



## MINUTES OF MEETING

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

**Tuesday 5 March 2013**

**9.17 am – Needs Room, Barrick Cowal Gold Mine**

**Minutes taken by:** Sarah Gillett (SG)

**Attendees:**

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| Independent Chair:     | Margaret MacDonald-Hill (MMH)  |
| Barrick:               | Bronwyn Flynn (BF) , Shane Goodwin (SMG)<br>Garry Pearson (GP)               |
| Community Members:     | Angus Stitt (AS), Jenene McGrath (JM), Lucy Buttenshaw (LB), Bruce Dent (BD) |
| Bland Shire Council:   | Neil Pokoney (NP), Ray Smith (RS)  |
| Lachlan Shire Council: | Graham Scott (GS)  |
| Forbes Shire Council:  | Chris Roylance (CR)  |

Observer: Leeanne Hampton (LH)

Guest: Roland Breckwoldt (RB), Jon Zemlicoff (JZ) - URS

**Apologies:** Ally Coe, Daryl Nielsen

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| <b>ALL PARTICIPANTS UPDATED THEIR VISITOR INDUCTION</b>  |        |
| <b>1.0 Welcome</b>   |        |
| Independent Chair, Margaret MacDonald-Hill opened the meeting at 9:17 am and welcomed all in attendance.   |        |
| <b>2.0 Declaration of Interest</b>   |        |
| 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.  |        |
| <b>3.0 Confirmation of Minutes</b>   |        |
| <b>Moved:</b> Angus Stitt<br><b>Seconded:</b> Lucy Buttenshaw<br><b>Accepted.</b>  |        |
| <b>4.0 Business Arising from Minutes</b>   |        |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• BD visited Complainant W on behalf of CEMCC. Complainant W was unhappy and of the mind that Cowal not listening to him. His Brother-in-Law is a solicitor and proposed a meeting which Complainant W believed had been turned down. Complainant W still willing to meet.</li> <li>• SMG responded by updating the CEMCC on current status and further positive developments. The original approach from Complainant W’s solicitor was unusual and a deviation from normal process. Following</li> </ul> |        |



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| <p>investigation and clarification, Barrick have indicated they are willing to meet. Complainant W's solicitor has now indicated via further correspondence that Complainant W is willing to accept mitigation. SMG believes the process will take a couple of months to finalise but resolution could be close.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• MMH did invite David Kitto to attend the CEMCC meeting and Mr Kitto indicated that he would be willing but due to commitment to other major projects it was unlikely to be soon. The issue with Complainant W should be resolved before then but invite will remain open.</li> <li>• Press release on IMR not done.</li> <li>• Access to Lake Cowal remains difficult although Fisheries Dept have accessed it several times on official business.</li> <li>• SG confirms NP correct re designation of Bogey's Lane/Lake Cowal Road being approved access route to Forbes.</li> <li>• New CPP protocol to be trialed at September meeting of CEMCC</li> <li>• Additional recommendations for Forbes and Condo Community reps remains on the table. MMH had received an expression of interest from a Lachlan Councillor. Concern raised by some members of CEMCC becoming too large. Any recommendations to be forwarded to MMH</li> </ul> | <p>GS &amp; CR to report back to June meeting</p> |
| <p><b>Correspondence</b></p> <p><b><u>IN</u></b></p> <p>13/12/12 – email from GP re Native Fauna and Other Issues<br/> 28/12/13 - email from GP re Native Fauna and Other Issues<br/> Letter dated 8/1/13 from Barrick re Complaints Register<br/> 31/1/13 - email from GP re Native Fauna and Other Issues<br/> 21/2/13 – email from David Kitto advising unable to attend CEMCC Meeting<br/> 3/3/13 - email from GP re Native Fauna and Other Issues</p> <p><b><u>OUT</u></b></p> <p>Letter date 17/12/121 inviting David Kitto to attend March CEMCC Meeting</p>  |   |
| <p><b>5.0 Reports</b></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"> <li>▪ Community Relations activities</li> <li>▪ Wiradjuri update</li> <li>▪ Complaints</li> <li>▪ Modification Project</li> <li>▪ Social Impact Assessment</li> </ul>   |   |

## Complaints

The 4 complaints received were from a selection of stakeholders:

- The complaints received relate to:
  - Dumped Rubbish (1)
  - Theft (1)
  - Use of Roads (1)
  - Employee playing loud music in community (1)
- The 4 complaints received were from a selection of stakeholders:
  - Complainant W (1) – 25%
  - Complainant X (2) – 50%
  - Complainant Y (1) – 25%

Following the presentation, the following questions/comments were raised:

## Modification

- **BD** queried additional dimensions of cutback modification. SG presented for viewing the diagram for site layout current and planned PFS. Query re height of waste dumps post modification will be forthcoming  
**ACTION**
- **MMH** queried additional Life of Mine (LOM) and potential challenges. SG responded that digging would extend to 2020 (additional 3 years on current LOM)) and processing to 2024 (additional 4 years on current LOM). All modifications have been challenged to date so a challenge to this is anticipated.
- **LB** queried need for new pump station and water delivery. SG responded that a new pump station would enhance delivery and address issues with current water delivery. No additional pipeline is planned.
- **BD** query re size of additional water storage dam answered as per diagram layout.
- **SMG** reiterated that it is early planning stage and full consultation will ensue.
- **NP** questioned the part Local Government will play in the consultation process. SMG and MMH assured NP that Regional and State Government would survey Local Government for their input. Local Government would be part of the early consultation process by Barrick Cowal.

SMG

Jon Zemlicoff from URS presented an overview of the Social Impact Assessment (SIA) Barrick Cowal have appointed URS to conduct.

Following the presentation, the following questions/comments were raised:

- **NP** asked whether the current SIA would look at and report on impacts and results forecast from initial Impact Assessment carried out before the mine's commission. JZ assured that it would. NP added that it would be an important part of Local Government's future planning when dealing with like issues in the future.
- **SMG** reiterated that the SIA was a voluntary act on the part of Barrick

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| <p>Cowal in order for appropriate planning. It will assist the CEMCC and Community Relations fulfill their social obligations.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Community Consultation for SIA and Modification process will be completely separate processes.</li> </ul> <p>JZ requested that CEMCC members provide him with information and questions regarding important community issues that they feel should be addressed by the SIA process. Email <a href="mailto:jon.zemlicoff@urs.com">jon.zemlicoff@urs.com</a></p> <p><b>ACTION</b></p> <p>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.</p> <p>Following the presentation, the following questions/comments were raised:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Following the recently completed audit for ISO14001 certification, Barrick Cowal will be recommended for certification by the audit committee, a great achievement. GP and his team are to be congratulated.</li> <li>LB requested some explanation of abbreviations used in the reports. This will be addressed.</li> </ul> <p><b>ACTION</b></p> <p><b>6.0 General Business</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Shane Goodwin’s and Garry Pearson’s presentations to be attached to the meeting minutes.</li> <li>MMH notified CEMCC that Daryl Nielsen is the LCF CEMCC Representative replacement for David Mitchell</li> <li>NP questioned the potential issue for Barrick to face unwarranted criticism should the lake water level continue to fall. SMG and GP responded that Barrick Cowal is prepared to respond.</li> <li>Next meeting venue discussed</li> </ul> <p><b>7.0 2012 Meeting Dates</b></p> <p>Next Meeting 5 June 2013<br/> Venue: Wiradjuri Study Centre, Condobolin<br/> Indicative dates for 2013 meetings are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>11<sup>th</sup> September</li> <li>4<sup>th</sup> December</li> </ul> <p><b>Meeting Closed 11.15am</b></p> | <p>ALL</p> <p>SMG to do media release</p> <p>SMG/GP</p> <p>SG</p> |
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