

# Gloucester Exploration Project COMMUNITY CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE (CCC)

## DRAFT MINUTES OF MEETING

<b>Date:</b>	7 <sup>th</sup> June 2019	
<b>Venue:</b>	Gloucester Arts Centre	
<b>Attendees:</b>	Independent Chairperson: Community Representatives:  GRL Representatives:  Mid Coast Council Delegate: Stakeholder Groups: Independent Minute Secretary:	Lisa Andrews (LA) Anthony Berecry (EB), Ray Dawes (RD) and Trevor Sansom (TS) Bob Corbett (RC) Rob Bishop (RB) Cr Claire Pontin (CP) Advance Gloucester (Bill Williams – BW) Suella Hannaford
<b>Apologies:</b>	Emma Prince, Steve Robinson & Stuart Redman (Gloucester Business Chamber)	

<b>1. Welcome &amp; Introduction</b>	LA declared meeting open at 10.04 am and welcomed all members. LA introduced GRL's CFO and director, Rob Bishop, and invited him to provide some background for the benefit of the committee.
<b>2. Apologies</b>	As above.
<b>3. Declarations</b>	LA declared that she is an Independent Chairperson, appointed by the Minister for Industry, Resources and Energy to chair this committee.
<b>4. Confirmation of Previous Minutes</b>	Previous minutes of 1 <sup>st</sup> February 2019 were accepted:  <b>Moved: BW                      Seconded: TS</b>
<b>5. Business Arising</b>	No action items from the previous meeting. LA advised that EP is still working on reviewing the CCC Charter.
<b>6. Correspondence</b> (as emailed to members on 26/5/19, with 1 additional item)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 18/4/19 – Email to members with the draft minutes for review by members. (Given extra time for review due to Easter &amp; Anzac Day public holidays.)</li> <li>• 3/5/19 – Email to members with the final draft of the April minutes</li> <li>• 9/5/19 – Email to members advising that the Rocky Hill Mine decision will not be appealed.</li> <li>• 26/5/19 – Email to members with the meeting notice, correspondence report and agenda for this meeting.</li> </ul>

<p><b>7. Exploration Update</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 31/5/19 – Email to members with a reminder for this meeting.</li> </ul> <p><b>Exploration Update</b></p> <p>Nothing to update on field exploration. GRL is still awaiting approval of the Groundwater Monitoring &amp; Modelling Plan (GMMP) before it can finalize other practical aspects and commence drilling. In January 2019, the activity approval for the drilling program was received and the GMMP was signed off by DPI Water. GRL is now awaiting GMMP approval from the Resources Regulator.</p> <p>Access agreements negotiated with landowners to enable the drilling activities remain in force.</p> <p>Annual Reports for ELs 6523 &amp; 6524 have been lodged. The Annual reports for EL6523 are due for submission next week.</p> <p><b>Land Management</b></p> <p>No issues in the last two months with land management, which predominately is carried out by Chris Maslen as the major lease holder.</p> <p><b>Dust Monitoring</b></p> <p>Dust monitoring is no longer being undertaken. LA to remove contrary advice from future meeting notices.</p> <p>As a cost reduction measure, the two TEOMs are being removed from around the old Rocky Hill site as data is no longer being collected and each unit requires air conditioning to maintain them in the field. The monitors will be placed in storage. AB asked if the monitors on the western side would remain with RC advising that all dust monitoring ceased in February as there is adequate baseline data. AB enquired about the Esso Seismic information with RC advising that whilst he hasn't looked at it, other people are currently reviewing all geological data which presumably includes this.</p> <p><b>Rocky Hill</b></p> <p>Whilst GRL had previously filed notice of an intention to appeal the Land and Environment Court's determination on Rocky Hill, on 8 May 2019 the company advised it was not going to proceed with the appeal against the decision handed down by Justice Preston.</p> <p>RD asked about GRL's leases in the shorter and longer term. RC advised that the leases are still active and due for renewal in 2020. RD asked if it was GRL's intention to sell some of the land, which could potentially be subdivided into rural residential allotments. RB advised that the company has not made any decision regarding the sale of land held by GRL. RC advised the meeting that the dairy farm an icon in the</p>
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	<p>Gloucester district and that GRL would not be keen to do anything that impacted it.. The company has a good working relationship with Chris Maslen and wishes to continue this arrangement. BW noted that the dairy also employs a number of people from the community. All members were in agreeance that the dairy should remain in operation. CP also advised the meeting that unless the area had been identified as part of Midcoast Council's future land release that Council would not support any subdivision proposal.</p> <p>TS commented that he would prefer to see the land return to 400 acre blocks for grazing as this was more viable.</p> <p>RB advised (further to SR's request at the previous meeting) that no decision has been made or commitments given to leasing, selling or donating land to any community groups or Council for use as a solar farm.</p> <p>RC advised that Exploration Licenses are in a three-year rotation with the next due 8<sup>th</sup> March 2020 (EL 6523 &amp; 6524) and EL6563 due 15<sup>th</sup> May 2020. RB advised that GRL are currently assessing its exploration options since the LEC's decision. RC stated that the company may consider further relinquishments of its ELs at that time</p> <p>BW suggested that GRL purchase Robinson's Property which is coming up for auction and in the future, should GRL decide to sell land, the public should have the opportunity to purchase it, referring to Yancoal's purchase of AGL land [without such an opportunity be available to others]. He was advised that sales arrangements and plans are commercial decisions made by the landowner. RB also advised that should GRL decide to sell any of its land holdings they would most likely go on the public market under a commercial arrangement.</p> <p>RC confirmed that nothing had progressed with respect to DoI Water's prior approach to GRL to install a further monitoring bore adjacent to an existing bore on Fairbairns Lane, which would require access to GRL property. GRL has previously [in January] advised DoI Water that it had no objections to their proposal. The planned bore would be approx. 350m deep.</p>
<p><b>8. General Business</b></p>	<p>AB requested that a larger map be provided, other than the one on the website, so that he could familiarize himself with the locations of ELs 6524 &amp; 6563. RC advised that he will provide a larger map of this area at the next meeting.</p> <p>AB advised that a question had been raised at the Stratford Coal CCC regarding climate change. RC commented that Justice Preston's determination is of concern for the coal industry, which may affect the decision making process due to consideration of the scopes of emissions.</p>

	<p>Further stating that there are several applications before the Independent Planning Commission that have been required to address this issue.</p> <p>RD asked if GRL are still targeting metallurgical coal, with RC confirming that to be the case.</p> <p>BW suggested that, given the Rocky Hill decision, that the CCC meetings be held less frequently. LA moved this matter to the next agenda item for discussion and consideration.</p>
<b>9. Next Meeting</b>	<p>LA advised the committee that she had conferred with EP, reviewed the Exploration Licence condition and the CCC's Charter regarding the frequency of meetings. The charter states that the exploration meetings should be held bi-monthly <u>or</u> as determined by the chair in consultation with the committee members. Accordingly, the chair recommended moving the bi-monthly meetings to quarterly meetings; proposing that the August 2019 and October 2019 meetings not be held and that a meeting be scheduled for September 2019 in their place. Keeping the December meeting as previously programmed.</p> <p>It was agreed by all members present, subject to RC confirming that the meeting room would be available, that the next meeting would be held on <b>27<sup>th</sup> September 2019</b> at the Arts Centre, commencing at 10am.</p>

*There being no further business the meeting closed at 10.58am with the chair thanking CCC members for their attendance.*

#### **ACTION ITEMS**

<b>ITEM</b>	<b>ISSUE</b>	<b>RESPONSIBILITY</b>
1	Provide larger aerial map of exploration leases	RC
2	Confirm venue availability for 27/9/19	RC