

Minutes

TAHMOOR UNDERGROUND

GLENCORE

Tahmoor Colliery Community Consultative Committee

Date Thursday 04 September 2014

Venue Conference Room 1, Tahmoor Colliery

Next Meeting 5:00pm, Thursday 4 December 2014, Conference Room 1, Tahmoor Colliery

Meeting Open 5.00 pm

Meeting Close 7.30 pm

Attendance

Michael Muston	Independent Chairperson
Col Mitchel	Wollondilly Shire Council Representative
Julie Sheppard	Environmental Group Representative
Sandra Potter	Community Representative
Robert Khan	Community Representative
Virginia Fairley	Alternate Community Representative
Ian Sheppard	Tahmoor Underground Glencore Representative
David Auchterlonie	Community Representative

Invitees

Peter Vale	Tahmoor Underground Glencore
Fiona Robinson	Tahmoor Underground Glencore
Chris Standing	Tahmoor Underground Glencore
Michelle Cavanagh	Tahmoor Underground Glencore
Matt Montgomery	Mine Subsidence Board District
Ken Mills	Strata Control Technology

Apologies

Lou Amato	Wollondilly Shire Council Representative
Diana Lange	Community Representative
Sam Beresford	Tahmoor Underground Glencore
Belinda Treverrow	Tahmoor Underground Glencore Representative
Darren Bullock	Mines Subsidence Board District
Ben Streckaisen	Tahmoor Underground Glencore
Will Mitry	Department of Trade and Investment
Greg Kininmonth	Department of Trade and Investment
Ron Bush	Tahmoor Underground Glencore

Item	Issue	Action
1.	Welcome and Introductions	
1.1	Michael Muston is the independent chairperson. He would like to acknowledge the Traditional Owners of the land on which we are meeting and pay respects to their Elders, past and present.	
2.	Declarations of Interest	
2.1	Michael Muston is paid by Tahmoor Colliery. Virginia Fairley and Sandra Potter are members of the <i>Shafted</i> action group.	
3.	Agenda	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Welcome and introductions • Declarations of interest • Apologies • Confirmation of minutes from previous meeting • Business arising • Correspondence • Committee member reports • Mining operations update • General business 	
4.	Confirmation of Minutes of Previous Meeting	
4.1	<p><i>Thirlmere Lakes</i></p> <p>Julie Sheppard noted a 'Friends of Thirlmere Lakes' group had been formed</p> <p>Julie Sheppard advised a letter regarding funding which was allocated to the Thirlmere Lakes Inquiry for further research had been sent to Jai Rowell's office. No response received.</p>	<p>Action - JS to follow up letter with Jai Rowell's Office</p> <p>TCCCC to be updated on action once response is received.</p>
5.	Business Arising From Previous Minutes	
5.1	TCCCC terms of reference regarding Alternate Council Nominee – is there provision for a replacement to be nominated for the TCCCC as current member is frequently absent from meetings.	Action- CM to investigate Council protocol for nominating TCCCC members.
5.2	Completion of mining under Myrtle Creek. Invitation offered for TCCCC to review section of Myrtle Creek which has recently been undermined. Ken Mills from SCT invited also. Strategy regarding rehabilitation to be devised going forward. Michael Muston suggested there should be a gap between the date of the inspection and the last rainfall event.	Action – IS to organise tour of Myrtle Creek for TCCCC. Invite extended to Ken Mills from SCT.

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5.3	Annual site inspection for TCCCC yet to be scheduled for committee members following AEMR inspection.	Action – CS to scheduled site tour for TCCCC members including visit to RWTP and WWTP site
6.	Correspondence	
	Letter to Jai Rowell Letter to Sydney Water	Action – IS to follow up letters to Jai Rowell and Sydney Water
7.	Committee Members Reports	
7.1	David Auchterlonie Nothing to report.	
7.2	Virginia Fairley Virginia Fairley expressed concern regarding clearing for ventilation shafts as part of the Tahmoor South Project. Ian Sheppard advised that all clearing will be offset with a ratio dictated by the Office of Environment and Heritage. All details will be outlined in the EIS. Virginia Fairley questioned why the shaft is not located on TC owned land. VF questioned whether the Castlereagh Street Bridge will require replacement as a result of subsidence impacts. FR advised liaison between WSC and TC has taken place regarding potential rehabilitation works along Myrtle Creek.	Action – Ron Bush to confirm why proposed ventilation shaft locations for TSP are not on TC owned land. Action – IS to review status with MSB regarding Castlereagh St Bridge and provide feedback to TCCCC
7.3	Robert Khan Nothing to report.	
7.4	Col Mitchel Nothing to report.	
7.5	Sandra Potter All monies for Thirlmere RSL to do 100% of restoration works have now been received from Veolia.	
7.6	Julie Sheppard Poor rehabilitation of the north-western bank of Myrtle Creek with non-native vegetation adjacent to Castlereagh Street Bridge, managed by Sydney Water. The Committee would like to know if Wollondilly Shire Council was consulted.	Action – IS to speak to MSB, WSC and Sydney Water regarding Castlereagh Street pumping station rehabilitation works.

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8. Mining Operations Update <i>Tahmoor Coal</i>		
8.1	<p>Peter Vale Sandra Potter questioned whether the western side of the new mine plan is intended to be mined in the future. Peter Vale confirmed that Tahmoor Colliery has every intention to mine the area.</p> <p>No shaft is planned for the current mine plan with booster fans being used as an alternative.</p>	
9. Environment Update		
9.2	<p>Chris Standing</p> <p>Performance <i>Environmental Incidents</i> Received since the last meeting: One (1) incident reporting cracking of rocks in Myrtle Creek, which was predicted in the subsidence assessment, and responses included in the approved Environmental Management Plan One (1) minor incident regarding land disturbance of lawn area on the mine site without correct internal permit completion. One (1) minor exceedance of environment protection licence limits for Total Suspended Solids and conductivity at licenced discharge point 1. Water quality sampled in the dam at the same time, which discharges through the discharge point, was compliant with all discharge quality limits, as were all previous and subsequent tests. It is thought there may have been a sampling error involved.</p> <p><i>Community Complaints</i> Received since the last meeting: June: One (1) noise complaint from a resident in Couridjah One (1) complaint regarding security in the Bargo Lease One (1) noise complaint from Olive Lane July: One (1) noise complaint from Olive Lane August: Three (3) noise complaints from Olive Lane</p> <p><i>Depositional Dust</i> Deposited dust levels continue to be well below EPA target levels of 4mg/m² per month.</p> <p><i>Water – License Discharge Point 1</i> One water discharge quality exceedance for TSS and conductivity since Q2 meeting, as detailed above.</p> <p>Water Management Projects</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Recycled Water Treatment Plant will be undergoing pipe repair and maintenance during Q3 as a result of build-up of calcium carbonate and iron precipitate. Waste Water Treatment Plant (WWTP) civil works have commenced. Video explaining the electrocoagulation process to be used in the plant was presented. 	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The WWTP will aim to satisfy the Pollution Reduction Program 22 requirements, in Tahmoor's Environment Protection Licence. <p>Michael Muston advised that the University of Wollongong is undertaking research regarding electrocoagulation.</p>	<p>Action – CS to speak to researchers at UoW regarding electrocoagulation</p>																								
9.3	<p>Subsidence Update- Ian Sheppard</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Longwall 28 passed under the main southern railway for the first time with no incidents of concern. All movements were within expectations. Reinforcement of Redbank Creek railway culvert is underway. Redbank Tunnel Deviation Works has finishing up following the installation of flexible geotechnical hydro-seeded matting. Some cutting re-profiling along the rail line is underway to improve stability during future subsidence <p>Julie Sheppard noted that newsletters have not been reaching the TCCCC members.</p> <p>Overview presentation from Ken Mills of Strata Control Technology regarding industry experience of impacts of longwall mines cracking of waterways as a result of subsidence and potential remediation options.</p> <p>Mine Subsidence Board Mine Subsidence Board updated statistics since June 2014 meeting. Figures below refer to claims received from longwalls 22 (2004) to 28 (current):</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="199 1288 638 1523"> <thead> <tr> <th></th> <th colspan="2"><i>June Change</i></th> <th><i>Aug</i></th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Total received</td> <td>777</td> <td>+16</td> <td>793</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Completed</td> <td>362</td> <td>+29</td> <td>391</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Refused</td> <td>198</td> <td>+ 9</td> <td>207</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Commenced</td> <td>51</td> <td>+ 3</td> <td>48</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Pending</td> <td>217</td> <td>+22</td> <td>195</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>Note – <i>refused claims are generally because the property is not in a mined area or damage is not due to mining.</i></p> <p>Major Work Includes: Three (3) homes are under repair.</p> <p>Virginia Fairley questioned whether a house MSB built required rebuilding. Matt Montgomery confirmed this was incorrect. Matt Montgomery confirmed that there were instances in which claims for impacts to dams had been rejected by the MSB as they were not due to mine subsidence.</p>		<i>June Change</i>		<i>Aug</i>	Total received	777	+16	793	Completed	362	+29	391	Refused	198	+ 9	207	Commenced	51	+ 3	48	Pending	217	+22	195	<p>Action – Newsletters from Q2 to be sent out to TCCCC members</p>
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9.4	<p>Community Update- Ian Sheppard Corporate Social Involvement (CSI) Contributions by Tahmoor Coal were:</p> <p>June</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mayoral Charity Golf Day \$ 512 • Jodie Payne Fundraising Night \$1,000 • Tyler Martin Relaxation Chair \$2,285 <p>July</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tahmoor Men’s Shed \$2,000 • Wollondilly Health Occupational Therapy \$3,000 • Yanderra Public School – New Water Tank \$2,015 <p>August</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nil <p>Junior Sports Development Grant Applications are now open and are being actively advertised.</p>	
9.5	<p>Finance Bank Account Balance \$18,372.67</p>	
9.6	<p>Future Developments Past and future Residential Subdivision Development Proposals at Clearview and Stone Quarry, and their relationship to Tahmoor North were discussed.</p> <p>Col Mitchel declared a conflict of interest as a resident of the area, and a Councillor and remained out of further discussions.</p> <p>Ian Sheppard noted that the Clearview Development is not in a Mine Subsidence District, but is within the currently held Tahmoor North mining leases. The mine had lodged an objection to development of this area with Wollondilly Shire Council, until mining is completed and consequent mine subsidence had occurred. Mining in this area would be completed broadly within the next 10 years.</p> <p>He mentioned that the Committee had in the past, lodged a recommendation with the MSB that the Tahmoor North lease areas be included within a Mine Subsidence District.</p>	<p>Action - Decide if discussion to be re-activated at Q4 meeting.</p> <p>Action – IS to find TCCCC minutes on topic and re-distribute.</p>
9.7	<p>Tahmoor South The Tahmoor South Project (TSP) EIS is under final internal review and has not yet been submitted to the Department of Planning.</p>	<p>Action- TSP to provide more details on the subsidence predictions for Eliza creek and in particular the pools at the back of the resident’s property in Pheasants Nest.</p>

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		Action – Provide update on timetable for submission at Q4 meeting.
10.	General Business	
10.1	<p>Julie Sheppard presented photos of Myrtle Creek.</p> <p>A decision on the suspended Innes Street Shaft should be made before the Q4 meeting.</p> <p>Southern Habitat rehabilitation scope of works distributed. Committee recommended including Castlereagh Street Bridge in rehabilitation program.</p>	Action- IS to notify SP prior to next <i>Shafted</i> meeting and before Q4 meeting of decision.
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