

ABEL UNDERGROUND COAL MINE

**COMMUNITY CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE
Meeting #23**

Monday 16th September 2013 at 5.00 pm

Abel Underground Mine Administration Building

MINUTES

1. OPENING & WELCOME: *Chairman, Mr Milton Morris.*

PRESENT: *Mr Terry Lewin, Mr Alan Brown, Mr Allan Jennings, Mr Brad Ure, Mr Tony Sutherland, Mr Phillip Brown and Mr Jack Potter (mins). Ms Rae Black was in attendance.*

2. APOLOGIES: *Mr Charlie Spence, Mr Adam Heeney) and Mr Greg Lamb.*

3. CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING:

3.1 *Confirmation of the previous meeting's minutes has been deferred to the next meeting. Mr Alan Brown would not accept the previous June Minutes nor the preceding March Meeting Minutes as there were still a number of issues to be addressed, some editorial some content and expressed his disappointment to that effect.*

4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES:

4.1 *Business Arising.*

4.1.1 *Bloomfield lighting. Mr Phillip Brown stated that Bloomfield has redirected their lighting and the issue has been resolved.*

4.1.2 *Chairman's annual report to the Director General of the Department of Planning. Mr Alan Brown questioned the status of the annual report. Mr Milton Morris stated that the annual report would be provided shortly at the next Meeting.*

5. CORRESPONDENCE:

5.1 *Email from Mr Alan Brown*

5.1.1 *Amendment to March Meeting Minutes yet to be updated on the website. Mr Phillip Brown stated that this issue would be resolved.*

5.1.2 *June meeting minutes not issued. Mr Phillip Brown stated that in future draft minutes would be provided within one week of the meeting.*

5.1.3 *Actions arising from June meeting. Addressed in Section 4.1.*

5.1.4 *SMP Area 3 approval notification not on website. Mr Phillip Brown stated that the notification had been placed on the website on the 16th September.*

5.1.5 *Status of 2013 AEMR. Mr Phillip Brown stated that the report had been finalised and would be issued by the end of September.*

5.1.6 ~~*Recent issues in Sugarloaf State Conservation Area associated with Glencore's operations.*~~ *Company position/viewpoint regarding the recent Sugarloaf State Conservation Area subsidence debacle post longwall subsidence exceeded expert predictions. Donaldson Coal did not provide comment. Mr Alan Brown stated that the Glencore/Xstrata incident shows that the modelling and planning of mine subsidence is not an exact science.*

6. COMPANY REPORTS AND OVERVIEW OF ACTIVITIES:

6.1 **Development update**

Mr Tony Sutherland provided the development update (see attached presentation).

6.2 **Monitoring and Environmental Performance**

Mr Phillip Brown provided an update on monitoring and environmental performance (see attached presentation). Mr Alan Brown asked when NPIs had to be submitted. Mr Phillip Brown stated that NPIs were due for submission at the end of September.

6.3 **Community Complaints and response to complaints**

No complaints.

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

6.4 Website Information

~~No comments.~~ Mr Phillip Brown stated that items had been updated except for the Minutes.

6.5 Information provided to the Community and any feedback

No comments.

6.6 SMP Update

Mr Tony Sutherland provided the SMP update (see attached presentation). Mr Brad Ure asked if subsidence had impacted upon the powerlines. Mr Tony Sutherland stated that the impacts were within predictions. Mr Brad Ure requested the data from the TransGrid 330kV real time subsidence monitor located on his property. Mr Tony Sutherland stated that this data would be provided. Mr Terry Lewin questioned when subsidence markers could be removed. Mr Tony Sutherland stated that markers were removed when effective subsidence was completed. Mr Alan Brown asked where the Telstra fibre optic cable to be relocated was located. Mr Tony Sutherland ~~provided an outline of the location~~ indicated that it was terminated at the Benwerrin Exchange. Mr Brad Ure asked which properties affected by Panel 23 had PSMPs been completed for. Mr Tony Sutherland stated that PSMPs had been completed for the Allan and Fraser properties.

6.7 Blackhill Road SMP

Mr Tony Sutherland provided an outline of the SMP for Blackhill Road (see attached presentation). Mr Alan Brown asked what 24 hour monitoring of Blackhill Road would involve. Mr Tony Sutherland stated that the road would be continually monitored for subsidence damage and any damage would be immediately repaired. Mr Allan Jennings stated that the signage on Blackhill Road was misleading and suggested that pre-mining damage to road had been caused by the mine, and that this was bad for the public reputation of the mine. Mr Terry Lewin asked if the locations of the panels would be identified for road users on Blackhill Road. Mr Tony Sutherland stated that variable message boards would be located at both ends of panel on the road to inform road users. Mr Allan Jennings asked how long the 24 hour monitoring of the road would occur for. Mr Tony Sutherland stated that it would be carried out for approximately eight weeks.

6.8 Abel 75 W Update

Mr Tony Sutherland provided an ~~outline~~ update on the Abel 75 W application (see attached presentation) and said that he would provide a Planning Department link to members via email.

6.9 Tasman Cliff Fall Incident

Mr Phillip Brown provided an outline of the Tasman cliff fall incident (see attached presentation). Mr Brad Ure asked where the Stockrington workings were located in relation to the Tasman workings. Mr Tony Sutherland stated that the Tasman workings were above the Stockrington workings. Mr Alan Brown asked what extraction method was used at Tasman. Mr Tony Sutherland stated that partial extraction was employed. Mr Phillip Brown informed members that the Tasman Mine closed on 19 July 2013 and that the portals will be sealed around December 2013.

7. COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVE COMMENTS**7.1 Mine Subsidence District**

Mr Alan Brown asked whether any progress had been in getting ~~Blackhill~~ Black Hill classified as a Mine Subsidence District by the Mine Subsidence Board. Mr Tony Sutherland stated that no further progress had been made, despite several attempts by Donaldson Coal. Chairman Mr Milton Morris stated that he would contact the ~~Mine Subsidence Board~~ Minister in regard to the issue.

7.2 Email Correspondence

Mr Alan Brown stated that emails should be included as correspondence.

7.3 Conservation Trust Report

Mr Alan Brown reminded the Committee that ~~requested~~ a report from the conservation trust had been requested at the June Meeting. Mr Terry Lewin stated that this would be provided.

7.4 Bushland Conservation Area

Mr Alan Brown asked if the bushland conservation area referred to in the EMS operating manual (EOM-1) relates solely to the Donaldson open cut as per the section headed "Bushland Conservation Area Management Plan". Mr Phillip Brown stated that it began in 2000 and relates to the open cut area and portion of the offset (2:1 ratio) includes the area along Blackhill Road and John Renshaw Drive of the Abel footprint.

8. GENERAL BUSINESS:

~~No general business.~~ *Mr Alan Brown pointed out that a lot of issues had been dealt with during the course of the Meeting that would normally be included under this item. He then referred to an audit he carried out on email Correspondence since 2007 and noted that he had sent 85 emails to Donaldson and had received 112 emails from Phillip Brown, hence the comment that emails should be acknowledged as Correspondence.*

The Chairman suggested that an interim Meeting be held between now and the next scheduled Meeting (possibly attended by himself, Company representative(s) and Alan Brown) in order to resolve and ratify some of the issues raised at tonight's meeting. Alan Brown considered that this was unnecessary since the protocols mentioned with respect to Minutes, Presentations, Attendance etc had already been established at previous Meetings. The Chairman acknowledged this aspect and therefore determined that no additional Meeting would be necessary.

9. NEXT MEETING

9.1 *The next meeting of the Abel Community Consultative Committee was set down for Monday 9th December 2013 to be held at the Abel Underground Mine Administration Building at 5.00 pm.*

The meeting was declared closed at 6:33 pm by the Chairman.