

**Tahmoor Colliery -  
COMMUNITY CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE  
Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> February 2008**

**NEXT MEETING: THURSDAY 29<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2007**

**(Location: Tahmoor Colliery Administration Building)**

<b>Meeting Open:</b>	5:33pm	<b>Meeting Closed:</b>	7:30pm
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**ATTENDANCE**

✓	Attending	X	Apology / Didn't attend
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✓	Mrs. Margaret McDonald-Hill	Chairperson
✓	Cr. Shane Read	Wollondilly Council Representative
✓	Cr. Colin Mitchell	Wollondilly Council Representative
✓	Mr. David Hunt	Community Representative
X	Mr. Mark Hardacre	Community Representative
✓	Mr. Steve Coulter	Community Representative
✓	Ms. Julie Sheppard	Community Representative
✓	Mr. David Clarkson	Xstrata Tahmoor Representative
✓	Mr. Ian Sheppard	Xstrata Tahmoor Representative
✓	Mr. Ben De Somer	Xstrata Tahmoor Representative

**Invitees:**

✓	Mr. Darren Bullock	Mine Subsidence Board
✓	Mrs Judith Egan	Dept Mineral Resources
X	Mr. Greg Kinninmonth	Dept Mineral Resources
X	Mr. Stephen Shoemth	Xstrata Tahmoor Representative
✓	Mr. Shane Wilton	Xstrata Tahmoor Employee Representative
X	Mr. Nigel Charnock	Environment & Community Manager – Xstrata NSW
X	Mr. David O'Brien	Group Environmental Manager – Xstrata NSW

**Visitors:**

✓	David Auchterleone	President, Bargo Chamber of Commerce
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**Copy to:**

General Manager	Wollondilly Shire Council (for Councillors)
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## GENERAL BUSINESS

Item	Issue	Action	Date
1.	<u>Welcome</u>		
2.	<u>Declaration of interests</u>		
	Margaret confirmed that she is engaged by Xstrata as independent chair	NFA	
3.	<u>Introductions / Apologies</u>		
	<u>Apologies</u> Mark Hardacre <u>Arrivals/Departures</u> Crs Shane Read and Col Mitchell left the meeting at 6pm <u>Absent</u> See apologies <u>Introductions</u> Mr. Ian Sheppard was introduced as Environment & Community Manager for Tahmoor Colliery.	NFA	
4.	<u>Confirmation of previous meeting minutes</u>		
	Minutes confirmed by Col Mitchell / Shane Read	NFA	
5.	<u>Business Arising</u>		
5.1	<u>Item 5.1 of previous minutes.</u> Margaret mentioned that the Southern Coalfields Independent Panel will be aiming to release its findings in the first quarter of 2008.	NFA	
5.2	<u>Item 7.2 of previous minutes</u> Margaret noted that Ben would give an update on the reverse osmosis plant and No. 2 fan in his report to this meeting	NFA	
5.3	<u>Item 7.3 of previous minutes</u> Margaret noted that Dave Clarkson would give an update on the Natural Features Management Plan and Inghams in his report to this meeting	NFA	
6.	<u>Correspondence</u>		
IN	There was no correspondence in the period between meetings	NFA.	
OUT	There was no correspondence in the period between meetings	NFA	
7.	<u>Update on Current &amp; Future Mining Operations</u>		
7.1	<u>Environment Update</u> Ben de Somer gave a PowerPoint presentation which is contained in Attachment A.		
7.2	David Clarkson gave a PowerPoint presentation which is contained in Attachment B.  <u>Longwall 24A SMP Approval Update</u> LW24A has been conditionally approved. There are requirements for an assessment meeting to be held with representatives of the Department	NFA	

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	<p>of Primary Industries to determine if the wall is able to proceed based on their satisfaction with the Inghams Turkey Processing Plant management plan, an Alinta Gas Pipeline management plan, the outcomes of a Tahmoor central business district structural assessment of all buildings, and a Main Southern Railway management plan</p> <p><u>Longwall 24A Progress Update</u> LW24A has stopped at 391m from its start point. It has been in this location for the last six weeks while Xstrata and Inghams work to replace the ammonia refrigerant pipes at the plant. See below for more detail. It is currently expected that the longwall will start around 15 March 2008.</p> <p><u>Natural Features Management Plan</u> There has been some minor rockfalls at the gorge that have been investigated and found to be rock dislodged during heavy rains due to stormwater eroding clifflines through existing flow paths.</p> <p><u>Inghams Turkey Processing Plant Management Plan</u> Xstrata is replacing all the ammonia refrigerant pipelines in the Inghams Plant. Investigation of the old ammonia pipes at the plant found that may not be able to withstand subsidence.</p> <p>In order to avoid the possibility of an ammonia leak causing a public safety hazard and to allow mining to continue the decision was made to replace the pipes.</p> <p>The new pipes have been designed to be able to take all the extra strain that they have been predicted to experience during mining as well as an extra safety margin.</p> <p>The crucial pipework should be replaced by 15 March 2008.</p> <p><u>Discussion</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Julie Sheppard raised the concerns of older people in the community with regard to mining under the Main Southern Rail. The Colliery was previously unaware of these concerns and will endeavour to get information out to the community with regard to the proposed methods of managing any effects from subsidence on the rail line.</li> <li>• Julie Sheppard asked if the subsidence above LW24A was likely to increase the flow of Inghams effluent from its effluent irrigation fields into the Bargo River. The Colliery has been required to place water monitoring bores along the edge of the Bargo Gorge to attempt to detect any increased flow of potentially contaminated water from the groundwater under the irrigation fields into the gorge..</li> </ul>		
7.3	<p><u>MSB Update</u> Since LW22 there has been a total of 168 claims received of which 43 are completed and 25 refused for various reasons. There are 100 pending completion with 8 currently under repair.</p>	NFA	

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	<p>One house in Tahmoor will be demolished in preparation for rebuilding. The house was assessed and was considered unsafe for people to live in. Council has given approval for the demolition but no approval has yet been received for reconstruction.</p> <p>The residents have been relocated to the house the MSB recently purchased in Thirlmere and are reportedly happy with their accommodation.</p> <p>More repairs are soon to be started in the southern end of Tahmoor around Castlereagh and King Sts.</p> <p>The vibration monitor in Thirlmere that was set up to record ground vibration resulting from mine related underground shot firing was flooded during recent rains and the unit destroyed preventing the download of information.</p> <p><u>Discussion</u> Questions were again raised about varying compensation for stress and house repair. These issues have been discussed in detail in previous minutes.</p>		
8.	<b><u>Committee Members Reports</u></b>		
8.1	There were no committee member reports given.	NFA	
9.	<b><u>General Business</u></b>		
9.1	<p><u>Community Consultative Committee Financial Report</u> \$6,720.36 in account</p> <p><b>TOTAL \$6,770.34</b></p> <p>Next contribution to account due on 3 October 2008.</p> <p>See Attachment C for a copy of the February 2008 bank statement.</p>	NFA	
9.2	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. David Hunt raised a motion requesting information on Xstrata Coal actions with respect to managing greenhouse gas emissions, specifically:- <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Capture of methane for reuse as an energy source?</li> <li>b) What contribution Xstrata is making toward carbon capture technology?</li> <li>c) Has Xstrata considered funding greenhouse friendly energy technology?</li> </ol> <p>The Motion for TCCCC Meeting on Thursday 28Feb 2008 is contained in Attachment D.</p> </li> <li>2. Julie Sheppard asked what alternative fuels were available for use in blast furnaces. Ian Sheppard advised that coking coal which is mined at Tahmoor has the best qualities to produce</li> </ol>	<p>BDS to give presentation to next meeting on greenhouse initiatives.</p> <p>IS to prepare handout on greenhouse gas initiatives to be distributed prior to next meeting.</p>	<p>29 May 2008</p> <p>Prior to 29 May 2008</p>

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	<p>exactly the right conditions in the blast furnaces to produce steel. The other types of coal are not suitable which is why they are used in power generation. There is one other method of making steel which is by an Electric Arc Furnace. In NSW though, that means using electricity produced by burning coal.</p> <p>3. Julie Sheppard asked if Xstrata is looking to try to putting reject material back underground. In answer to that it was advised that this practice has been widely discouraged by DECC in the Southern Coalfields.</p> <p>4. Steve Coulter asked if asked if there was any recoverable data from the damaged vibration monitor in Thirlmere, as this would have been interesting to compare against the physical experience of shot firing felt by the residents in that area. In answer to that Darren Bullock advised that the monitor had been flooded in the recent rain and that no data was able to be extracted from the damaged unit. A new unit has been purchased by the MSB and will be reinstalled at the location in the near future.</p>		
10.	<b><u>New Business</u></b>		
10.1	There was no new business	NFA	
11.	<b><u>Next Meeting</u></b>		

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Recorded: David Clarkson 28<sup>th</sup> February 2008

Confirmed:

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(Signature)

Chairperson - Tahmoor Colliery Community Consultative Committee

**ATTACHMENT A**

**Environment PowerPoint Presentation**

**ATTACHMENT B**

**SMP PowerPoint Presentation**

ATTACHMENT C

Bank Statement



ATTACHMENT D

Motion for TCCCC Meeting on Thursday 28Feb 2008