

Gloucester Exploration Project COMMUNITY CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE (CCC)

MINUTES OF MEETING

Date:	7 April 2017	10:00am
Venue:	Gloucester School of Arts, Denison St, Gloucester	
Present:	<i>Chairperson:</i> Lisa Andrews (LA) <i>GRL:</i> Bob Corbett (RC) <i>Community Reps:</i> Trevor Sansom (TS) Anthony Berecry (AB) <i>Dept Industry R&E:</i> Julie Moloney (JM) <i>Advance Gloucester:</i> Lindsay Fraser (LF) <i>[alternate]</i> <i>Mid Coast Council:</i> Jim Henderson (JH) Gloucester Business Chamber: Stuart Redman (SR) <i>[alternate]</i> Dept. Primary Industries: Neil Griffiths (NG) (invited guest) <i>Minute Secretary:</i> Chloe Grady	
Apologies:	Ray Dawes – Community representative Steve Robinson – Community representative Brian Clifford – Gloucester Resources Limited Bill Williams – Advance Gloucester	

1. Opening of Meeting

LA opened the meeting at 10:00am.

LA declared that she is an independent chair who has been appointed to this CCC by the Minister for Industry Resources and Energy.

The Chair introduced and welcomed Neil Griffiths, Technical Specialist, Pasture Production with the NSW Department of Primary Industries; Stuart Redman, President of Gloucester Business Chamber, and Advance Gloucester's alternate representative, Lindsay Fraser.

The Chair introduced Chloe Grady as the committee minute secretary.

The Chair asked each participant to complete the attendance sheet.

2. Apologies

Ray Dawes, Brian Clifford, Bill Williams & Steve Robinson.

3. Confirmation of Previous Minutes

3.1 Issues raised regarding previous minutes

AB requested an amendment to previous minutes (item 7.4 general business) where Steve Robinson raised concern's with GRL's tax return and its liabilities. He questioned whether they could provide the necessary securities for the site rehabilitation to be completed in the event of bankruptcy.

AB raised concerns surrounding the depth of content that is included in the minutes and that items are often excluded. LA advised that the minutes should reflect a summary of

the meeting and not be verbatim. LA read the relevant item from the approved Charter which confirmed this.

AB further raised that the comment in the previous minutes (item 7.2 general business) stating that it was noted that it was the 10th anniversary of the commencement of the committee had been taken out of context. AB felt that the intended statement was that it indicated how long community members have been suffering. JM responded that she felt the intended message was just a statement and not a celebration. LA advised that this comment would remain in the minutes.

JM sort clarification of the procedure for CCC members reviewing the draft minutes and providing comments prior to them being uploaded onto the company website. LA confirmed the process.

AB commented that correspondence was being selectively recorded. LA advised that if any issues have been omitted; to raise them at the meeting so they can be addressed.

AB moved minutes subject to the amendment of Steve Robinson's question in General Business – Item 7.4.

Previous minutes accepted:

Moved: AB

Seconded: JH

4. Business Arising

4.1 Aboriginal Artifacts with Gloucester region.

TS raised concern regarding aboriginal artefacts previously found on his property, which is now owned by GRL. TS asked whether there has or will be assessments carried out on the properties. RC stated there has been assessments undertaken on all areas of planned disturbance from the proposed Project and stated that it had identified a few sites that contain artefacts; however nothing of significance has been recorded. Questions were raised as to whether the National Parks & Wildlife Service had been advised by TS regarding the artefacts found on the former TS property. TS advised No. RC stated that prior to the GRL surveys there was only one registered site on or in the vicinity of the planned mine and that management procedures will be in place for the identified sites prior to any operations commencing.

4.2 Weed Control & Audit of the properties owned by GRL

RC confirmed there is Parramatta grass identified on both Rosenbaum & Sansoms' old properties. The lessee is aware and has a management program in place to eradicate the weed.

4.3 Aboriginal Elders Committee representative

Held over as Ray Dawes was not present at this meeting.

Actions:

LA to provide copy of the charter to committee.

RD to follow up with the Aboriginal elders seeking their involvement on the committee.

5. Correspondence

4/2/17 – Email to CCC members forwarding through copies of the reports that Steve Robinson raised at the February 2017 meeting.

4/2/17 – Email from Chair to Nick Butler, Department of Industry thanking him for his presentation at the February 2017 meeting.

8/2/17 – Email to CCC members forwarding on information from Jamie Flynn (Department of Industry) regarding the Mine Rehabilitation Program.

20/2/17 – Email to Bob Corbett to place the finalised minutes from December 2016 on the website.

20/2/17 – Email to CCC members with the draft minutes of the 3rd February 2017.

11/3/17 – Email & Letter to Minister Industry, regarding an alternate delegate to represent the Gloucester Business Chamber.

19/3/17 – Email to Neil Griffiths DPI with an invitation to this meeting.

19/3/17 – Email to members advising of Neil Griffith's attendance & providing the contact details for the new minister and the community engagement staff.

5/4/17 – Email from Ray Dawes advising of his apology for this meeting.

Correspondence accepted:

Moved: LA

Seconded:

RC

6. Presentation

6.1 Department of Primary Industries – Presentation

NG gave a presentation regarding the Upper Hunter Mine Grazing Study. NG stated the program is about establishing basic principles and best practice for pasture development; to return mining land back to agricultural land, following rehabilitation.

NG discussed the study and how the study plan was developed; who is involved in the program, and the stage it is at now.

Questions were asked and answered throughout the presentation in relation to:

- How the test sites were identified & determined
- Length of the study program
- How the areas were measured and quantified
- The rehabilitated sites' original condition
- Whether fertilisation had occurred

- Vegetation, grasses, etc
- Soil condition
- Weather effects, etc.

Following the presentation, SR put forward a motion to write a letter of support to ACARP stating the CCC's support for a further funding application from NG. It was also suggested that Mid-Coast Council should provide the same. **TS – seconded.**

Whilst NG did not think it would assist, he stated that any correspondence should be addressed to NSW Mining (Greg Sullivan). LF stressed that the Gloucester region is within a higher rainfall area and different geology to the Hunter Valley and therefore results would vary. It was suggested that conducting a similar trial to that in the Hunter Valley at Stratford would be a good idea.

TS suggested that the CCC invite NG to return to provide an update to members, once the study is complete. *All in favour.*

Actions:

- RC to forward the December Hunter Mine Grazing Study report to committee.
 - LA to write to NSW Mining – Greg Sullivan with support for funding additional grazing programs within the Gloucester region.
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7. Project Update
GRL

RC provided update as follows:

- Status on the renewal of the ELs has not changed.
- GRL are still working on the response to submissions; the majority are complete; however, they are waiting on input from external parties. It was confirmed that there is no deadline for lodgement back with DP&E, however, GRL want to ensure they are comprehensive with its responses.
- Recent storms caused some damage to one of the hay sheds on GRL land and an old dairy building was being demolished on another property.
- A controlled burn-off was carried out by a lessee under permit and entered an area of GRL's tree screen plantings on Fairbairns Road, despite the presence of a firebreak. GRL are now monitoring how the affected patch recovers to determine what, if anything, needs to be done.

8.General Business

JM announced that she will be going on extended leave for 12 months, and this meeting would be her last. JM thanked the committee for its great work and advised that the Department is committed to providing a replacement on the CCC.

LA thanked JM for her involvement on the CCC and for the experience and knowledge she brought to the consultation process.

JM also informed the committee that Evelina Hendry has returned to the Department's Community Engagement team and advised that her contact details would be forwarded on to the CCC members.

Actions:

JM to forward to committee Evelina Hendry's new contact details.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 11:58am with their chair thanking CCC members for their attendance and contribution.

NEXT MEETING: 9th June 2017 at 10:00am at the School of Arts, Gloucester

ACTION ITEMS

ITEM	DESCRIPTION	ACTION BY
1	CCC Charter to be emailed to all members	LA
2	Follow up with the Aboriginal elders regarding their participation on the CCC	RD
3	Hunter Mine Grazing Study (December) email to be forwarded to CCC members	RC
4	Write letter of support to NSW Mining (Greg Sullivan) to include the Gloucester region in its study program	LA
5	Contact details for Evelina Hendry to be forwarded to CCC members	JM