

Gloucester Exploration Project COMMUNITY CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE (CCC)

MINUTES OF MEETING

Date:	5 th October 2018 10:00 am		
Venue:	Gloucester Arts Centre		
Present:	<i>Chairperson:</i> Lisa Andrews (LA) <i>GRL:</i> Bob Corbett (RC) <i>DRG:</i> Emma Prince (EP) Advance Gloucester: Bill Williams (BW) Gloucester Business Chamber: Stuart Redman (StR) Mid Coast Council: Nil	<i>Community Reps:</i> Anthony Berecry (AB) Ray Dawes (RD) Steve Robinson (SR) Trevor Sansom (TS)	<i>Minutes:</i> Suella Hannaford
Apologies:	Brian Clifford & Cr Claire Pontin		

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- 1. Opening of Meeting** LA opened the meeting at 10.00 am and welcomed all attendees.
- LA declared that she is an Independent Chairperson, appointed by the Minister for Resources to chair this committee.
- The Chair asked each member to complete the attendance sheet and make any relevant changes to their contact details.
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- 2. Apologies** Brian Clifford & Cr Claire Pontin
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- 3. Confirmation of Previous Minutes** Previous minutes of accepted:
Moved: Steve Robinson *Seconded:* Bob Corbett
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- 4. Business Arising** BW confirmed that Yancoal Australia Ltd purchased all AGL owned land on 6th June 2018.
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- 5. Correspondence**
- 7/8/18 - Email to members with the draft minutes from the CCC meeting held on 3/8/18 for review
 - 23/8/18 – Email to members with the final draft.
 - 24/9/18 – Email to members with the Meeting Notice and agenda for this meeting
 - 25/9/18 – Email to members with the Dust Monitoring results for August 2018
 - 2/10/18 – Email to members with a reminder for this meeting.

6. Project Update

Exploration

- No feedback from the relinquishment application submitted to the Department for the area north of Jacks Rd and Waukivory Rd.
- Surface mapping and ground magnetic survey work identified as planned at the April CCC meeting has been completed since the last meeting, however, no detailed results have been received yet. The ground magnetic survey methods trialed proved to be a means of identifying particular strata and have potential to be used as aids in confirming regional mapping and geological modelling without drilling a lot of holes, and also aiding in the selection of drill hole locations.
- Although no detailed results have been received, preliminary observations of the results from the area south west of Gloucester (in the vicinity of Gloucester Tops Road) are that the area is not very prospective.
- GRL holds 3 ELs, EL6523 which incorporates the Rocky Hill Coal Project and two (EL6524 and EL6563) which are located on the western side of the Gloucester Basin, extending south to the Wards River area. Activities on the western side of the basin are unrelated to the Rocky Hill Project.
- GRL is currently planning to drill four holes in an area about 4km west of Craven. The holes, which were nominated in the work program submitted with the 2015 renewal application, are to be drilled to a depth of around 350 metres to gain an understanding of coal resource and geological structure, including seam dip. Some 40 holes have been previously drilled in the Berrico Road to Upper Avon Road area, primarily to locate seam sub-crops and undertake some preliminary quality testing.
- A formal application for the drilling will be made to the Department. The community will be advised of the planned activities via advertising in the Gloucester Advocate and the website and comments, concerns or questions sought. Letters advising of the planned activities will be sent to Mid-Coast Council and surrounding landowners.
- Exploration activities will occur only where access agreements are in place with the landowners. Works will be undertaken Monday to Friday, 7am to 5pm, which is less likely to cause issues with landowners or neighbours, and will occur over a period of about 6 weeks.
- AB enquired about the form of access agreements. RC advised that agreements are individually tailored and that, to his knowledge, no bartering has occurred, i.e. in all cases where access has been granted, landowners were obviously satisfied with what was initially offered.

Land Management

- Land Management program is moving along well under Chris Maslen's control.
- There has been theft of a New Holland 568 Square Hay Baler from Wilson's Property, which has been reported to local Police.

Rocky Hill Project

- Rocky Hill Project, Land & Environment Court Case was held between 13th – 28th August 2018. 13th & 14th in Sydney; 15th & 16th in Gloucester, which included a viewing of the proposed project site including from some surrounding properties, then back to Sydney 17th to 28th with the legal teams.
- During the view, some residents were allowed to speak at particular stops. In the afternoon of the 16th, lay evidence was presented to the Court by 10 objectors.

- Justice Preston is hearing the case. Timing for a decision is unknown but RC considered it unlikely that this will occur prior to Christmas.
- Refusal of Stratford's modification was also the subject of the Court case. However, as refusal of the Stratford application was essentially due to the interrelationship of the Stratford and GRL applications and the refusal of the Rocky Hill application, almost all of the court hearing pertained to Rocky Hill.
- Nevertheless, the view included a visit to the proposed haul road crossing on Wenham Cox Road and the Stratford CHPP area. Mining, Wenham Cox Road construction and coal washing activities were all being undertaken at the time of the view, with no dust or noise issues apparent.
- One of the issues being considered in the court case is climate change, the Paris Agreement and its applicability to the decision on the application.
- AB asked about GRL owned land on the western side of the basin RC confirmed that GRL owned two properties in the Woods Road/Upper Avon Road area (Griffin and Poole). The Poole property was purchased by GRL prior to 2010.

7.0 General Business

- RD raised the issue of Drone Technology with regard to the mine site. RC explained that NSW EPA has just released a policy on the use of drones for its compliance investigations and actions. The policy includes restrictions in relation to safety issues, blasting and commercial sensitivity.
- Discussions ensued regarding CASA requirements for licensing, sizes of drones, altitude restrictions, controlled air space obligations, etc.

Meeting closed at 10.36am, however, LA reopened the meeting to discuss the Charter with members.

- LA advised that under the CCC's Charter, the committee is appointed for a term of 2 years. Accordingly, she asked if members wished to re-nominate to remain on the Committee.

All committee members wished to continue their roles as community representatives on the CCC, for consistency and recognized project knowledge/history surrounding the Gloucester Exploration Project.

Agreed:

- Anthony Berecny
- Steve Robinson
- Trevor Sansom
- Ray Dawes
- Advance Gloucester (Bill Williams)
- Gloucester Business Chamber (Stuart Redman)

LA advised that she would write to the Minister.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 10.42 am with the chair thanking CCC members for their contribution.

NEXT MEETING: 7th December 2018
