

# CHARBON COAL PTY. LIMITED

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## CHARBON COLLIERY: COMMUNITY CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES 17/03/08

**Present:** Esme Martens (Council Representative and Chair), Grant Watson (Charbon Mine Manager), Matt Gray (Charbon Environmental Co-ordinator), Marilyn Bennett (Community Representative), Alan Jackson (Community Representative), Les Dawson (Community Representative), Ron Leo (Big Rim Representative)

### **Apologies: None**

- 1) Members were welcomed by Esme Martens to the Committee and the agenda reviewed. Mr Les Dawson was welcomed as a new community representative
- 2) Previous minutes from the Committee Meeting on 18/12/08 were accepted.
- 3) Brief review of the Southern Open Cut consent, with no changes noted. Grant Watson gave a brief overview of possible continued operations of the mine over the next few years, at the same levels of production as present. It was noted that there are some constraints to gaining consent for these operations, including Native Title issues and stringent environmental assessments, which were being addressed by Centennial.
- 4) Monitoring and compliance
  - EPA Licence No. 528 - There had been no non-compliance with the conditions of the EPA Licence since the last meeting.

- Noise – Noise monitoring had been undertaken generally on a 3 monthly basis as outlined in the SOC Consent Management Plans. All results obtained in 2007 complied with consent limits.
  - Blasting continued in the last 6 mth period. All blast results to date have complied with licence requirements.
  - Les Dawson requested a list of monitoring types, frequency and methods undertaken for the SOC. A list will be sent out to members at the earliest opportunity.
  - Community Complaints – 1 Complaint had been received since the last meeting. The complaint was:
    - in relation to noise from reversing beepers carrying some distance from the mine. It was stated that we were investigating the possibility of finding an alternative. Ron Leo from Big Rim noted that it was difficult to find anything that can substitute for the current reversing indicators, and safety was paramount.
    - There was also an enquiry regarding noise monitoring and the visual impact of the mine from Mr Wasson of Nelson Bay. The mine will draft a letter of reply and a copy will be sent to the chair.
- 5) Site Inspection – An inspection of the southern open cut and third entry rehabilitation area was undertaken.
- 6) General Business – The matter of finding a replacement member for Maralyn Bennett (who has indicated she would resign) was brought up. It was decided that an ad for expressions of interest would be placed in the Mudgee Guardian and notice of this forwarded to members of the Committee.
- 7) **Next meeting Monday 29/09/2008 at 10:00 am at Charbon Colliery**