

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF GLOUCESTER EXPLORATION  
PROJECT, COMMUNITY CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE,  
HELD AT SCHOOL OF SCHOOL OF ARTS  
DENISON STREET, GLOUCESTER  
ON 25 NOVEMBER 2011**

**PRESENT:** Mr Terrence Healey, CHAIRMAN  
Mr Grant Polwarth, GLOUCESTER RESOURCES LIMITED  
Mr Bob Corbett, GLOUCESTER RESOURCES LIMITED  
Mr Graham Holley, GLOUCESTER RESOURCES LIMITED  
Dr Steve Robinson  
Mr Ray Dawes  
Tracey Godwin, DEPARTMENT OF MINERAL RESOURCES  
Mr John Woodford  
Dr Gerald McCalden

**APOLOGIES:** Mr Keith Ross, GLOUCESTER RESOURCES LIMITED  
Julie Moloney, DEPARTMENT OF MINERAL RESOURCES  
Mrs Terry Hardwick  
Cr Jim Henderson  
Cr Karen Hutchinson, GREAT LAKES COUNCIL  
Trevor Sansom

**OPENING OF MEETING:** Mr Healey declared the meeting open at 10.05 am

**CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF LAST MEETING:** Moved: Mr Ray Dawes  
Seconded: Mr Bob Corbett

**BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:**

Mr Terrence Healey confirmed with Committee Members that they had all received a copy of the Charter.

Confirmed with Grant Polwarth that a copy of the map of the Gloucester Basin be circulated.

Grant Polwarth will give Ray Dawes data regarding stratigraphic columns. Ray Dawes requested an isopac map.

**CORRESPONDENCE:****Incoming:**

- 1 Letter dated 12 November 2011 from Dr Steve Robinson to Director General concerning planning and infrastructure.

Grant Polwarth stated from GRL's prospective they would like to digest the above letter and if appropriate GRL will respond at the next meeting.

General discussion took place regarding the letter being directed to a Government Department and it was circulated to the Committee for information only.

- 2 Email from Terry Hardwick dated 25 November 2011.

Grant Polwarth responded to Terry Hardwick's numerical questions (which is also the Project Update):

- 1 Somewhere in the vicinity of 20 -25 properties. The number of acres is to be advised.
- 2 GRL maintain properties with a full time farm manager. Grant will contact Terry Hardwick to see who the resident is and the concerns addressed.
- 3 GRL have completed exploration within the area of the south eastern corner of EL 6523 and completed exploration at Woods Road area for the time being. Due to the changes in the State and Federal levels of Government in the terms of approval processes and proposed changes to that process including land use capability statements including the new Federal Scientific Body that has been announced. So whilst in feasibility studies of project, an important part of the feasibility project is understanding what the process will be to gain approval to mine. To date, GRL have completed the exploration, are doing feasibility studies and part of that is understanding what the process will be and the uncertainty around that process is carefully being considered by GRL at the moment.
- 4 On the presumption that the feasibility comes up positively we will be making a decision based around the process and when that process is resolved adequately.
- 5 An application would be made through the Department of Planning.  
Steve Robinson: could you extend the licence for a further period?  
Grant Polwarth: Yes, it is governed by the Mining Act. Discussion took place regarding the procedure to renew

a lease and granting a mining lease with Tracey Godwin, Bob Corbett, Grant Polwarth, John Woodford. John Woodford commented that the community are not happy about the extension of a Licence and there is a lot of cynicism amongst the community about the whole process. General discussion took place and Tracey Godwin explained the new changes to come in regarding the key factors for new Exploration Licence applications, Mining Leases and the new Applications for Coal & Petroleum Licences and advised there is provision for public comment, new Community Consultation condition to be placed on new and existing licences at renewal. Hopefully all these changes will be in force by the end of the 2011.

Ray Dawes asked Grant Polwarth if GRL advises landowners of their full legal rights?

Grant advised that all landowners have been willing participants and are advised and encouraged to receive independent legal advice. GRL fund said independent legal advice.

- 6 No. If and when we do make a submission it would be submitted to the CCC.
- 7 GRL reports to the Department of Mineral Resources and have regular dialogue with the Department in relation to both exploration and EL.
- 3 Email from Grant Polwarth dated 25 November 2011 (received after meeting and to be adopted and the next meeting on 10 February 2011).

### **PROJECT UPDATE BY GRANT POLWARTH**

- Project update was covered in the information given in reply to Terry Hardwick's above letter.

### **GENERAL BUSINESS:**

Dr Gerald McCalden asked if GRL require a Confidentiality Agreement with landowners regarding access etc to prevent landowners from talking.

Grahame Holley advised he does not require a Confidentiality Agreement. On the other hand, from Mr Holley's perspective, he

never speaks of peoples business. Mr Holley stated they have nothing to hide so it isn't a problem.

Grant Polwarth confirmed Graham Holley's above statement.

Ray Dawes asked about faulting on the seams.

Grant Polwarth advised they have identified faults with their drilling.

Terrence Healey thanked Mr Glenn Wilcox for his contribution in the past and noted that Glenn Wilcox has taken a position at Blayney Council.

Ray Dawes asked on the impact of the carbon tax? Would GRL be liable?

Grant Polwarth: Yes GRL will be liable and that is part of feasibility studies that are taking place now. Discussion took place regarding research of measuring gases in an open cut mine.

Mr Healey wished all Committee Members a Merry Christmas.

Next meeting Friday 10 February 2012 at 10.00 am

Meeting closed at 11.00 am



Eagle Top 2806 Thunderbolts Way Tibbuc via Gloucester NSW 2422

12 November 2011

Director General  
Dept of Planning and Infrastructure

Dear Sir

Re Gloucester Exploration Project - application to mine. Health Impact Assessment

I have been a member of the Community Consultative Committee of this coal exploration project by Gloucester Resources for the past five years. Six weeks ago we were told exploration had been completed and an application to mine was being considered. I stated that I believed there were conditions which made this project a particularly notable health hazard and that a health impact assessment should be part of the requirements from your department. I was advised by the Dept of Minerals Resources representative at our CCC to write to you directly with this request.

The exploration area of this project extends to the edge of Gloucester township and the final drilling was on a property known as 'Wilsons' which is within 3km of Gloucester High School and Gloucester Hospital and about two hundred houses are situated even closer. All of the 2,500 people living in Gloucester township live within 5km of this property. Five kilometres from open cut mines is the distance that unequivocal respiratory health damage starts to escalate above community rates and the vicinity of the school would be expected to sustain double the average rate.

Much of the same geographical area is covered in Stage 1 of an AGL coal seam gas project recently given conditional approval. At the current NSW Upper House CSG Inquiry at a hearing held in Taree, MidCoast Water gave evidence that the water from drill holes was highly saline (3000 - 9000 micro-siemans) and contained heavy metals and they suspected also carcinogenic BTEX chemicals and posed a big risk to the health of the 75,000 persons to whom they supply water. Whilst CSG is interested in deeper coal seams than this anticipated open cut coal project, the results of the Gloucester Resources water studies have not been made public and we are entitled to assume heavy metals will also be a hazard. Any mine will be in the MidCoast Water catchment area.





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Fourteen years ago the US regulators determined that the key air quality indicator is PM2.5 dust particles. Two years ago Australia finally said it was reviewing the NEPM air quality standards with an implication that a mandatory PM2.5 monitoring would become one of the improvements advocated. We are still waiting but you have the power to make such monitoring mandatory now (such as with the Wallarah 2 project) and certainly in any project imperilling so many people the arguments are even stronger that this air quality measure should be mandatory.

The peak medical body in respect of Environmental Health, Doctors for the Environment of Australia (DEA), who include a nobel laureate as part of their expert committee, have unequivocally stated the precautionary principle must apply and a health impact assessment should be a requirement for coal mining projects.

A recent community survey by the Gloucester Council revealed at least 75% of the residents do not want any expansion of mining and see it as a grossly inappropriate activity in a heritage landscape and a tourism and agricultural based economy. This may well be ignored by Gloucester Resources and if they do indeed proceed with an application to mine I reiterate I believe it essential your requirements include a health impact assessment and any consent conditions include mandatory PM2.5 monitoring.

Yours sincerely,

Dr Steve Robinson

## Terry Hardwick (BP)

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To: Terry Hardwick (BP)  
Subject: Gloucester CCC meeting Friday 25 Nov

-----Original Message-----

From: Terry Hardwick (BP) [<mailto:hardwicktj@bigpond.com>]  
Sent: Thursday, 24 November 2011 12:13 PM  
To: [lara.mitchell@bigpond.com](mailto:lara.mitchell@bigpond.com)  
Subject: Gloucester CCC meeting Friday 25 Nov  
Importance: High

Questions from the Gloucester community to the Glos CCC meeting - 25 November 2011

1. How many properties do GRL own and how many acres in total?
2. Do GRL maintain the properties they have bought? A neighbour of one of the properties is worried by the high grass which will become a fire hazard if we have hot, dry weather.
3. How far advanced are GRL's plans for submitting an application to mine?
4. When do GRL plan to submit their proposal to mine?
5. Are GRL planning to submit a Mining application rather than apply for another renewal (due 7/3/2012 and 4/5/2012).
6. Has GRL applied for Directors Requirements (to Director General of Dept of Planning) for the development of an EIS for any of its Exploration areas?
7. Has GRL had a meeting with the Dept of Mineral Resources to discuss the basis and requirements for a mining application for any of its EL areas? (to GRL and Dept rep Julie)

Q 3, 4 and 5 may be answered together possibly - they are from different people.

Thank you. Terry Hardwick

## Lara Mitchell

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**From:** Lara Mitchell [lara.mitchell@bigpond.com.au]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, 10 January 2012 6:25 AM  
**To:** Lara Mitchell  
**Subject:** FW: GCCC

From: Grant Polwarth [mailto:gpolarth@amci.com.au]  
Sent: Friday, 25 November 2011 6:56 PM  
To: Lara Mitchell; 'Terrence HEALEY'; 'Keith Ross'; Bob Corbett;  
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[ray.dawes@hotmail.com](mailto:ray.dawes@hotmail.com); 'John Woodford'; 'Gerald McCalden'  
Subject: RE: GCCC

Dear Chairman and Members of the GRL CCC,

I would like to make a small point of clarification to GRL CCC members following today's meeting in the interests of transparency.

When asked about confidentiality agreements relating to property purchases and access arrangements, indications were given that no such agreements are put in place.

We have reviewed some of the documents this afternoon and wish to correct that assertion and inform the members that from time to time transactions are covered by confidentiality agreements.

These are common practice and are put in place to protect both the vendor (at their request) and the purchaser. Individual details are private and GRL treats this confidentiality with landowners very seriously.

Thank you for the opportunity to set the record straight.

Regards  
Grant Polwarth