

Gloucester Exploration Project COMMUNITY CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE (CCC)

DRAFT MINUTES OF MEETING

Date:	1 st June 2018				
Venue:	Gloucester Arts Centre				
Present:	<i>Chairperson:</i>	Lisa Andrews	(LA)	<i>Community Reps:</i>	Ray Dawes (RD)
	<i>GRL:</i>	Brian Clifford	(BC)		Steve Robinson (SR)
	<i>DRG:</i>	Emma Prince	(EP)		Trevor Sansom (TS)
				<i>Advance Gloucester:</i>	Bill Williams (BW)
				<i>Gloucester Chamber Commerce:</i>	Stuart Redman (SR)
	<i>Mid Coast Council:</i>	Cr Claire Pontin	(CP)	<i>Minutes:</i>	Suella Hannaford
Apologies:	Anthony Berecny & Robert Corbett				

1. Opening of Meeting

LA opened meeting at 10.05 am.

LA declared that she is an Independent Chairperson, appointed by the Minister for Industry to chair this committee.

The Chair asked each member to complete the attendance sheet and make any relevant changes to their contact details.

2. Apologies

Anthony Berecny and Bob Corbett

3. Confirmation of Previous Minutes

Previous minutes of accepted:

Moved: Trevor Sansom

Seconded: Stuart Redman

4. Business Arising

RD questioned high readings of Air Quality Testing and was advised that it was a Relay Issue.

5. Correspondence

- 16/4/18 - Email from Jaime Flynn from the Department of Planning's Resources & Geosciences division advising that Emma Prince would be the Minister's representative on this CCC moving forward
- 1/5/18 - Email to members with the draft minutes from the CCC meeting held on 6/4/18
- 8/5/18 – Email to Dr McCalden with a copy of the draft minutes
- 21/5/18 – Email to members with the Meeting Notice and agenda for this meeting
- 28/5/18 – Email to members with the Dust Monitoring results (from April)
- 30/5/18 - Update spreadsheet for Dust Monitoring Results sent through.

Correspondence accepted: **Moved:** Lisa Andrews

Seconded: Ray Dawes

6. Project Update Exploration

GRL

- Field mapping in areas southwest of Gloucester and southwest of Craven completed over 2 days in late May
- Ground magnetic survey work currently programmed for June in the same areas, subject to testing the value of this exploration technique in identifying seam sub-crops.

Land Management

- Routine activities continued with nothing untoward that GRL is aware of.
- Recently GRL were advised by TransGrid of its intention to undertake some pole replacement and associated activities on the Stroud Road to Taree 1323kV line which will involve some activities within GRL's and adjacent properties southeast of Gloucester. Works on GRL land will involve replacement of the more western of one set of two timber post adjacent to the southern end of McKinleys Lane with a higher single concrete pole to provide increased ground clearance and enable data cable and lighting protection replacement.
- The activities, which were programmed to commence on 31/5/18 will involve some minor earthworks to allow equipment access and provide work platforms as well as personnel visiting and climbing each structure to enable the removal of the old earth wire and installation of the new one. The works, which will involve short periods of activity interspersed with periods of no activity, are programmed to be completed by late July.

The works are unrelated to the Rocky Hill Coal Project, with the existing line (including new poles) to be relocated to allow RHCP development if approved through the Land and Environment Court.

Rocky Hill Project

Relinquishment of northern section of EL6523 as previously committed to by GRL, awaiting receipt of survey plan. Lodgement expected during June/July.

General Business

- Air quality data was sent out earlier this week with data presented for all sites, other than the north TEOM. Data for the north TEOM is being collected by the logger, but due to telemetry issues, requires a manual download which had not been undertaken at the time of the results were distributed.
- The air quality results remain consistent with those historically recorded, with one day in March (19th) showing PM2.5 and PM10 levels which exceeded both the PM2.5 24 hour criterion of 25 micrograms/cubic metre and PM10 24 hour criterion of 50 micrograms/cubic metre at both the north and south TEOMs. The reason is unknown, but believed to be a consequence of some local or regional influence, most likely smoke from landholder or hazard reduction burning activities. Levels received, through exceeding the criteria, were in the broad air quality ranges classified by the EPA as very good and good, respectively.

GRL is now receiving daily updates on available regional air quality from the EPA which will enable exceedances due to regional or wider events to be identified. The EPA reports on Ozone, Nitrogen Dioxide, Visibility, Carbon Monoxide, PM10 and PM2.5.

Closest regional monitors are in the Lower Hunter (Newcastle area – 3 monitors) and Upper Hunter (at Singleton and Muswellbrook).

CP enquired if the samples were taken at predetermined times of the day. BC took question on notice. (Action)

7. General Business

SR questioned if there is any variance in dust readings e.g., windy days etc. and was advised that the readings were averaged.

RD enquired about Giant Parramatta Grass on eastern side of McKinley Lane and was told that it is being maintained under a Management Program, which Chris Maslen has implemented.

TS asked if there was a map showing the roads. Referred to the video link on the project website:

<http://www.rockyhillproject.com.au/environment/>

RD enquired about the Exploration Work Plan for Woods Road. BC advised that exploration is being carried out in accordance with the work program submitted to DRG that includes exploration in this area.

BC discussed the L&E Court case, explaining that information is being gathered from the experts. Three weeks has been set aside to hear the case in August. The Commissioner will be on site in Gloucester for part of the considerations (Magistrates Court, Gloucester) to visit the site, view neighbouring lands to determine potential impacts and hear evidence (3 days).

BC advised that the Statement of Facts and Contentions has changed. SR was concerned that his submission has not being received – LA to provide SR with Colin Phillip's email address.

Groundswell Gloucester has joined with the Department of Planning & Environment to defend the decision to refuse the project. Changes to the issues of contention will be sorted out by the Court e.g., Social License, Climate Change etc.

TS questioned who was responsible for fencing GRL or Lessee. BC advised that Chris Maslen maintains internal fencing and GRL to maintain boundary fencing on land held by GRL.

BW informed the committee that Yancoal has purchased AGL held land and was advised that ELs still exist over this land.

BC advised that GRL and Yancoal have an arrangement with the haul road for Rocky Hill and is committed to seeing this project through.

BW asked SR if he had considered inviting someone to present to the CCC on agricultural issues; in response to Chris Maslen's presentation at the previous meeting. SR advised that he would wait until the outcome of the L&E Court case.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 10.35 am with the chair thanking CCC members for their contribution.

NEXT MEETING: 3rd August 2018 at the School of Arts Building, Gloucester – commencing at 10am.

ACTION ITEM

ITEM	ISSUE	RESPONSIBILITY
1	Whether samples taken at predetermined times of the day	RC