

Gloucester Exploration Project COMMUNITY CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE (CCC)

DRAFT MINUTES OF MEETING

Date:	5 th April 2019 10:00 am	
Venue:	Gloucester Arts Centre	
Members:	Independent Chairperson: Community Representatives: DRG Representative: GRL Representatives: Stakeholder Groups: Independent Minute Secretary:	Lisa Andrews (LA) Ray Dawes (RD), Steve Robinson (SR) and Trevor Sansom (TS) Emma Prince (EP) Bob Corbett (RC) Advance Gloucester (Bill Williams – BW) Gloucester Business Chamber (Stuart Redman – StR) Suella Hannaford.
Apologies:	Anthony Berecry, Rob Bishop and Cr Claire Pontin	
Non-attendance:	Nil.	

1. Opening of Meeting

LA declared meeting open at 10.02 am and welcomed all members.

The Chair asked each member to complete the attendance sheet and make any relevant changes to their contact details.

2. Apologies

As above.

3. Declarations

LA declared that she is an Independent Chairperson, appointed by the Minister for Industry, Resources and Energy to chair this committee.

LA provided a briefing of the Code of Conduct and Declaration of Pecuniary and Non-Pecuniary Interests forms emailed to members. Hard copies were provided with the request to sign and return at their earliest convenience.

4. Confirmation of Previous Minutes

Previous minutes of 1 February 2019 were accepted:

Moved: TS **Seconded:** RD

5. Business Arising

No business arising from the previous minutes.

6. Correspondence

As sent out with the meeting notice on 22/3/19, with [1 additional item](#):

- 7/1/19 - Email from RD advising of the L&E Courts determination being handed down that morning.
- 13/2/19 – Email to members with the draft minutes for review as well as a copy of GRL’s media release regarding the L&E Court determination.
- 13/2/19 – Email from Anthony Berecry seeking that the minute taker declare that she is employed by Hannaford Australia, which has acted as a property agent for GRL in the past. (*Listed as action item for April 2019 meeting.*)
- 20/2/19 – Email to members with the final draft of the February minutes together with the Code of Conduct & Pecuniary Interest Forms for completion.
- 23/2/19 – Response from Steve Robinson regarding declarations.

- 14/3/19 – Email from Bob Corbett advising of GRLs Notice of Intention to Appeal the Land and Environment Court decision refusing the Rocky Hill Coal Mine. This information was forwarded to CCC members.
- 22/3/19 – Email to members with the meeting notice, correspondence report and agenda for this meeting
- [1/4/19 – Email to members with the Dust Monitoring results for February 2019.](#)

7. Project Update GRL

RC advised the committee members that Brian Clifford has resigned as CEO of GRL and Rob Bishop (Chief Financial Officer) is currently acting in the position. RC will still be the local contact for GRL reporting to Rob Bishop (AMCI Group - Brisbane). Brian Beem operates from the Sydney office.

Exploration Drilling

Nothing has occurred in field exploration. Still awaiting approval of the ground water modelling and monitoring plan, which was submitted in January 2019. The plan has been supported by DPI (Department of Industry) Water, but still needs to be signed off by the Division of Resources and Geoscience.

As required following the approval of the part cancellation of the exploration licence EL (6523) to the east of Gloucester, on 7 March 2019 GRL submitted its relinquishment report to the Department which contains the geological information relating to the cancelled area.

EP advised that all geological data for the relinquished part of el 6523 is now open file and available to the general public. GRL are obliged to retain the core samples.

RC advised that GRL are preparing to submit the Annual Reports for ELs 6523 and 6524 on or by 8 April 2018 including reporting on work undertaken in the previous 12 months and that programmed over the next twelve months. One more set of reports is to be submitted by 15 June 2019 for EL (6563).

Land Management

No issues in the last two months with land management, which predominately is carried out by Chris Maslen as the major lease holder.

Rocky Hill

The Land & Environment Court refused the Appeal on 8 February 2019. GRL has lodged a Notice of Intention to appeal the decision. RD expressed disappointment that the CCC members were not advised of the court's decision prior to the announcement. RC advised that this is public information and no one was advised prior to the decision being handed down by Justice Preston. SR advised that the result was in the news within minutes of the decision. RD reiterated that it should be a matter of courtesy by the Department to advise CCC members.

RD extended his best wishes and gratitude to BC for his contribution at the CCC meetings. LA to forward the CCC's best wishes on to BC.

Dust Monitoring

Results of January 2019 monitoring were provided to members. However, following the LEC's decision, GRL has now ceased dust monitoring as a means of cutting back costs, noting that independent of the outcome of any appeal, there is enough background information available. Accordingly, no more dust monitoring results will be provided to CCC members.

The meteorological station is to continue to operate for the moment and the information will continue to be uploaded to the project website. RC advised that DPI Water had previously requested to be able to put down another monitoring bore on a GRL property adjacent to Fairbairns Road. This was approved by GRL, subject to conditions, but nothing has occurred as yet.

8. General Business

RD asked what GRL's intentions were with regard to land usage. RC advised that the Notice of Intent to Appeal has been lodged and GRL will wait to see what the future holds before exploring its options. TS asked what GRL would be doing with the dust monitors, with RC advising that they are owned by GR and have been placed under care and maintenance.

SR provided a pamphlet to RC from the Energise Gloucester (EG) group, which promotes renewable energy. The group installed solar panels on the Neighbourhood Centre, which has been operating successfully for 12 months. EG now wish to set up a community solar farm and ideally the site should be close to transmission lines so there is minimum expense in connecting to the grid. SR enquired that if GRL decided to withdraw from the area, whether the company would consider donating land for the community solar farm project to the town or to Council to manage it in collaboration with EA.

RC advised that he would provide the pamphlet to Rob Bishop for consideration.

StR commented that he was astounded that after fighting the Rocky Hill Project so rigorously that EG would make such a request.

EP provided an update on the recent government changes following the state election results. The Department of Planning and Environment has combined with parts of the Department of Industry and therefore will form the Department of Planning and Industry from 1 July 2019. This Department includes a number of Divisions and Offices including the Office of Environment and Heritage (OEH).

EP advised that Carolyn McNally is no longer the Secretary and Jim Betts (previous head of Infrastructure NSW) is the new Secretary of the Department. Currently, there are approximately 25 deputy secretaries reporting to him, so it is expected that further changes will occur to mitigate this arrangement, which will most likely include amalgamation of Divisions and/or Offices.

EP advised that she will be reviewing the CCC's Charter to ensure it is up to date and will consult with members on proposed amendments.

RC informed the CCC that GRL had relinquished its lease to the shopfront in Gloucester from 1 April 2019 as it is no longer required. If in future it is needed, they can re-open such a facility.

TS enquired wither GRL will do more testing to the south. RC advised that GRL are awaiting on further approvals from the government before continuing the drilling activity that has been approved. RC also advised that an independent review of previous geological investigations is currently being undertaken in these areas and GRL will be keeping its options open.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 10.45 am with the Chair thanking CCC members for their attendance.

NEXT MEETING: 7 June 2019.

ACTION ITEMS:

ITEM	ISSUE	RESPONSIBILITY
1	Code of Conduct and Pecuniary/Non-Pecuniary Interest forms to be completed and returned	All members LA
2	Thank you to Brian Clifford for his contribution to the CCC	LA
3	Gloucester Exploration Project CCC Charter to be updated	EP