



MINUTES OF MEETING

**COWAL GOLD MINE
COMMUNITY ENVIRONMENTAL MONITORING
AND CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE (CEMCC)**

Wednesday 5 June 2013

9.15 am – Wiradjuri Study Centre, Condobolin

Minutes taken by: Karen Worthington

Attendees:

Independent Chair:	Margaret MacDonald-Hill (MMH)
Barrick:	Shane Goodwin (SMG), Garry Pearson (GP) and Alan Fearon (AF)
Community Members:	Angus Stitt (AS), Jenene McGrath (JM), Gary Shaw (GS) and Lucy Buttenshaw (LB)
Lake Cowal Land Holder Association:	Bruce Dent (BD)
Bland Shire Council:	Neil Pokoney (NP)
Lachlan Shire Council:	Graham Scott (GS)
Forbes Shire Council:	Chris Roylance (CR)
Lake Cowal Foundation:	Daryl Neilson (DN)
Wiradjuri Condobolin Corporation:	Ally Coe

Observer: Des Manwaring, Liz McGlyn

Guest: Jon Zemlicoff (JZ) and Natalie Gardner- URS, Liz Collyer- Lachlan Shire Council

Apologies: Nil

ITEM	ACTION
<p>1.0 Welcome</p> <p>Independent Chair, Margaret MacDonald-Hill opened the meeting at 9:15 am and welcomed all in attendance.</p> <p>Des Manwaring welcomed all to the Lachlan Shire followed by Ally Coe welcoming all to the Wiradjuri Study Centre.</p>	
<p>2.0 Declaration of Interest</p> <p>Margaret MacDonald-Hill declared her interest as Independent Chair of the CEMCC, appointed by the Director General of the Department of Planning and Infrastructure. For record purposes, Margaret advised the committee she is a member of the Mine Subsidence Board and the Minister’s Arbitration Panel.</p>	
<p>3.0 Confirmation of Minutes</p> <p>Moved: Chris Roylance Seconded: Graham Scott Accepted.</p>	



<p>4.0 Business Arising from Minutes</p> <p>BD requested information on the potential height of waste emplacements associated with the current Modification project. This was covered during SMG's presentation.</p> <p>Public access to the Lake Cowal reserve hasn't been upgraded by Bland Shire Council although the bend has been taken out of the road.</p> <p>MMH noted that the new CPP protocol would be trialed at the September CEMCC meeting.</p> <p>Additional recommendations for community representatives from the Lachlan & Forbes Shires may be forthcoming at future CEMCC meetings.</p> <p>LB thanked SMG for visiting and providing her with an explanation of terminology used in mining reports.</p>	<p>GS & CR</p>
<p>Correspondence</p> <p><u>IN</u></p> <p>26 & 27/3/13 - email advice from SMG on fault with complaints hotline 4/4/13 - email from Trevor Brown seeking issues for consideration in IEA 4/4/13 - email from GP Native Fauna & Other incident report 8/4/13 - email response from Ray Smith, no issues -impressed at environmental controls & approach by Barrick 22/4/13 - email from GP Native Fauna & Other incident report 21/5/13 - email/letter from GP on Strategy for decommissioning water management structure 22/5/13 - email from GP Native Fauna & Other incident report 31/5/13 - email from GP on Strategy for long term land use</p> <p><u>OUT</u></p> <p>27/3/13 - email to CEMCC advising of fault with complaints hotline 4/4/13 - forward email from Trevor Brown to CEMCC 5/4/13 - email response to Trevor Brown requesting scrutiny on compliance & management of complaints in relation to operation noise, blasting, including ground vibration and air blast overpressure. 22/5/13 - email strategy for decommission of water management structures to CEMCC as agenda item 1/6/13 - forward email from GP on Strategy for long term land use to CEMCC</p>	
<p>5.0 Reports</p> <p>Shane Goodwin provided a detailed account of Barrick Cowal's Community Relations Activities over the past three months – See the attached presentation for more information.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Community Relations activities ▪ Wiradjuri update 	

- Yabbies in Lake Cowal
- Complaints
- Modification Project
- Social Impact Assessment

Complaints

The 8 complaints received since the last meeting were from a selection of stakeholders:

- The complaints received relate to:
 - Blasting (4)
 - Dust & Noise from traffic (1)
 - Interference with fishing rights (1)
 - Employee making noise in community (1)
 - Driver presence at Barrick property (1)
- The 4 complaints received were from a selection of stakeholders:
 - Complainant W (4) – 50%
 - Complainant X (1) – 12.5%
 - Complainant Y (1) – 12.5%
 - Complainant Z (1) – 12.5%
 - Complainant A (1) – 12.5%

Some discussion was held regarding the Gold Trails project. SMG confirmed that tours had commenced on an irregular basis and that Bland Shire Council and the Lake Cowal Foundation were conducting the tours. NP stated that the project was yet to be promoted within the community. SMG clarified that the promotion of the project was the responsibility of the Bland Shire Council. It was also stated that the West Wyalong Local Aboriginal Lands Council had yet to be consulted by Council regarding the Indigenous element of the project.

Jon Zemlicoff from URS presented an update on the Social Impact Assessment (SIA) currently being completed.

Garry Pearson provided a detailed account of Barrick Cowal's Environment Department Activities over the past three months – See the attached presentation for more information.

Discussion regarding the design of the fence that will secure the final pit void was held. GP informed the committee that the fence would be of a secure construction but that it would not be frog or snake proof.

Further discussions were held regarding how long Barrick would be required in a caretaking role following mine closure and who decides what happens at the site. Alan Fearon informed the committee that the length of time Barrick is required to care take of the site for is determined by the NSW Government. He also informed the committee that prior to closure extensive consultation would take place and community views and opinions regarding the site would shape the closure process.

MMH requested all committee members to forward comments regarding the Strategies for Long Term Land use and Decommissioning Water Management

ALL

Structures within two weeks.	
6.0 General Business	
AS asked if committee member name tags would be useful. SMG will arrange a sample and forward to MMH for consideration.	SMG
Ally Coe & Graham Scott will provide a joint media release in the local papers to promote the existence and role of the CEMCC.	AC & GS
7.0 Meeting Closed – 12:30pm	
MMH thanked the Wiradjuri Study Centre and AC for hosting the meeting.	
8.0 Next Meeting	
11 th September 2013, 9:30am at the Bland Shire Council Chambers, West Wyalong	