
MINUTES

Meeting No. 6 of the
Gujarat NRE Wongawilli Colliery Community Consultative Committee
Tuesday, 10 September 2013

Held at Wongawilli Community Hall, West Dapto Road, Wongawilli

ATTENDANCE

Col Gellatly	- Chairperson
Kevin Roots	- Community Representative
Peter Turner	- Community Representative
Chris Irving	- Environmental Manager (NRE)
Mat Campbell	- Environmental and Community Relations Manager (NRE)
Observer:	
Tanvee Jagatramka	- Executive Assistant (NRE)

APOLOGIES

Ron Zwicker	- Wollongong City Council
Katrina McDonald	- Community Representative
Dave Clarkson	- Group Approvals Manager (NRE)
Sasa Cugalj	- Environmental Officer (NRE)

Col Gellatly declared the meeting open at 6.00 pm.

It was noted that Lois Burgess has resigned her position as a community representative on the committee.

DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

There were no interests declared by any members present.

CORRESPONDENCE

Nil.

PREVIOUS MATTERS ARISING

1. Provide information on monitoring points for the Nebo longwalls SMP on NRE's website.
2. Amalgamate the graphs from the presentation to better reflect the information provided, including the longwall start and end dates and the location of the swamps.
 - This has been included in tonight's presentation.
3. The groundwater piezometers that had been updated by BHP showed a baseline up to 2004 but with a gap to 2011. Provide the data from BHP.
 - Currently talking to BHP and Glencore re data sharing.

4. Reference to water quality in the reports does not give a breakdown of metal ions released. It was requested that a graph showing the trend-line be provided.
 - Not sure which report is being referred to. Peter was asking to see the general trends relating to iron, manganese, aluminium, zinc, etc, for longwall panels 11-20.
5. Investigate the depth at which piezometers are installed.
 - Information yet to be provided.
6. NRE to circulate an update to members in early August. Look at providing a fortnightly longwall progress update on the website.
 - Chris updates this on the website on a weekly basis.

COMPANY REPORTS AND OVERVIEW OF ACTIVITIES

Chris Irving advised that there is nothing to update on approvals from the previous meeting. NRE's main focus of late has been on the approvals for the No. 1 Colliery.

Chris then presented an environmental management update.

- Longwall N2 commenced commissioning shears on 12 June. (This is the first of six longwalls.) Currently extracted 291 metres.
- Website being upgraded.
- Nil non-compliance re Environmental Protection Licence for June to September 2013.
- 2012-13 annual environmental management report submitted. One area of additional clearing identified and reported to Department of Resources & Energy (DRE). Incident report being prepared.
- Mining Operations Plan (MOP) extension approved. MOP extended to 30 September 2015.
- Enforcement action received from Department of Planning and Infrastructure (DoPI) regarding completion of noise audit and independent environmental audit on Nebo area project.
- Noise audit final draft received and sent to the Environment Protection Authority (EPA) for feedback.
- Independent environmental audit currently being completed.
- Enforcement action includes completion dates for various other project approval conditions.
 - Peter asked how overdue this was. Chris advised it was required by end of June but is now on track. NRE received two fines of \$3,000 each.
 - Peter asked when the audits are done. Chris advised this was done at 18 months and then every three years.
- Four depositional dust sites have been installed along the rail easement. First readings will be available in a month.
- Subsidence management plan reports available on NRE's website.

Complaints

One complaint from a Horsley resident received on 31 August regarding coal dust during August. Sample taken for analysis. Chris advised this probably came from a passing train on a day of significant winds. Strategies to be put in place to alleviate this problem.

- Peter commented on the AMA's call for train loads to be covered. Chris commented that the logistics of this would be difficult but that tarping and levelling of the loads is a better remedy for Wongawilli.

Projects

- Games Council of NSW deer control program commenced on 17 December 2012 and is progressing well.
- No progress on Mine Manager's Cottage.
- Symbio Wildlife Park – potential use of land to grow feed for koalas. This will be outside of special areas.

Chris presented the groundwater monitoring maps and graphs.

- There is an anomaly in the Swamp 24 graph due to an issue with a logger which was three metres above the required level.
- Swamp P20 is holding its water level relatively well. Main effect on this swamp is the less frequent rainfall experienced. In answer to the chairperson's question, on the graph, an adverse impact would be indicated by a spike straight down.
- "Chainage" diagram was shown. This will be updated monthly.
- General discussion took place about the levels of water in the various mining areas and how and when it is extracted.
- Chris to provide information on the mine's rehabilitation clause to the next meeting.
- The future of mining at Wongawilli will be to the west.
 - Question asked as to whether advance work is being done on this. Chris advised that base-line data monitoring (surface and ground water) is being carried out.
 - NRE has the surface lease for the old Avondale pit-top and there are two portals which need to be maintained.
 - Peter asked where this water drains out. Chris: from the old pipes in the old portal area to where Huntley Heritage is developing the golf course. Huntley Heritage is endeavouring to hold the water for its own use.
 - Col asked about the Biosis report, which Chris advised was to do with the swamps in the Avon area. Chris will circulate the report and invite a Biosis representative to the next meeting.

COMMUNITY ISSUES

- Kevin stated that the blowing of horns by the train drivers is still an issue.
- Kevin stated that he has had dust near his garage but believes it is probably from the railway bridge works.
 - Chris to provide a report on depositional dust gauges to the next meeting.
- Peter said he had sent a question to Mat about NRE's financial situation.
 - Mat advised that Jindal Steel has come on board as partners with 45 per cent of shares and an option for more. NRE has an off-take agreement with Jindal.
 - Peter asked whether this would take care of the debt problems. Mat said that it does shore up that area.
 - Col asked whether trading was open. Mat – no.
- In view of the decrease in membership, Col will contact the Department of Planning in relation to recruiting for more members.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is to be held on Tuesday, 3 December 2013 at 6.00 pm.

The meeting closed at 6.55 pm.

Tabled Documents

- Minutes of Wongawilli CCC meeting held on 4 June 2013.

ACTIONS REQUIRED

Item No.	Action Required	Responsibility	Deadline
1	Investigate the depth at which piezometers are installed.		
2	Provide information on the mine's rehabilitation clause.	Chris Irving	3 December
3	Provide copy of Biosis report regarding the swamps in the Avon area to the committee.	Chris Irving	3 December
4	Invite a Biosis representative to the next meeting.	Chris Irving	3 December
5	Provide report on depositional dust gauges.	Chris Irving	3 December
6	Liaise with Department of Planning regarding the need to recruit extra committee members.	Col Gellatly	3 December

Ends