

**Tahmoor Colliery -
COMMUNITY CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE
Thursday 29th November 2007**

NEXT MEETING: THURSDAY 28TH FEBRUARY 2007

(Location: Tahmoor Colliery)

Meeting Open:	5:43pm	Meeting Closed:	7:40pm
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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
X	Mr. David Hunt	Community Representative
✓	Mr. Mark Hardacre	Community Representative
X	Mr. Steve Coulter	Community Representative
X	Ms. Julie Sheppard	Community Representative
✓	Mr. David Clarkson	Xstrata Tahmoor Representative
X	Manager Environment & Community	Xstrata Tahmoor Representative
✓	Mr. Dave O'Brien	Xstrata NSW Group Environmental Manager
✓	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
✓	Mr. Stephen Shoemth	Xstrata Tahmoor Representative
X	Mr. Shane Wilton	Xstrata Tahmoor Employee Representative

Visitors:

✓	David Auchterleone	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>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> Steve Coulter, David Hunt, Julie Sheppard, Shane Wilton <u>Arrivals/Departures</u> <u>Absent</u> See apologies <u>Introductions</u> Mr. Dave O'Brien was introduced as Group Environment Manager for Xstrata Coal NSW.	NFA	
4.	<u>Confirmation of previous meeting minutes</u>		
	Minutes confirmed by Judith Egan / Ben de Somer	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 2008. Judith Egan stated that it was likely to be around February 2008 due to the huge volume of material the panel has received.	NFA	
5.2	<u>Item 6 of previous minutes</u> Margaret McDonald-Hill responded to the letter from the Ross'. The letter is dealt with in correspondence.	NFA	
5.3	<u>Item 6 of previous minutes</u> In relation to the Annual Environmental Management Report (AEMR), Julie Sheppard and Judith Egan attended a site inspection to investigate and discuss the report. Judith Egan was satisfied with the report.	NFA	
5.4	<u>Item 8.1 of previous minutes</u> It was agreed that all the issues raised in the Notice of Motion have been addressed, following David Clarkson's report.		
6.	<u>Correspondence</u>		
IN	<u>September 2007 - Email from David Clarkson</u> An email was received from David Clarkson containing the final Bargo River Aquatic Ecology report. <u>29 June 2007 - Letter from Ben DeSomer</u> The final version of the Independent Audit of Tahmoor Colliery's development consents was received from Ben DeSomer.	NFA.	
OUT	Response to the Ross letter	NFA	
7.	<u>Update on Current & Future Mining Operations</u>		

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7.1	<p><u>Introduction to Xstrata Coal</u> Dave O'Brien gave an overview of Xstrata PLC and specifically its Australian and NSW coal operations. The presentation specifically focused on Xstrata Coal NSW's focus on excellence in its environment and community interactions as well as giving a very general overview of the process of integrating Tahmoor Colliery into Xstrata's operations.</p> <p><u>Discussion</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cr Col Mitchell asked if Xstrata intended to honour Tahmoor Colliery's commitment to pay its final \$33,000 to the Tahmoor Cycleway project. This was confirmed. • Judith Egan raised the issue that any intended alteration to the coal stockpile layout or size would need to ensure that all other avoidance, recycling and reuse options had been thoroughly investigated first. 	NFA	
7.2	<p><u>Environment Update</u> Tahmoor Colliery has secured \$2M + from both the state and federal governments to invest in a reverse osmosis water treatment plant. The mine is currently finalising the technical specifications for the job and reassessing opportunities to reduce water use on site and improve environmental outcomes. The goal is to reduce potable water reliance and improve the water quality of any water discharged into the Bargo River. Xstrata has had experience in building and operating a similar water treatment plant.</p> <p><u>No.2 Fan Project</u> The No. 3 Fans located at the colliery have been turned off. The No.2 Fans are experiencing some design issues in controlling noise emissions and the colliery is keeping the Department of Climate Change up to date and working with local residents to solve the problem. The issues centre on a low frequency base-like pulse due to uneven air flow through the outlet ducts. The aim is to have an engineered solution in before Christmas.</p> <p><u>Reject Emplacement Area</u> Finished seeding 3ha this week it's planned to seed another 4ha next year.</p> <p><u>Independent Audit</u> The Department of Planning has accepted the results of the Independent Audit of Tahmoor Colliery's development consents. The only issues raised were minor administrative non-compliances.</p>		
7.3	<p><u>Longwall 24A SMP Approval Update</u> LW24A has been conditionally approved. The LW24A start line was moved 72m further from the Bargo Gorge. There are requirements for an assessment meeting to be held with representatives of the Department of Primary Industries at the 250m mark to determine if the wall is able to proceed based on impacts to the Bargo River and the status of the Inghams Turkey Processing Plant management plan.</p> <p><u>Longwall 24A Progress Update</u> LW24A has currently progressed 79m. No impacts as a result of</p>	NFA	

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	<p>subsidence due to LW24A have been reported. Monitoring is continuing.</p> <p><u>Natural Features Management Plan</u> Tahmoor Colliery has undertaken an extremely detailed Trigger Action Response Plan (TARP) to address the risk from subsidence to all natural features in the Tahmoor area but specifically the Bargo Gorge. The plan was developed in consultation with the Department of Water and Energy. Pells Sullivan Maynick has been engaged to work with MSEC to determine the best position to place the LW25 & 26 face lines to minimise any potential risk to the gorge.</p> <p><u>Inghams Turkey Processing Plant Management Plan</u> Xstrata is currently working closely with Inghams to determine the best way to minimise the risk to the plants refrigerant lines in order to avoid any possibility of an ammonia leak as a result of subsidence. There is some possibility that the longwall may need to stop to allow critical works to be completed prior to the plant being affected by subsidence.</p>		
7.4	<p><u>MSB Update</u> Since LW22 there has been a total of 164 claims received of which 39 are completed and 25 refused for various reasons. There are 100 pending completion with 12 currently under repair.</p> <p>A house in Thirlmere has recently been purchased and will be used to house people that need to be temporarily relocated during repairs to properties.</p> <p>There have been cases of people approaching the MSB claiming to act on behalf of others and requesting information about subsidence damage to properties. The MSB can't give information about claims to any person not involved in the claim unless they have been given approval to act as a proxy by the persons who are affected by the claim.</p> <p><u>Discussion</u> The slow speed of repairs was raised and Darren Bullock replied that the MSB can't go faster than the subsidence allows. Experience has shown that repairing houses where subsidence is still occurring simply results in wasted money as the work has to be repeated.</p>	NFA	
8.	<u>Community Reports</u>		
8.1	A person has been placed in temporary accommodation for 7 days by the MSB after they were evicted from a subsidence affected house by the Rental Tenancy Tribunal. Tahmoor Colliery is covering a further two weeks accommodation to allow the person to find suitable permanent accommodation.	NFA	
9.	<u>General Business</u>		
9.1	<p><u>Community Consultative Committee Financial Report</u> \$4,553.82 in account \$2,216.52 currently being transferred to account</p>	NFA	

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	<p>TOTAL \$6,770.34</p> <p>See Attachment A for a copy of the October 2007 bank statement.</p>		
10.	<u>New Business</u>		
10.1	<p>A question was raised regarding height limits on residential and business premises in Mine Subsidence Districts.</p> <p>Residential buildings have a 2-storey limit and business buildings are assessed on merit by the MSB.</p>	NFA	
11.	<u>Next Meeting</u>		

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Recorded: David Clarkson 29th November 2007

Confirmed:

(Signature)

Chairperson - Tahmoor Colliery Community Consultative Committee

ATTACHMENT A

TCCCC Bank Statement