

**Tahmoor Colliery -
COMMUNITY CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE
Thursday 1st March 2007**

NEXT MEETING: THURSDAY 17TH MAY 2007

Meeting Open:	5:30pm	Meeting Closed:	7:30pm
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ATTENDANCE

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

Invitees:

✓	Mr. Darren Bullock	Mine Subsidence Board
X	Mrs Judith Egan	Dept Mineral Resources
X	Mr. Greg Kinninmonth	Dept Mineral Resources

Visitors:

X	David Auchterloine	Local Resident
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General Manager	Wollondilly Shire Council (for Councillors)
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GENERAL BUSINESS

Item	Issue	Action	Date
1.	<u>Declaration of interests</u>		
	Margaret confirmed that she is engaged by Centennial as independent chair David Hunt confirmed that his wife is running as a Greens candidate in the upcoming State election	NFA	
2.	<u>Introductions / Apologies</u>		
	Apologies from Judith Egan & Gavin Taylor	NFA	
3.	<u>Confirmation of previous meeting minutes</u>		
31/8/06	1. Minutes confirmed by Julie Sheppard / Steve Coulter	NFA	
4.	<u>Business Arising</u>		
4.1	<i>(Agenda Item 7 from previous minutes).</i> Minutes from last meeting have been placed on the web	NFA	
4.2	<i>(Agenda Item 8.1 of previous minutes).</i> Margaret to raise David Hunts issue at a Combined Councils meeting to gauge reaction to the proposal.	NFA	
4.3	<i>(Agenda Item 8.3 of previous minutes).</i> The press were contacted regarding the colliery's community consultation award and articles have been run in both the Advertiser and Chronicle	NFA	
5.	<u>Correspondence</u>		
IN	27 February 2007 – Letter from David Hunt setting out his position regarding the matter of interest raised above. Letter was tabled. Col Mitchell moved the letter be received. Seconded by Mitch Geddes	NFA	
OUT	18 December 2006 – Margaret MacDonald-Hill sent an email to the Cumberland newspapers regarding the colliery's community engagement award.	NA	
6.	<u>Update on Current & Future Mining Operations</u>		
6.1	<u>Longwall 24B Progress</u> Dave advised that the longwall has moved from the start position near the railway a distance of 855m towards the northwest. The face position being currently beneath Myrtle Ck at the end of Huen PI, Tahmoor. Longwall 24B is anticipated to be completed around August 2007. The colliery is currently in compliance with all SMP related conditions. There have been no complaints regarding vibrations from mine workings received by the colliery. Dave C advised that other details were already distributed each week in the weekly updates to residents. <u>Discussion</u> Dave Hunt asked if the colliery was going to wait for the results of the upcoming independent panel review into mining before commencing LW24A and what was the likelihood of changing the direction of travel of LW24A.. Mitch advised that it was not technically feasible to change the direction of travel of the wall due to the nature of the local geological stress field and the dangers involved with that phenomenon. The colliery also would not be waiting for panel findings before proceeding to extract LW24A	NA	

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6.2	<p><u>Longwall SMP Approval Update</u> Studies on Steep Slope structures and Heritage and Biodiversity of the affected reach of Bargo River have been completed. Reports pending. Need to complete and investigation of the Myrtle Creek Rail Culvert and Natural Features and Inghams Turkey Processing Plant Management Plans before LW24A.</p>	NA	
6.3	<p><u>MSB Update</u> For the current longwall district there has been a total of 104 claims received of which 13 are finished and 19 refused for various reasons and 72 pending completion. Darren advised that the MSB is looking at sending out a 6 monthly newsletter to all claimants keeping them up to date with progress and other issues surrounding their claims.</p> <p><u>Discussion</u> Lengthy discussion between Dave Hunt and Darren Bullock regarding the MSB process for acquiring houses of those who felt they couldn't sell due to subsidence impacts or perceptions of the local real estate values as a result of subsidence. Darren outlined the process in detail to the committee. At the end of the discussion all felt it was a fair and equitable way to approach the issue.</p>	NA	
6.4	<p><u>Development Consent Modifications – Update</u> No formal reply received from Council yet for the heritage condition modification 15 day submission period for the powerline upgrade project is due to finish on 7 March 2007.</p>	NA	
6.5	<p><u>Reject Emplacement Area</u> Ben reported that Currently completing final levels of Stages 10 and 11. Bulk shaping underway. Survey to be completed to assist in achieving final landform. Anticipate rehabilitation to commence late winter (contour drains) into spring (timber spreading and seeding).</p>	NA	
6.6	<p><u>No.2 Shaft Fan Project</u> Design noise goals of 20dB under neutral conditions and 35dB under adverse conditions (wind drift, temp inversions) CC currently being prepared for submission to WSC. Expected construction to commence latter half of March.</p>	NA	
7.	<u>General Business</u>		
7.1	Nil		
8.	<u>New Business</u>		
8.1	Nil		
9.	<u>Community Reports</u>		
9.1	<p><u>Colin Mitchell</u> advised that the bridge had received some attention from the community with regard to noise due to a rattling cover plate and soft spots in the bitumen. Mitch advised that the colliery was working with Council to remedy the issue.</p> <p><u>David Hunt</u> Matters of concern raised throughout the meeting.</p> <p><u>Stephen Coulter</u> Has been approached by community members with respect to the issue</p>		

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	of shotfiring and when and where it was going to occur. Dave Clarkson indicated the location and approximate timing of shotfiring locations for the following two months. Some discussion followed regarding the impact of shotfiring on surface structures.		
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10.	<u>Next Meeting</u>		

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Recorded: David Clarkson 1st March 2007

Confirmed:

(Signature)

Chairperson - Tahmoor Colliery Community Consultative Committee