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4.2 Audit of the properties owned by GRL.

RC advised that there were no real issues, one property (part of Trevor Sansom's old property) has Parramatta grass, however, there is no real agricultural activity on this land, so is not concerned.

BW asked what types of weeds and grasses were found and, in particular whether Parramatta grass was found. RC wasn't aware of any, and none were nominated on the botanical surveys. RC informed the CCC that there is Privet along Waukivory Creek and the Avon River. The survey suggests that it is coming from the Avon River. RC stated that he is yet to establish an action plan on what to do regarding the weeds.

Actions:

- Check if there is Parramatta Grass on Rosenbaum's old property - RC
- Establish a weed control/management plan for possible eradication, if required - RC.

5. Correspondence 14/12/16 – Email from Chair to CCC members with the draft Minutes from the December 2016 meeting.

15/12/16 – Email from Christine Oakes, resigning from her role as minute taker.

22/1/17- Email from Chair to CCC members with the Meeting Notice & Agenda for this meeting.

25/1/17 – Email from Nick Butler, Dept. of Industry advising that he and Jaime Flynn would be attending the meeting.

25/1/17 – Email from Groundswell Gloucester attaching a letter (tabled) seeking information regarding Exploration Licences (ELs).

5.1 Email from Groundswell Gloucester – Tabled. LA read out the letter in meeting, which related to Exploration Licences 6524 & 6563.

Question 1. What is the reason for the delay in determining the licence renewal application?

JM recommended that Groundswell Gloucester direct this question to the Minister, Resource & Energy and advised that the ELs are being processed in accordance with procedure and policy. RC made note that ELs 6524 & 6563 have technically not expired as they remain in force until such time as a decision is made by the Minister regarding the renewal or otherwise.

Question 2. When were the last exploration activities undertaken in these license areas?

RC advised that in March 2015, drilling was completed and some surface mapping was carried out. Although no field activities have occurred since that time, desktop activities have been undertaken. There has also been assessment of rehabilitation of previous bores sites.

JH queried whether GRL owned any properties in those areas? RC confirmed that there were some on Woods Road.

RD enquired if there was still laboratory testing occurring; to which RC advised that core sample testing is carried out as part of the exploration.

Question 3. What were the nature of those activities? If renewed, what further activities are planned?

RC stated that 3 year work programs were submitted with the 2015 renewal applications. However, given the time since the renewal applications were lodged, if the leases are renewed, GRL will review the program and determine if it requires amendment to reflect the duration post renewal.

JH enquired whether AGL carried out any exploration in the abovementioned license areas? RC advised that there is historical data regarding these works and that all exploration has been rehabilitated and concrete grouted.

Question 4. If the licence exploration approval is renewed, what specific further exploration activities are planned?

Question 5. What is the likely time frame for undertaking these activities?

Combined response to Q4 & Q5: GRL will take both questions on notice but commented that a work program was submitted with the renewal application. If approval is granted that will re-examine the program for feasibility.

GRL reiterated that if landholders have any concerns or questions, they are welcome to contact GRL direct at any time.

Correspondence accepted: **Moved:** Lisa Andrews

Seconded: Ray Dawes

6. Project Update
GRL

RC provided the following update:

- They are still working on the response to submissions. There were around 2,600 submissions during the exhibition period; containing diverse issues that will be addressed. GRL hope to have the responses finalised as soon as possible, however, want to ensure a thorough review is undertaken of all the issues raised. They are aiming to have their evaluation completed for internal review commencing around mid-February 2017, and expect to lodge the response prior to next CCC meeting.

**7. General
Business**

7.1 Department of Industry representative – Team introduction.

NB thanked the committee for its invitation to attend the GEP CCC meeting and explained the role of the Community Engagement Team.

NB will be the point of contact for this committee to assist with liaising with government departments and agencies. Should this arrangement change, NB will advise the committee.

SR enquired whether the DI was part of the Social Impact Assessment Guidelines public information session at Singleton. NB advised that the Department of Planning is managing this role as they are responsible for considering this component as part of the State Significant Development assessment.

Actions:

Send out contact details of Community Engagement staff - LA

7.2 It was noted that it is the 10th Anniversary of the formation of the GEP CCC.

7.3 New minister for resource – Minister Don Harwin.

BW advised that he and other members of Advance Gloucester would be meeting with the new Minister and wondered whether he would be briefed on the Rocky Hill Project. JM assured BW that verbal and written briefs would be provided to Minister Harwin in preparation for his meeting with Advance Gloucester.

Actions:

Send out the new Minister's contact details – LA

7.4 GRL commitment to complete rehabilitation and security bonds.

SR raised concern with GRL's tax return and its liabilities. He questioned whether GRL could provide the necessary securities for the site rehabilitation to be completed in the event of bankruptcy.

RC stated that they are addressing this question as a part of their response to Groundswell Gloucester and will take the issue on notice.

However, RC was able to confirm that they are required to provide a bank security as part of their approval for rehabilitation works. JM clarified that the bank security remains in place after the mine's closure until such time as the Company has demonstrated their rehabilitation is safe and self-sustaining in the long term. They are also continually reassessed to ensure the government is holding enough security to cover the works.

7.5 Business Chamber representative & alternative representative

Discussions were held about nominating an alternate delegate from the Gloucester Business Chamber for representation on the CCC.

Actions:

- Follow-up Gloucester Business Chamber seeking nomination of an alternate representative for the CCC and make recommendation to Minister for endorsement – LA

7.6 Aboriginal Representative on CCC as a Stakeholder

LA confirmed that there was still a position available on the CCC.

Actions:

- Follow up with the Aboriginal elders regarding their participation on the CCC - RD

7.7 Derelict mines program

Unrelated to the project, however JH sought advice from NB regarding some abandoned mine shafts on his property, and whether there was government assistance available for repair or rehabilitation works? NB advised that this is a matter for the Derelict Mines Program.

Actions:

- Provide information about and contact details for the Derelict Mines Program –NB

There being no further business the meeting closed at 11:17am with the chair thanking CCC members for their attendance and contribution.

NEXT MEETING: 7th April 2017 at the School of Arts Building, Gloucester – commencing at 10am.

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