

**MINUTES OF THE MANGOOLA COAL COMMUNITY CONSULTATIVE
COMMITTEE MEETING
Mangoola Coal Project Office
17 February 2010**

PRESENT: Mr Keith Campbell (Community Representative)
Ms Penelope Young (Community Representative)
Mr Ross Reichel (Community Representative)
Mrs Fiona Hordern (Community Representative)
Stephan Ward Chair (MSC Representative)
Cr Martin Rush (Council Representative)
Mr Chris Gidney (Council Office Representative)
Mr Scott Elliott (Mangoola Coal)
Ms Jane Yelland (Mangoola Coal)
Mrs Evelina Hendry (Mangoola Coal)

1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 Meeting commenced at 3:15pm with site visit
- 1.2 Apologies: nil

2. DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY OR OTHER INTERESTS

- 2.1 Nil.

3. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

- 3.1 The Minutes of the Meeting held on 18 November 2009 were confirmed as a true and accurate record.

Moved: Penny Young
Seconded: Ross Reichel
Carried

4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

- 4.1 Evelina Hendry provided information regarding Colinta business activities. Topics included:

- Colinta’s Aim – “to develop a viable and sustainable agricultural operation utilising peripheral mine lands”
- Outline of Colinta NSW holdings – 8,000ha and 4,000 head of cattle. Mangoola Operations – 5 permanent employees, 1500 commercial breeders. Irrigation dependant on water allocation available. Contracted to Mangoola to provide boundary fencing as required.

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4.2 Martin Rush raised a question about stock & station agents in Denman and why Colinta are not using Denman saleyards. This was not answered in the presentation. Martin Rush asked whether commercial returns were more important than retaining skills locally and if so how could they justify this.

This question will be forwarded to Gary Johncock for response which will be provided at the next CCC meeting.

Penny Young made the comment that locals also need to use this facility as they are not and also that the facility is very small and may be too small for Colinta's use.

Martin Rush asked why Colinta cannot send at least some cattle through the Denman saleyards to keep the facility and the skills in the area.

Fiona Hordern asked why Colinta were not using the river flats land that Mangoola Coal own for fattening their cattle. This question will be directed to Gary Johncock and response provided at next CCC meeting.

Keith Campbell asked how Colinta complaints were managed. Jane Yelland advised that they are managed through the same system as all Xstrata complaints but within the Colinta area for complaints.

Keith Campbell also asked if Colinta do not respond to calls for assistance regarding Colinta issues – what can a person do. Jane Yelland advised that in this case the person should contact Evelina Hendry either direct or through the 1800 number.

Keith Campbell asked about the use of water – and Jane Yelland responded that Mangoola Coal are using water from water licences that are held as per the property purchases.

Fiona Hordern asked if Colinta were going to extend their irrigation works. Jane Yelland replied that she was not aware of this but will seek clarification from Colinta.

5. CORRESPONDENCE

5.1 Letter from MSC regarding guidelines for the operation of community Consultative Committees (CCC) requesting feedback regarding these proposed guidelines which were provided to CCC members at last CCC meeting. CCC members are asked to provide response to Mangoola Coal 20 March 2010 so that advice can be provided to MSC by 26 March 2010. Martin Rush explained that there had there had been confusion as to who is responsible for investigating breaches of consent conditions.

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These new guidelines have been prepared to ensure that MSC CCC Guidelines are consistent with the DoP CCC Guidelines.

6.	COMPANY REPORTS
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6.1 A progress report on Mangoola Coal Project was presented by Jane Yelland, Scott Elliott and Evelina Hendry.

Topics included:

- Sustainable Development
 - Health & Safety (including significant incidents and actions)
 - Two Safety Superintendents on site
 - Emergency Response Drill conducted in December 2009
 - Assistance provided to contractors regarding health and safety management
 - SAFECOAL introduced – focus on visible leadership.
 - Environment (including incidents & actions, monitoring reports & project approvals)
 - Tree planting on Mangoola Road continuing.
 - Weed management currently focusing on African Boxthorn.
 - Monitoring data available on the website: www.xstratamangoola.com.au
 - Real time noise and dust monitoring equipment to be installed in February 2010.
 - Temporary noise and dust monitoring equipment currently being utilised.
 - Proposals for the Wybong Uplands Management Strategy have been provided to Muswellbrook Shire Council – discussions are ongoing.
 - Feral animal control plan in place.
 - Meetings held with University of Newcastle to discuss rehabilitation research and development programs.
 - Environmental Incidents:
 - We have had 7 environmental incidents since the last CCC meeting.
 - Approvals:
 - Environment Protection Licence reviewed by DECC.
 - Variation submitted for EPL to ensure monitoring locations are accurate.
 - 500kV relocation modification to be submitted in February for adequacy review.

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- Next Community Information session for 500kV relocation will be scheduled in April 2010 and held at Wybong.
 - Revised Construction Traffic Management Plan approved by Muswellbrook Shire Council and RTA.
 - Application to DoP to conduct night time works associated with Hunter River Pipeline under bore works. Application required due to possession time allowed for rail area by ARTC.
- Sustainable Community:
 - CIS for 500kV relocation held at Wybong on 21 October 2009.
 - Road upgrade signage installed on Wybong Road.
 - Road advisory signage installed on Mangoola Road for School Bus.
 - F2F consultation conducted with relevant stakeholders for proposed relocation of 500kV line project modification.
 - Continuing F2F consultation regarding road and driveway upgrades on Wybong Road.
 - 11 Community Complaints received since last CCC meeting.
 - Land Acquisition:
 - Total number of properties in acquisition zone – 38
 - Total number of properties purchased or exchanged – 25
 - Total number of properties remaining – 13
 - Total number of properties in the negotiation process – 4
 - Total number of properties not formally requesting acquisition – 9
 - Project update:
 - Wybong East upgrade continuing – completion due April 2010.
 - Rail earthworks progressing
 - Stage 2 CHPP earthworks well advanced
 - MIA earthworks well advanced. Thomas & Coffey to commence this week.
 - Raw Water and Pit Water Dams have commenced.
 - Downer commenced CPP foundation construction.

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6.2 Questions from Presentation:

o Accommodation:

Martin Rush mentioned that he had a received a call from Sandy Hollow Tourist Park and was asked whether Mangoola Coal would be using this facility. Scott Elliott advised that we have will use this facility and that contractors are aware of the accommodation at Sandy Hollow but Mangoola Coal will not be proceeding with any development proposal in relation to the Sandy Hollow Tourist Park. We will use accommodation around town. Scott also advised that Mangoola Coal have secured 20 units in the development at Hillside in Muswellbrook and that we have people all around the district including Sandy Hollow, Denman and Muswellbrook and as far out at Aberdeen and Merriwa. Contractors have advised that they have been able to secure rental properties without too much trouble. There is also a development application with MSC to expand Pinaroo Caravan Park.

Chris Gidney asked if Mangoola Coal are using the vacant houses that Mangoola Coal have now purchased. Scott Elliott advised that Mangoola Coal are using all the property we own where appropriate to house project related personnel.

Martin Rush responded that this is not what the real estate agents are telling him regarding available rental accommodation. Martin also questioned the use of Pinaroo Caravan Park for construction workers and the zoning of Pinaroo Caravan Park regarding this use, he and asked Chris Gidney to check this.

Martin Rush also commented that the use of the Denman Hotel would be the same as the use of Pinaroo Caravan Park regarding the zoning for this accommodation.

Martin Rush also commented that the philosophy of MSC is that people should reside in the shire. This was noted.

Stephen Ward asked how many people were currently employed at Mangoola Coal and how many will it ramp up to. Scott Elliott replied that there will be a crossing over of the workforce and the earthworks people move out the people building the CHPP, MIA etc will move in.

o General Questions:

Chris Gidney asked about the status of Limvardy and Coolabah Roads. Jane Yelland responded that we are not using Limvardy Road as we now have the Northern Access Road constructed but Mangoola Coal have closed off Coolabah Road from the Mining lease boundary to protect our mining lease. Mangoola Coal has ensured the access to the Travelling Stock Route is maintained and another gate has been erected to ensure access.

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Keith Campbell asked if there was a plan showing the cross sections and turning lanes on Wybong Road and intersections. Scott Elliott advised that this information has been made available at a number of Community Information Sessions. Keith Campbell then asked if there would be right hand turning lanes at the intersections of Castlerock/Wbyong and Ridgелands/Wybong Road. Scott Elliott advised that he was not aware of this and explained that the dip just before the Castlerock Bus stop would be partially sorted out as the road will be lifted up from Limvardy Road on. Keith Campbell then commented that there was concern for people queuing up to make a right hand turn at Castlerock and Ridgелands Roads. Keith Campbell stated that without these turning lanes this could result in a catastrophic accident. Keith requested a copy of the road plans for this section of Wybong Road.

Keith Campbell asked if there had been an audit on the signage light reflecting issue he raised at the last CCC meeting. Evelina Hendry advised that there had been an audit and that the outcome of this audit was that the signage reflectivity was appropriate.

Keith Campbell also asked why Mangoola Coal was not meeting its commitment in the consent conditions to meet with the community on a quarterly basis. Scott Elliott responded that information regarding roads has been available at previous Community Information Sessions.

7. GENERAL BUSINESS

7.1 Keith Campbell raised the issue that he was not given sufficient time to raise issues at the last CCC meeting. A number of CCC members said that this was not their understanding and that all members were given time to raise issues under General Business.

8. ACTIONS AND/OR BUSINESS FOR NEXT CCC MEETING

- 8.1 Response from Colinta regarding questions raised at meeting.
- 8.2 Roles and Responsibilities for CCC members to be provided at next meeting.

9. NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING

9.1 The next meeting is scheduled for 3pm Wednesday 19 May 2010 at Mangoola Coal Operations Office.

Meeting concluded at 5:35pm.

NOTE: Contact details form confirming management plans sent

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