

Gloucester Exploration Project COMMUNITY CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE (CCC)

MINUTES OF MEETING

Date:	3 rd August 2018		
Venue:	Gloucester Arts Centre		
Present:	<i>Chairperson:</i> Lisa Andrews (LA) <i>GRL:</i> Bob Corbett (BC) <i>DRG:</i> Emma Prince (EP)	<i>Community Reps:</i> Anthony Berecry (AB) Steve Robinson (SR) Trevor Sansom (TS)	Advance Gloucester: Lindsay Fraser (LF) Gloucester Chamber Commerce: Stuart Redman (SRd)
	Mid Coast Council: Cr Claire Pontin (CP)	<i>Minutes:</i> Suella Hannaford	
Apologies:	Ray Dawes, Bill Williams & Brian Clifford		
Non-attendance:	Nil		

1. Opening of Meeting

LA opened the meeting at 10.01 am and welcomed all attendees.

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

2. Apologies

Bill Williams, Ray Dawes & Brian Clifford

3. Declarations

LA declared that she is an approved Independent Chairperson, appointed by the Minister for Resources to chair this meeting.

No changes to members' previous declarations.

4. Confirmation of Previous Minutes

SR questioned the date of when EL 6523 was to be relinquished as he had in his notes from the previous meeting that it was 30 June 2018. RC confirmed that the time frame advised at the last meeting was June/July 2018.

Previous minutes accepted:

Moved: Steve Robinson

Seconded: Trevor Sansom

5. Business Arising

Action Item:

1 Whether samples are taken at predetermined times of the day. RC

RC provided a response to the question asked by CP at the previous meeting in relation to sampling protocols:

Air Quality monitoring takes 3 different forms: -

- 1.) Deposited Dust – collected monthly every 30 days, plus or minus 2 days. Results are adjusted to the 30 day period.
- 2.) High Volume Samples (PM10) are collected over a 24-hour period on a 6-day cycle i.e. midnight to midnight the next day. Filter papers are collected/replaced between each sample event
- 3.) TEOMs – data are recorded continuously with the data calculated for the 24-hour period from midnight to midnight. Where less than 16 hours data is collected, e.g. due to a power loss, a nil result is recorded. Where 16 hours or more data is recorded, the value is recorded as the 24 hour result.

RC advised that all monitoring is undertaken in accordance with the Australian Standards. The same consultant, Carbon Based Environmental (CBE), also carries out the monitoring of the meteorological station, surface and ground water sampling. CBE also carry out Duralie and Stratford Mines' monitoring.

RC enquired about RD's reference at the last meeting regarding Giant Parramatta grass on the eastern side of McKinley Lane and advised that it is being maintained under a Management Program, which Chris Maslen has implemented. Some of this area is not on GRL land. LF commented that Giant Parramatta Grass is unfortunately located on all properties in the district and being a noxious weed needs to be controlled by the landowner.

6. Correspondence

- 6/6/18 - Email to members with the draft minutes from the CCC meeting held on 1/6/18 for review
- 6/7/18 – Email to members with the final draft.
- 19/7/18 – Email to members with the Meeting Notice and agenda for this meeting
- 26/7/18 – Email to members with the Dust Monitoring results (to the end of June)
- 30/7/18 – Email to members with a reminder for this meeting.
- 2/8/18 – Email from RD with an apology for this meeting.

Correspondence Report Moved: Lisa Andrews **Seconded:** Bob Corbett.

LA advised the CCC that in future, the Correspondence Report would be included with the Meeting Notice. No objections raised.

7. Project Update Exploration

GRL

There has not been any field exploration undertaken in the last two months with the previously advised geophysical investigations still to be undertaken to trial a few methods.

RC will be hand delivering the application for partial relinquishment of EL6523 to the Department in Maitland, on Monday 6/8/18.

Land Management

Nothing new, other than TransGrid continuing with their line upgrading work. Pulling the earth lines on the northern end of McKinley's Lane observed 30 July. There has been no contact with GRL by TransGrid.

Rocky Hill Project

The upcoming Court case starts on 13th August 2018. BC is in Sydney today in a Case Management Meeting to discuss the schedule. Two applications will be heard (Rocky Hill & Stratford). Expert reports have been provided -by Groundswell Gloucester on Climate Change, Coal Economics & Social Impact and by DP&E on town planning, economics and visual impacts. Expert reports on social impacts submitted by both Groundswell and DP&E. GRL has also put in its corresponding expert reports. The Judge and Commissioner will be coming to Gloucester and together with the various legal teams, will view the project site and surrounding area.

AB enquired whether the judge etc will be going to some of the individual private properties. RC stated that Yancoal requested the judge to visit its site, GRL requested him to tour the project site and Groundswell have requested the judge to attend some properties that they consider will be impacted by the development.

The actual hearing (in Gloucester & Sydney) will be open to the public.

The timeframe for the outcome of the case will be up to the court, it may be by the end of the year but may not be until early next year. All care is taken, taking into account potential judicial appeals.

RC advised SR that his submission had been received by the Court as it was listed in the information received by GRL.

8. General Business

LA distributed the contact list from the project website and asked all members to check their details, which would be updated.

TS questioned the acquisition of AGL held land by Yancoal. RC advised that he did not have any knowledge of any acquisitions.

SR asked about the longevity of this CCC. RC advised that it is a condition of EL, which requires a bi-monthly meeting. If Rocky Hill is approved than a CCC will be established for the project. LA informed members, that advice would have to be obtained from the Minister for Resources on whether the two CCC's could be combined, if Rocky Hill was to be approved. EP agreed that it would be up to the Minister for Resources.

RC provided members with information on the Air Quality Index Alerts that are available from the Office of Environment & Heritage website.

www.environment.nsw.gov.au/topics/air/understanding-air-quality-data/air-quality-index

Concerns were raised on whether the dust results would change with Yancoal starting up again. RC advised that GRL has been monitoring consistently since 2011 and therefore those results would reflect in the reporting to date (when Yancoal was previously operational).

LF advised that Duralie dust figures are on their website.

RC advised SR that TEOMs commenced monitoring from 2012 and that GRL were one of the first companies to undertake background PM2.5 monitoring.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 11.00 am with the chair thanking CCC members for their contribution.

NEXT MEETING: 5th October 2018
