed at 6:07 pm by the Chairman.