



BENGALLA MINE COMMUNITY CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE



Minutes of Meeting No. 110

Location: Bengalla Boardroom
Date: Wednesday 27 May 2015
Present:

Name	Affiliation
Clr Malcolm Ogg	CCC Chairperson
Jonathon Moore	CCC member
Kevin Leckie	CCC member
Jo-Anne Scarini	Bengalla Mining Company (General Manager)
Craig White	Bengalla Mining Company (Environmental Specialist)
Chelsea Kavanagh	Bengalla Mining Company (Environmental Advisor)
Debbie Day	Bengalla Mining Company (Community Relations)

Meeting opened: 4.00pm

1. APOLOGIES:

Scott Brooks
Noel Downs

2. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Moved by Kevin Lecky seconded Jonathon Moore.

3. OTHER BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES/ACTION LIST

Nil business arising.

Action from previous meeting – further information to be provided on cattle trial in presentation.

4. DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

Nil

5. CORRESPONDENCE

Correspondence received Muswellbrook Shire Council on 3 March regarding convening of a technical consultative group.

Bengalla responded to Muswellbrook Shire Council on 18 March advising support for technical consultative group.

6. DRY CREEK

Mark Molan, Project Manager for the Dry Creek Project provided information. This is a major project for Bengalla going forward. Mark described the project advising that upstream clean water runoff is proposed to be diverted around the future mining operation. It was noted that Dry Creek is an ephemeral creek that generally only flows following periods of high rainfall. The project comprises a new clean water 900ML dam on the north side of Wybong Road; pump station and pipeline and contour levee. Mark also advised of road crossings required to deliver the water downstream.

Craig White advised that the Development Consent timeline is 24 years from now. In Year 21 Bengalla will reinstate Dry Creek if it mines at 15mtpa.

Jonathon Moore noted the rail loop for Mt Pleasant was shown on the design plan. JS advised that Coal & Allied has tenure of that area for the purpose of creating the rail loop and that is the current development consent for the Mt Pleasant mine and we have therefore included it in our planning.

Jo-Anne advised that it is a significant project for Bengalla noting that it is not part of the Mt Pleasant Project. Communication will be occurring throughout the project and there will be signage on the roads advising of the project.

Bengalla will set up a Community Reference Group for the project. A call for expressions of interest will appear in the local papers in the coming months to allow anyone with an interest to meet on a regular basis. CCC members are welcome to be members of the Community Reference Group.

7. COMMUNITY REPORT

Debbie Day presented information on Bengalla's community involvement for the period February to April 2015.

- Bengalla continues to engage with the community. A number of events and major sponsorships were supported by Bengalla over the reporting period as outlined in the presentation slides.
- Bengalla Community Support Team sponsorships and donations were listed for the period.
- Upcoming events were outlined in the presentation slides.
- Aboriginal Community Development Fund supported projects listed on the presentation slide.

8. MONITORING RESULTS

Environmental monitoring review for period February to April 2015 was presented by Chelsea Kavanagh.

- Air Quality
 - PM₁₀, TSP and dust depositional compliance monitoring data was presented.
 - For the reporting period, annual average and 24-hour average PM₁₀ as well as TSP data were below the Development Consent criterion.
 - Jonathon Moore queried the high reading on the Wybong Road slide. Chelsea to investigate potential reason/s for high reading.
 - For the reporting period, annual average and maximum increase dust deposition data were below the Development consent criterion.
 - Jonathon Moore raised a concern with dust deposition gauges being contaminated through bird manure. The concern was raised last year. The community does not want significant readings being compromised due to contamination. Is there something that can be done to modify the gauges so that birds cannot perch? Chelsea advised that she would investigate if feasible attachments were available on the market. It was noted that it is important not to significantly modify the gauges, not only for Bengalla but other sites in the valley so that a consistency of information is maintained.,

- Noise Management:
 - It was noted that there was an exceedance over the criterion at one location in February however the measurement was not considered valid as there is certain meteorological conditions under the Industrial Noise Policy e.g. higher winds or rain that can distort the actual reading. Nevertheless Bengalla modified operations following notice of the exceedance to ensure our approach was being pro-active. A second reading was taken following modifications and the noise level from Bengalla at this location was below the criterion. All other readings were nil noise non-compliances for LAeq 15 minute and LA1, 1minute during the period.
- Blast Monitoring
 - Bengalla remained in compliance with all consent limits.
- Water Usage:
 - Water use for the reporting period was 418.56ML.
- Progressive Rehabilitation
 - Bengalla target is 20 hectares for 2015. Awaiting south eastern face to be developed and shaped following which it will be topsoiled and seeded.
- Complaints:
 - Bengalla has received 13 complaints to date.
- Environmental Incidents:
 - During the period Bengalla had nil significant environmental incidents.
- Cattle Trial
 - Bengalla will be commencing a cattle agistment trial within the established rehabilitation on the eastern overburden emplacement area.
 - Jo-Anne offered the CCC members a tour of the cattle trial area prior to commencement of the next CCC in August.

9 REPORTS FROM CCC COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES

Jonathon Moore reported:

- concern about dust when there is southerly air movement through the pit and then over Wybong Road heading north. Even on days when there is hardly any visible air movement there is a lot of dust on those days particularly noticeable in the mornings. It was noted that it is only occurring on a few days however is being discussed by the community.
- positive comments with regard to the Bengalla rehab.
- one comment from the community with regard to odour and wet weather.

10. CCC NEWSLETTER ARTICLES

- The May newsletter was approved by the Community.
- Clr Ogg suggested tasking community members to author an article for the newsletters
- Suggested newsletter articles:
 - Work experience
 - Carbon sequestration project – Jonathon Moore to contribute to article.
 - Dry Creek

11. 2015 MEETING DATES

Wednesday 26 August 2015

Wednesday 25 November 2015

Meeting closed at 6:05pm

Attachments:

- Meeting Presentations slides.

ACTION LIST

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ITEM NO.	ITEM	ACTIONED BY
1	Investigate reason for high reading on Wybong Road – slide 20	C Kavanagh
2	Investigate options that would be feasible to attach to the dust gauges to discourage birds from landing and contaminating the data.	C Kavanagh
3	Organise for CCC members to view cattle trial prior to commencement of August CCC	D Day
4	Carbon sequestration project – Jonathon Moore to contribute to article for August CCC newsletter	C White/ D Day J Moore