

*Draft for Chair's Consideration*

**REPORT OF THE STRATFORD COAL MINE COMMUNITY  
CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE  
MEETING HELD THURSDAY 5 FEBRUARY 2009**

**PRESENT:** Cr Geoff Slack (Chair), Geoff Bright,  
William Tomb, Norm Bignell, Richard Clarke, Tony Dwyer,  
Philip Greenwood.

**APOLOGIES:** Cr John Rosenbaum, Keith Latham, Glenn Wilcox, Bill Williams,  
Jim Sonnberg.

The meeting commenced at 4:00 pm with an inspection of the mine site.

The chair welcomed Philip Greenwood, as a new representative, to the meeting.

**CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES:**

The minutes of the previous meeting held 6 November 2008 were confirmed.

**MATTERS ARISING:**

Item 1 General Business: T Dwyer advised that a licensed discharge of clean water had occurred from the Eastern Emplacement.

Item 3 General Business: Breakup of Council expenditure of mine contribution to be presented at a future meeting.

**GENERAL BUSINESS:**

- 1. Environmental Monitoring** - as presented
- 2. Complaints**- as presented
- 3. Noise Assessment Report** – as presented

## 4. Mine Progress

- Mine output has changed, due to market of coking coal relative to thermal coal, BRN Pit has returned to normal and Roseville Pit has slowed down.
- Diversion of Bowens Road is nearing completion.
- Second stockpile facility to be completed this year.
- Director General's requirements for the Duralie Section 3A application have been issued.
- Exploration drilling is being carried out in the Pages Road area. Where drilling is to be carried out on private land, consultation will occur with the owners before drilling commences. Copies of Exploration Areas showing land ownership were displayed for the committee.

## GENERAL BUSINESS

P Greenwood spoke of a map on Gloucester Coal website which showed coal seams as exploration targets. He was concerned that no liaison with affected landholders of the areas.

T Dwyer advised that this was just the knowledge of existing seams. Any access would require agreement of land owner.

P Greenwood noted that committee only dealt with matters in Gloucester Shire.

R Clarke reported that the Avondale Creek culvert on Wenham Cox road was narrow and a safety hazard. He had sent a letter to Council on the matter.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 6.10pm.

**NEXT MEETING:** To be held Thursday 7 May 2009, 4:00pm at Stratford.

