

Gloucester Exploration Project COMMUNITY CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE (CCC)

MINUTES OF MEETING

Date:	1 December 2017	10:00am
Venue:	Gloucester Arts Centre	
Present:	<i>Chairperson:</i> Lisa Andrews (LA) <i>GRL:</i> Bob Corbett (RC) Department of Industry (DPI): Emma Prince (EP) <i>Minutes:</i> Chloe Grady	<i>Community Reps:</i> Ray Dawes (RD) Steve Robinson (SR) Trevor Sansom (TS)
Apologies:	Jaime Flynn, Brian Clifford, Anthony Berecny, Bill Williams and Lindsay Fraser.	
Non-attendance:	N/A	

1. Opening of Meeting

LA declared meeting open at 10:12am.

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

LA welcomed Emma Prince, Senior Principal Advisor with the Division of Resources and Geoscience as the Minister's Representative.

The Chair asked each participant to complete the attendance sheet.

2. Apologies

Jaime Flynn, Brian Clifford, Anthony Berecny, Bill Williams and Lindsay Fraser.

3. Confirmation of Previous Minutes

Previous minutes of accepted:

Moved: Ray Dawes

Seconded: Trevor Sansom

4. Business Arising

1. Email map location of monitors. Emailed on the 17th November 2017.
2. Send link providing the RP response to the amended Rocky Hill EIS. Emailed on the 12th of October 2017.
3. The major project website, direct link to the Rocky Hill Project. JF sent through on 12/10/17 and included in minutes prior to finalising.
4. Identify section of response to submissions pertaining to inversion occurrence and noise. Tabled by RC; to be included in the minutes.

5. Correspondence

- 12/10/17 – Email from Jaime Flynn with the links to the response to submissions and Major Projects website subscription

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- 17/10/17 – Email to CCC members with the draft minutes, dust monitoring location map and excel spreadsheets
 - 24/10/17 – Email from Ray Dawes advising that the Department of Planning and Environment had recommended that the application by GRL to develop the Rocky Hill Coal Project be refused
 - 24/10/17 – Email to CCC members with a link to the Major Projects website, showing that the application was referred to the PAC the previous day (23/10/17) with a recommendation for refusal
 - 6/11/17 – Email to CCC members advising that the PAC public meeting would be held on 14/11/17 and including a link to the PAC website <http://www.pac.nsw.gov.au/projects/2017/10/rocky-hill-coal-project>
 - 18/11/17 – Email to CCC members with the Meeting Notice & Agenda for this meeting
 - 28/11/17 – Email from Jaime Flynn with an apology for this meeting and asked that LA provide her best wishes to all the CCC members for the near year.
 - 29/11/17 – Email from Bob Corbett which was forwarded on to CCC members with the updated air quality results.
 - 29/11/17 – Email from Anthony Berecny with an apology for today's meeting.

Correspondence accepted:

Moved: Lisa Andrews

Seconded: Ray Dawes

6. Project Update RC provided the project update as follows: **GRL**

Activities:

RC discussed current activities undertaken and explained that as they have been busy with Rocky Hill there has not been any field exploration activities carried out. RC said he did spend a day with the GRL geologist inspecting the former drill hole sites to confirm the rehabilitation is still compliant, which they are. RC advised that the landowners of those sites offered to accompany them to inspect the wells as they would have otherwise been hard to find.

No exploration reports were have been submitted nor required since the last meeting.

GRL land management activities undertaken involved a continuation of regular maintenance undertaken by a contractor who comes every two weeks to a month, depending on the season, to carry out any required works.

The only non-routine maintenance that had been carried out was the removal of a few dead trees in the screen planting.

Rocky Hill:

PAC meeting was held on 14th & 15th November 2017. RC advised that there were supposed to be 59 speakers over the 2 days, however only 54 spoke. RC stated that of those who addressed the PAC; 11 were for the project, with the remainder against.

RC advised that all the presentations and additional comments of submissions made are on the Planning and Assessment Commission website, as well as additional information.

RC explained that there is no indication of what the timing will be for the determination by the PAC. RC advised that, as and when requested, GRL were responding to requests for more information from the PAC to assist in its consideration of the project.

LA questioned what the additional information supplied was, and what it was relating to. RC explained that it was an extension and clarification of what was previously supplied.

SR queried why neither the Department nor GRL spoke at the PAC meeting and asked whether it was just for public response? RC explained that the PAC meeting is essentially held to provide an opportunity for the PAC to hear from members of the community. RC explained that at times it can be discouraged for the company to speak, as it is not a platform for an argument. RC advised that GRL had 3 hours with the PAC commissioners earlier on the 14th, where they were taken to the site, etc. RC informed the CCC what locations the PAC were taken to, stating that the purpose was primarily to show the location of the Project what was visible from each location.

SR asked has there been any indication from the company as to what will happen if the PAC was to reject the application. RC said the Brian Clifford had released a statement advising that GRL remained committed to the project, and if the application be was rejected by the PAC it would have to look at what options are available to them at the time.

RD stated that there is no point discussing anything until there is a decision made, however there has been a question asked as to why GRL hasn't put dust monitors in Forbesdale. RC said there were dust monitors installed within that area ,with the aim of installation and positioning of all monitors being to gain an understanding of what the background levels are and existing local area quality in the area of the proposed mine, and the magnitude of any impact and compliance with the relevant criteria if the mine was approved. Both TS and RD explained that some residents feel they have been excluded as they don't have monitors. RC explained that due to the cost of the monitors and the purpose of the background monitoring, the most appropriate sites were chosen by the air quality specialist. TS asked why there aren't dust monitors installed in locations of West and North. RC stated the purpose of the monitors was to gather an understanding of the local air quality record the current levels. Additional monitors and/or alternative locations would be used for compliance monitoring purposes should the mine be approved, noting that GRL had committed to the installation of a real-time monitor in the Forbesdale area.

LA asked if there was any questions in relation to the dust results information that was sent out. RC explained the levels in the tables distributed were consistent with those presented in the EIS for the period from 2010 – 2015, albeit varying slightly in some cases.

7. General Business

TS asked if the RHCP application was refused, would GRL consider a different location. RC explained that should the application be refused, there were still options available, which would be assessed at that time. There hasn't been a lot of exploration activities carried out in alternate locations, but GRL have not ruled this out. TS asked whether it would be

more expensive to move to Woods Road, as there has been some exploration work undertaken in this area. RC stated that that would need to be assessed at the time.

**8. Meeting
Schedule for
2018**

The chair advised that the meeting schedule for 2018 would continue as previously set down, ie bi-monthly, and advised of the following meeting dates,

- Friday 2nd February, 2018
 - Friday 6th April, 2018
 - Friday 1st June, 2018
 - Friday 3rd August, 2018
 - Friday 5th October, 2018; and
 - Friday 7th December, 2018.
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There being no further business, the meeting closed at 10:55am with the chair thanking CCC members for their contribution and commitment throughout 2017. LA wished all attendees a happy festive season and safe new year.

NEXT MEETING: 2 February 2018

ACTION ITEMS

Ongoing: Prior to each meeting:

- GRL to provide air quality monitoring results summaries, along with the rolling annual averages, where appropriate/relevant.