

Minutes of Inglenook Exploration Project Community Consultative Committee Meeting

Date and time: Tuesday 22/07/2014, 9:30am
Location: Inglenook Project Office, "Spring Park",
Running Stream

Present	Margaret MacDonald-Hill (MMH)	Chair
	Julie Moloney (JM)	Office of Resources & Energy, Mineral Resources
	Esme Martens (EM)	Inglenook Community Representative
	Neva Lilley (NL)	Inglenook Community Representative
	Jolieske Lips (JL)	Running Stream Water Users Assoc & Inglenook Community Representative
	Greg Banning (GB)	Centennial Coal
	Alex Brown (AB)	Centennial Coal
	Thomas Dubos (TD)	Centennial Coal

Apologies	Cr Ray Thompson	Lithgow City Council
	Mitchell Clapham (MC)	Inglenook Community Representative

Welcome and Introduction The Chair opened the formal meeting at 9:32am welcomed all attendees and thanked them for their participation.

Declarations of Interest MMH noted her position as Independent Chair appointed by the Minister for Resources & Energy. She is also a Member of the Mine Subsidence Board & Minister's Arbitration Panel. MMH advised the CCC of media articles criticising Government processes regarding CCCs and mentioning her many roles. She stated that she has never conducted an arbitration where she has been engaged by a mining company whilst being a member of the CCC at the same time. In response to a question from JL MMH advised she currently chairs three Ministerial Exploration CCCs. MMH asked the CCC members whether any of the committee members had any issues with her independence and offered to stand down. The committee discussed the role of the Chair and Community members NL, EM and JL confirmed their agreement that MMH is independent and should remain as chair.

JL tabled a letter dated 20 July 2014 that was prepared by the Running Stream Water Users Association in relation to MMH independence as the Inglenook CCC chair and which was sent to the Minister for Planning and cced to the Minister for Resources and Energy and the Member for Bathurst. MMH noted that a number of components of the letter were not factual. EM requested that another letter should be sent to the Minister for Planning outlining the factual errors contained within the original letter.

JL noted that there is some confusion around the guidelines which govern CCCs. The committee discussed the guidelines in place for CCCs. JM confirmed that the Inglenook CCC was an exploration CCC formed by the Minister for Resources and Energy which operates under a Ministerial Charter and that the chair of the CCC had been appointed by the Minister. Each member of the committee was given a copy of the Charter when the committee was first formed. A copy of the Inglenook Charter will be issued with the minutes of the meeting. JM stated that the guidelines referred to in the Running Stream Water Users Association letter relate to CCC formed by the Minister for Planning for approved mining projects and are not applicable to this CCC for exploration.

EM as owner of mineral rights in relation to the Inglenook EL, member of Charbon CCC.
NL's family as owners of mineral rights in relation to the Inglenook EL.
JL as owner of mineral rights in relation to the Inglenook EL

Confirmation of previous minutes	Minutes were confirmed as a true record moved by NL and seconded by EM.
Business arising	<p>JL noted that detailed scope of works for environmental monitoring was to be provided by Centennial. AB tabled Centennial's Flora monitoring factsheet and provided copies to all CCC members.</p> <p>MMH noted that the numbers of Charbon employees transferred or retrenched due to the underground closure were forwarded via email to the committee members.</p>
Reports:	<p>GB, TD and AB presented a project update since the last CCC meeting. A limited number of Exploration boreholes are planned for 2014 however the budget for 2014 exploration has not yet been approved by Centennial. JL asked what the current total number of boreholes drilled is. TD responded approximately 20 have been drilled and will confirm numbers at next CCC. JL asked how many boreholes are left to be drilled. AB responded that approximately 70 more boreholes to be drilled to satisfy 1km offset grid spacing. The exact numbers of boreholes will change due to surface topography and a closer approximation of the number of boreholes to be drilled will be provided at the next CCC.</p> <p>JL noted that a recent news article stated that the spot price for electricity dropped into negative territory due to the amount of solar power available to the grid. AB commented on the issue with peak load demand which typically occurs in the evening when there is no sunlight. JL commented that storage options for solar are getting better. AB commented that hydro pump storage remains one of the best options for solar power storage. NL commented that further redundancies have been announced for Wallerawang Power station. JL asked when the power station closed. GB responded that the power station closed in March.</p>
Correspondence	<p>Out: MMH forwarded email 3 April to committee members received from TD in regards to employee numbers from Charbon</p> <p>In: Email from TD 3 April confirming numbers of Charbon employees transferred and retrenched</p>
General Business	JL asked if Centennial can provide a notification if drilling is planned to recommence. GB confirmed that a notification would be supplied via email to MMH for distribution to the committee.
Meeting closed	Meeting closed at 10.24am.
Next meeting	Next meeting scheduled for Tuesday 11 November 2014 at Spring Park at 10.00am.
Action Items	<p>Provide confirmation of numbers of boreholes drilled to date and boreholes to be drilled.</p> <p>JM to provide copy of Inglebrook CCC charter for distribution to the CCC.</p> <p>Provide notice to CCC via MMH when drilling is to recommence.</p>



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Company Update

- Mining sector still adapting to changing market conditions (high A\$/ US\$ exchange rate and low export prices)
- Centennial has continued to focus on reducing costs and increasing productivity
- Newstan Colliery in Lake Macquarie has been placed on care and maintenance
- Workforce of 148, 45 will be redeployed to Myuna Mine (also in Lake Macquarie), the remaining employees will be retrenched
- Airly producing since March and employs 60
- Alanna Ryan currently on maternity leave



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Project Update

Drilling:

- No exploration drilling since the last CCC meeting

Community:

- Budget constraints have limited negotiation of access agreements for environmental monitoring and drilling

Environment:

- Continued surface water and groundwater monitoring undertaken quarterly

Incidents:

- Nil



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Activities for second half of 2014

Drilling:

- Limited Exploration drilling planned for Q3 and Q4 2014 subject to budgetary approval

Community:

- Ongoing access agreement negotiations for environmental monitoring and drilling activities

Environmental:

- Continuation of surface water and groundwater monitoring
- Ongoing flora surveys



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Questions & General Discussion

THANK YOU



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