

**Report of the Duralie Coal Mine Community Consultative Committee  
Held Thursday 1 November 2007**

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**Present:** Mr J Chadban, Mr G Handford, Mr T Tersteeg, Mr A Fisher-Webster,  
Mr D Lanham, Ms H Gillard, Mr T Hutchings, Mr J Trotter.

**Guest:** Mr J Benson (Duralie Coal)

**Apologies:** Mr G Summerhayes

**Welcome:** The Chair welcomed new Committee Member Helen Gillard to the meeting..

**Confirmation of Minutes Of Previous Meeting Held 2 August 2007:**

Minutes of the last meeting were confirmed and accepted by the Committee (moved by Mr D Lanham, seconded by Mr T Tersteeg).

**Business Arising from the Previous Minutes:**

Discussed within General Business.

**General Business:**

Report on Environmental Monitoring  
(comments applicable to results tabled since last meeting)

Mr J Trotter advised the Committee of the following regarding monitoring:

pH – all results neutral.

Electrical conductivity (EC) – drier weather resulting in lower stream flows and corresponding lift in EC during September. Highest value recorded at site SW6 in July (540 uS/cm).

Total suspended solids (TSS) – moderately high values recorded in June (at SW1 – Karuah River and GB1 - Mammy Johnsons River) during “Pasha Bulka” weekend. Raised results in August again due to higher stream flows.

Dust deposition – results low relative to the EPA limit for all sites other than D4. D4 results for months of June and August elevated but attributed to bird dung and insect contamination. Initial results from Wards River available – low deposition values.

High volume dust – recent results all appreciably less than the applicable EPA limit. Rolling average results indicate initially increasing dust levels moderated towards the end of the data set (September).

Rainfall – above historical average rainfall during August followed by two very dry months.

Blasting – data on 23 blasts presented. No blasts exceeded the relevant ground vibration and overpressure criteria.

Complaints – four tabled with an additional two verbally mentioned. All noise related and five of the six complaints from a single complainant.

#### Mine Progress

Mr T Hutchings advised the Committee of the following:

- Operational targets have been met.
- New areas exposed for in-pit tipping – this will mitigate noise propagation at night.
- Area of rehabilitation on the out of pit waste dump completed recently.
- Temporary Diversion Dams 2 construction completed (will ultimately capture clean water once Temporary Diversion Dam 1 is lost to advancing mine development).
- New Eastern Diversion Drain construction completed (replacement for initial Eastern Diversion Drain rendered inoperable by mining with the “Duralie Extended” area).

#### Gillard Noise Monitoring

Ms H Gillard advised the Committee that she had privately commissioned noise monitoring at her property. Note also that a report regarding a DCPL commissioned noise survey was conducted adjacent to the Gillard residence (and circulated to the Committee in August). Ms Gillard advised the Committee that she would liaise with DCPL regarding this matter.

#### Bulk Sample Proposal

Mr Hutchings advised that DCPL considered it was more appropriate to undertake large diameter drilling instead of the previously proposed bulk sample excavation in order to obtain Clareval coal for testing and mine planning purposes.

#### “Part 3A” Newsletter

Proposals for extensions to coal mines in NSW are considered by the NSW Department of Planning (DoP) under Part 3A of the Environmental Planning & Assessment Act 1979 (EP&A Act). A newsletter providing a broad outline of a DCPL proposal to seek an extension to existing approved mining areas on the Duralie site under this legislation was provided to the Committee.

#### July 2007 Noise Survey Report

The Chairman asked that this report be discussed at the next CCC meeting.

#### Discussion Paper Regarding Correspondence from the Barrington/Gloucester/Stroud Preservation Alliance

The Chairman noted the discussion paper.

Mr T Tersteeg commented that he agreed that DCPL achieved general compliance with standards but he considered that standards should be considered a minimum to be achieved. He felt that complaints are not resolved. He also considered that the DCPL Complaints Line was not receiving all complaints from the community (ie not all complaints are made to the Complaints Line).

### DoP CCC Guidelines

The “Guidelines for Establishing and Operating Community Consultative Committees for Mining Projects, June 2007” were provided to Committee members for their information by the Secretary.

### Judge Correspondence

A letter from Ms Janet Judge was tabled by Mr T Tersteeg. The Chairman, on behalf on the Committee, undertook to raise the issue of uncovered coal rail wagons with the relevant government departments.

### Unsigned Statement

An unsigned statement for the attention of the Committee was tabled by Mr T Tersteeg. The Chairman stated that the Committee could not consider the content of this correspondence.

### Johnsons Creek Conservation Committee (JCCC) Correspondence

Correspondence referring to a landslip on the overburden dump was tabled by Mr T Tersteeg. Mr T Hutchings advised the Committee that the “landslip” referred to was actually routine dozer reshaping works. Mr J Trotter undertook to provide a written response to the JCCC and provide a copy of the response to CCC members (see attached).

### Biological Monitoring Report – September 2007 Survey

No member of the Committee wished to comment on this report.

### EPA Environment Protection Licence (EPL) Variation

This document was previously circulated to the Committee. There was discussion regarding the EPL variation to permit gravel quarrying on site and an alternative noise monitoring location (Jensen).

### Annual Environmental Management Report (AEMR) 2007

Mr J Trotter provided a copy of the AEMR text volume to Committee members. Mr Trotter advised that the appendices volume was still in preparation and would be provided by mail when completed.

### Irrigation

At the previous CCC meeting Mr D Lanham tabled correspondence from the Stroud Branch of the NSW Farmers Association regarding irrigation reporting. Mr Trotter provided the Committee with graphical and tabulated irrigation data in response to this earlier request. Mr Trotter requested advice from the Committee as to the which (if any) tables/graphs they wished to receive into the future.

Community Contributions Expenditure

Mr G Handford advised that successful applicants for community contribution funding had been accordingly notified by Council. Those unsuccessful had yet to be formally advised.

NSW Minerals Council Environment & Community Conference

Mr T Tersteeg attended the recently held Conference as a representative of the Duralie Coal Mine CCC. Mr Tersteeg provided the Committee with his report on the Conference. He stated that he was the only community representative that attended the Conference. He recounted examples of industry best practice and said that the Conference theme was "beyond compliance". The Chairman thanked Mr Tersteeg for attending the Conference and providing the Committee with his conference report.

Council Forum at Stroud

The Chairman said that Great Lakes Council recently held a general issues forum at Stroud. He commented that the coal mining industries dominated discussions.

Site Inspection

Prior to the commencement of the Meeting the Committee undertook a conducted inspection and viewed the northern irrigation area, the Temporary Diversion Dam 2 area, Strip 5 and 6 mining area and the recently completed rehabilitation works on the western side of the out-of-pit waste dump.

Meeting closed at 2 pm.

Next Meeting:                    Thursday 7 February 2008 at 10.00 am.