

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF GLOUCESTER EXPLORATION
PROJECT, COMMUNITY CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE,
HELD AT SCHOOL OF SCHOOL OF ARTS
DENISON STREET, GLOUCESTER
ON 31 AUGUST 2012**

PRESENT: Mr Terrence Healey, CHAIRMAN
Mr Grant Polwarth, GLOUCESTER RESOURCES LIMITED
Mr Bob Corbett, GLOUCESTER RESOURCES LIMITED
Mr Graham Holley, GLOUCESTER RESOURCES LIMITED
Dr Gerald McCalden
Mr Graham Gardner, GLOUCESTER SHIRE COUNCIL
Mrs Terry Hardwick
Mr Trevor Sansom
Mr Ray Dawes
Dr Steve Robinson
Mr John Woodford
Cr Jim Henderson
Ms Sarah Jardine, DEPARTMENT OF MINERAL
RESOURCES

APOLOGIES: Ms Julie Moloney, DEPARTMENT OF MINERAL
RESOURCES
Cr Karen Hutchinson, GREAT LAKES COUNCIL

**OPENING OF
MEETING:**

Mr Healey declared the meeting open at 10.06 am and welcomed Sarah Jardine from Department of Mineral Resources attending on behalf of Julie Moloney.

Mr John Woodford announced his resignation from the Committee. Mr Healey congratulated Mr Woodford for becoming a member of the Committee and thanked him for being a contributing member.

**CONFIRMATION
OF MINUTES OF**

LAST MEETING: The following amendments to be made to the previous Minutes (28 June 2012)

1 Cr Jim Henderson advised “Julie Lightfoot” should read “Julie Lyford” on third last page.

Moved: Dr Steve Robinson
Seconded: Mr Ray Dawes

**BUSINESS
ARISING FROM
THE MINUTES:**

Ray Dawes spoke in relation to the wildlife corridors and the lack of shrub species along the ridge. Comments from Penny Drake-Brockman were read by Mr Dawes and submitted to the Committee (attached).

Mr Healey noted that he was sure GRL would take the comments on board.

Grant Polwarth stated that as part of EIS they will be assessing with the appropriate qualified people the habitat along McKinley's Lane and thanked Ray Dawes for information and also informed the Committee that part of their approval is a bushfire management plan.

Mr Terry Healey asked if anyone had any comments in relation to Mr David Kitto's comments.

Jim Henderson stated that previous Minutes are very extensive and there are a lot of comments that he has ear marked and he will be keeping the Minutes for his records down the track. Mr Henderson felt Mr Kitto explained the process very well and explained the independence of the process. He stated Dr Robinson had made a comment about 2.5 monitoring and noted that Mr Kitto had stated that there is nothing to stop the Company carrying 2.5 assessment if the community raises it with the Company.

Grant Polwarth confirmed there are two 2.5 monitors being used as part of the assessment of the air quality.

Dr Steve Robinson stated they are not being used in the High School area.

Grant Polwarth replied to Dr Steve Robinson by stating that "with respect the location of the monitors have been recommended to GRL by air quality specialists". Further discussion took place in relation to the air quality monitors and Steve Robinson stated that he doesn't agree with GRL in respect to the air monitors.

Grant Polwarth confirmed that GRL put two 2.5 monitors in proactively because GRL have listened to what was being said at CCC meetings and outside the community about concerns about 2.5. GRL went to specialists to get recommendations as to where they should be located based on the meteorological conditions in the valley and GRL have acted upon that. Those results will be used in the air quality assessment of the EIS and once the mine is operating, should it gain approval, those monitors will be used for real time monitoring.

Further discussion took place in relation to dust monitors and the communities concerns and that GRL are required to meet the requirements and standards through the EIS process. GRL have to meet criteria set by the Government or the mine will not get approved. GRL will be doing this and take recommendations and discussions seriously from this meeting.

Cr Jim Henderson stated that Mr Kitto said there is an independent review into the impacts and there is an appeal process.

Bob Corbett stated the GRL will be guided by the people doing air quality monitoring and doing the assessment as to the necessity and the placement of additional monitors.

Dr Steve Robinson asked if it is possible to visit the monitoring site?

Ray Dawes asked if it is possible to observe the data to make sure it is being collected?

Grant Polwarth advised all of the data will be available on the website and once the project is launched it will be detailed in the EIS.

“Trevor Sansom asked if part of the dust being recorded at various monitoring sites could be coming off Stratford and Mr Bob Corbett replied, “absolutely”.”

Graham Gardner stated his continuing frustration to get a clear understanding about the role of others in the assessment. He raised the question with David Kitto last meeting “what role is the Federal Government and he said it is ‘likely just an advisory role’”. The frustration comes from hearing the Premier say “this application will be assessed through the State Government’s Gateway process as well as by the Federal Government committee”. Seems to be mixed messages about the application. Do GRL have any information?

Bob Corbett answered “we know nothing further than anyone else”. They understand it to be an advisory role.

CORRESPONDENCE: Incoming:

Email from Rod & Robin Besier dated 27 August 2012

Grant Polwarth replied Mr & Mrs Besier as follows:

- 1(a) GRL received a touch over 210 respondents to two (2) advertisements placed in Gloucester Advocate which is the only place GRL have advertised
 - 1(b) The fields of employment ranged from mining operator jobs through to administration and professional, accounts and agricultural side of the business.
 - 1(c) The lion's share of applicants came from Gloucester. A number of people who have moved away from the district who would like to move home and a number of people who have husbands or wives who work away during the week and come home.
- 2 As part of the EIS we have engaged soil scientists whose agricultural capabilities statement has been prepared so this question of agricultural productivity will be answered by people far better qualified than myself as part of the EIS process. Having said that, I think the last Council sanctioned Local Environmental Study 2006 identified the land involved in this mine and the peripheral as suitable for grazing and not suitable for regular cultivation. Any property that is owned by GRL that is not part of the Rocky Hill Project will be continued to be used for agricultural purposes. I think that accounts for 70%-75% of our total landholding. The rest of our landholding is currently operated by people that we have purchased off but are continuing on the land in leases so they are continuing business as usual. Some other properties are subsequently leased out through an agent in town.
 - 3 Mention was made about 3D models of the mine sites. When will they be put on public display? The 3D models are being constructed at the moment based on the engineering drawings and designs of the actual mine planning and infrastructure associated with the mine. They will be put on display and available as soon as the EIS is lodged and made on public display. That will go hand in hand with the EIS.
 - 4 I believe we have answered the question earlier in the Minutes regarding PM2.5 dust monitors.
 - 5 Yes, GRL will consider the request for PM2.5 monitors in Forbesdale Estate. We will be guided by specialists and regulators as to what is deemed to be required as part of this process.

- 6 GRL released a media release earlier this week detailing that it entered into an agreement with the Maslen family and the dairy. As part of that process the Maslen family will be staying on the farm long term and continuing to run the dairy. Further to that negotiation their footprint of their dairy is increasing by over 50% and as part of the process we have availed land that is in proximity to the dairy that is not being used for the proposed Rocky Hill Mine to allow the dairy to expand its footprint. This is an expansion and therefore undoubtedly an increased opportunity for dairy employment and the use of services in town but also the commitment to invest in further infrastructure in that dairy.

Graham Gardner asked in relation to the Maslen property and referred to the Premier's comments that there was active discussion with GRL about a voluntary retreat from your proposed site. The Maslen acquisition is the outside of the current proposed mine site and these comments seem to be in conflict. Is there any up date? Is the Premier right? What can you tell us about that?

Grant Polwarth replied that he had read the Premier's transcript and he understands Steve (Robinson) put some comments through seeking clarification. In terms of the Premier's comments, Grant believes them to be in the context of what was voluntarily offered by the company in terms of the relinquishment of the EL on the western side of town and the strip down the eastern side and also to the southern end that was tabled at this CCC. As far as discussions with the Premier and the State in terms of this project we are in Director General Requirements stage of preparing an EIS. As far as saying it is outside of the area of the proposal, yes it is. It obviously abuts right up against the project area so it would undoubtedly have been part of the buffer zone associated with the mine. The Maslen dairy is exceptionally high technology and they are very good at their business.

Terry Hardwick asked about the quality of the milk when it is being produced so close to an open cut mine.

Discussion took place amongst the Committee Members in relation to contaminated milk with some people believing to be a problem and some not.

- 7 The total number of properties owned by GRL is approximately 35 and approximately 2200 hectares.
- 8 Mr Mende is a Director of GRL and any correspondence should be sent to the registered office in Brisbane.

Email from Steve Robinson dated 29 August 2012 regarding an interview with Alan Jones and the Premier, Mr Barry O'Farrell. Dr Steve Robinson spoke as to what he believed was in the transcript. Grant Polwarth didn't agree with Dr Steve Robinson as Grant has seen the official transcript and believes GRL are good stewards of the EL, whether you agree or disagree with the granting of the EL. Grant Polwarth will circulate a copy of the transcript.

Mrs Terry Hardwick submitted a letter to the Chairman and Grant Polwarth. It was agreed to be discussed with Grant Polwarth after the meeting. This letter was withdrawn after the meeting.

Mr Ray Dawes handed over an "untitled" email from an unknown person with three (3) photographs attached in relation to goats outside fence on Fairbairns Road.

PROJECT UPDATE BY GRANT POLWARTH

- 1 No exploration has been conducted since the last CCC meeting.
- 2 No further exploration scheduled at present for the remainder of the calendar year.
- 3 In terms of the EIS the specialist consultants are continuing to progress their requisite studies under the Director General's Requirements for the EIS of the project. On target for lodgement of the EIS before the end of the year. Hopefully November but sometimes waiting for consultants and therefore subject to change.
- 4 In relation to tree planting there is no doubt that some of the tree planting which is a small percentage has been damaged by goats, wind and other things. The goats are being removed from site. We have scheduled fencing to be done along all planting and tree nature strips. Unfortunately wet weather and availability of fencing contractors has slowed us down but we are in the process of commencing fencing. Phase 2 of the tree planting is scheduled for spring and when we are able to get the native tree species. Damaged trees will be replaced.
- 5 The Boral Timber Mill has commenced dismantling and relocation. The mill was closed in late 2009 and was purchased by GRL in May 2010. Dismantling and relocation will take about 6 -8 weeks to complete and the overall aim is to render the site safe for our workforce and anybody in the general public. A history consultant was engaged prior to dismantling who prepared a history report on the mill.
- 6 There will be hazard reduction and pasture management burning conducted on certain properties in preparation for the fire season. This will be undertaken progressively in the right

weather conditions which minimises the impact of the smoke on residences. Neighbouring residences have been advised by way of a letterbox drop.

**GENERAL
BUSINESS:**

Dr McCalden asked if the findings of the study done by the social and economic consultants will be released prior to the EIS? Mr Polwarth advised it will be in the EIS. GRL haven't seen any results either.

John Woodford asked if there was a process with the Government in the EIS for people who are directly affected by the project? Grant Polwarth advised there is the public exhibition period that takes public submissions and they have to be considered by the Regulators and the Company has to respond. GRL have also gone to meet with people who have concerns and listened to their concerns. Further discussion took place.

Mr Terry Healey thanked Ms Sarah Jardine for attending today's meeting.

Next meeting Thursday 25 October 2012 at 10.00 am

Meeting closed at 11.45 am