

**MINUTES OF THE MANGOOLA COAL COMMUNITY CONSULTATIVE
EXTRA ORDINARY MEETING
Draft Construction Traffic Management Plan**

**Held at Mangoola Coal Projects Conference Room on
Wednesday 115th July 2009**

PRESENT:

Mr Stephen Ward (Chair)
Mr Ross Reichel (Community Representative)
Ms Penelope Young (Community Representative)
Mr Keith Campbell (Community Representative)
Mrs Fiona Hordern (Community Representative)
Mr Scott Elliott (Mangoola Coal)
Ms Toni Schneekloth (Mangoola Coal)
Mrs Evelina Hendry (Mangoola Coal)
Mr Guy French (Mangoola Coal)

APOLOGIES:

Mr Chris Gidney (Muswellbrook Shire Council)
Ms Jennifer Lecky (Muswellbrook Shire Council)

1 INTRODUCTION

1.1 Meeting opened at 4:45 pm.

2 DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY OR OTHER INTERESTS

2.1 Nil.

3 COMPANY REPORTS

3.1 Stephen Ward (chair) opened the meeting.
3.2 Scott Elliott thanked all for attending at short notice.

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- 3.3 Scott Elliott gave a presentation of the draft Mangoola Construction Traffic Management Plan.

4 QUESTIONS AND FEEDBACK

- 4.1 Keith Campbell asked if you find corrugations in the road how far down will you go? Scott Elliott advised that we will go as far down as we need to go, we will do the testing and then do what needs to be done.

Penny Young asked when the Bengalla Road would be open? Scott Elliott replied that we do not have any information on that. Stephen Ward said that the Bengalla Road would not open until the Denman Road/Bengalla Road intersection is complete which is expected to be at the end of August.

Penny Young then asked if people travelling from the West will they use the Bengalla Road. Scott Elliott advised that the Bengalla Road would be our primary access to site but that wide or heavy vehicles can still come up Wybong Road from Sandy Hollow. Penny Young said she was very happy with what was happening on the road as the road will be a much better road when the work is finished.

Fiona Hordern asked if Mangoola was going to upgrade the section of Mangoola Road which will be used during the construction of the Hunter River Pump Station. Scott Elliott said that no upgrade of this section of road was planned but that Mangoola will maintain the road in its current condition.

Fiona Hordern then stated that there will be a problem with the school bus which travels along Mangoola Road and turns around; this is a very dangerous situation if there are heavy vehicles using this road. Guy French advised that this would be covered later in the presentation and that there would be a Traffic Control Plan which will deal in detail with this situation. When this Traffic Control Plan is developed consultation will be held with Cowan’s Bus Company and bus users along Mangoola Road.

Stephen Ward asked if there would be information signs erected at either end of Wybong Road to indicate the work being conducted and the duration of the work. Scott Elliott confirmed that we have submitted a sign to MSC for approval and once approved the signs would be erected. A draft of this sign was shown during the presentation.

Keith Campbell said that a member of the public had contacted him to report that they had been delayed by 24 minutes along Mangoola Road

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by our road work traffic lights. He suggested that we have some sort of way of checking that the automatic traffic lights are sequencing properly and that we should have some signs showing the 1800 number for people who experience extended delays. Guy French will investigate this.

Keith Campbell asked if all sections of Wybong Road will be sealed in one go or will the sections be sealed as they are completed. Guy French advised that the contractor will work out the length of sections to be sealed but assured the committee that sections would be sealed as they were complete and Mangoola would not wait until all the work was done to complete the sealing of the road.

Stephen Ward requested that when there were multiple work sites Mangoola ensure that there are 80 km/ph signs erected in between the work sites to ensure that road users are aware of the speed limit for that section of road. Scott Elliott confirmed that Mangoola will ensure that appropriate speed signage is erected along Wybong Road during the road works, but pointed out that when the culvert work was complete there would only be one road work site open at a time along Wybong Road.

Fiona Hordern commented that at the 'T' intersection of Wybong Road and Bengalla Road there was no signage warning of the upcoming intersection. Mangoola will pass this information onto Bengalla.

Keith Campbell commented that signs on Wybong Road showing upcoming bends were causing too much reflection when driving at night with high beam on. He has contacted the RTA who advises that Mangoola need to conduct a night audit to ensure the signs are at the correct angle on the road. Guy French will investigate this situation.

Ross Reichel asked if there was any intention that Mangoola would upgrade the intersection of Mangoola Road and Wybong Road. Guy French advised that we would not be changing the alignment but that some work would be done when the upgrade of Wybong Road was done at that intersection.

Fiona Hordern asked if the tree stumps along Wybong Road near the Northern Access Road would be removed soon. Scott Elliott confirmed that the stumps would be removed in the near future.

Keith Campbell asked if the signs at Reedy Creek Road have been put back up. Mangoola will check and ensure these signs are put back up.

There being no further questions of issues the meeting closed at 5:36pm.

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