

**Report of the Duralie Coal Mine Community Consultative Committee  
Held Thursday 3 February 2011**

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**Present:** Cl J McWilliams, Mr G Handford, Cl Karen Hutchinson, Mr B Eastoe, Mr A Fisher-Webster, Ms H Gillard, Mr T Tersteeg, Mr M Plain, Mr J Trotter, Mr T Hutchings.

**Visitors:** Mr P Cribb, Mr T Dwyer.

**Apologies:** Nil

**Preliminary Questions:**

Mr Eastoe informed the Committee that complaints were not available on the Gloucester Coal Limited (GCL) website in accordance with the new Development Consent – Mr Trotter said this will be undertaken.

Mr Eastoe asked whether Duralie Coal Pty Ltd (DCPL) had received any reports from government agencies in relation to recent site inspections. Mr Trotter said the Company had not.

**Confirmation of Minutes of Previous Meeting Held 25 November 2010:**

Minutes approved by the Duralie Coal Mine Community Consultative Committee (“the Committee”).

**Site Inspection**

A site inspection was undertaken with the Committee viewing recently commenced works within the Clareval area (drainage), the northern advance of the Weismantel Pit, viewed operations from the “lookout” and inspected recently completed rehabilitation work on the eastern side of the ex-pit waste dump.

**General Business:**

**Environmental Report (Mr Trotter)**

(comments applicable to results tabled since last meeting)

Surface Water pH – all sites were within the neutral range. Mr Eastoe asked whether a sampling location plan could be provided with the monitoring data sent out with the meeting agenda. Mr Trotter advised location figures were provided within the Annual Environmental Management Report (AEMR) and also undertook to send out location figures for the next meeting.

Surface Water Electrical Conductivity (EC) – sites were generally consistent with results discussed at last meeting. Highest EC results recorded for site SW2 Upstream which is not unexpected.

Surface Water Total Suspended Solids (TSS) – all sites returned low readings with the exception of sites sampled in November under higher stream flows. Site 12 (Mammy Johnsons River, upstream of the mine) produced the highest result.

Dust Gauges – results which demonstrated significant non-dust contamination were excluded. Non excluded results were less than the Environment Protection Authority (EPA) limit. Exclusions were determined with reference to qualities of combustible matter and visual observations.

Dust Gauges Annual Rolling Average – all sites have an annual rolling average less than the EPA limit if obvious non-dust contaminated results are excluded.

High Volume (PM<sub>10</sub>) Air Sampling – both Environment Protection Licence (EPL) monitoring site results well under the EPA limit.

High Volume (PM<sub>10</sub>) Air Sampling Annual Rolling Average – for both monitoring sites, annual rolling averages exhibit a horizontal trend and remain significantly less than the EPA limit. Exhibit a slight downward trend for both sites.

Blasting – there was one occasion when overpressure fell within the 115 to <120 dBL range. DCPL is awaiting EPA approval to relocate two blast monitoring sites following GCL acquisition of properties upon which monitoring is currently undertaken.

Complaints – four (4) received, two (2) related to blasting, one (1) involved no name creek water quality and the last was multifaceted (vibration, noise, dust, light). Members of the Committee felt that a summary of complaints received did not provide sufficient information. Additional information to be provided in future.

Rainfall – November was wetter than average, with October and December being comparable with average rainfall received.

### **Mine Progress and Exploration Progress**

Mr Hutchings advised the Committee that:

- Consent approval gained.
- Mining Lease - ML 1646- granted (Clareval).
- Moved into Strip 14, new ML.
- Sections of east side rehab completed and seeded.
- Civil works in Clareval pit commenced (culvert and diversion drains).
- Advertising for traineeships next week.
- Generally a “normal” production over the last 3 months.

Regarding exploration:

Slowed level of activity with November weather and Christmas period to 4 rigs.

Number of holes drilled from 1 October – 31 December:

- 12 in Duralie

- 20 in Grant and Chainey
- 23 in Stratford
- Total: 55

Holes Cemented:

- 15 in Stratford
- 39 in Grant and Chainey
- 34 in Duralie
- Total: 88

**Duralie Extension Project (DEP)**

The DEP received State approval in November 2010 and Federal approval in December 2010. State approval document previously supplied to Committee members.

**Committee Chairperson's Annual Report to Department of Planning (DoP)**

Clr McWilliams provided her report to the Committee. She will send the report to the DoP.

**Chairperson's Withdrawal from Committee**

Clr McWilliams informed the Committee that she would nominate Clr Hutchinson to replace her on the Committee. Clr McWilliams stated she was leaving the Committee due to her heavy workload and was doing so with regret.

**New Committee**

Clr McWilliams informed the Committee that the new State Development Consent called for dissolution of the current Committee and the formation of a new Committee by the end of March 2011.

Mr Handford advised that Great Lakes Council would contact Gloucester Shire Council to discuss the status of the Committee in light of the State Development Consent which, with the approval of the Director-General, permits the combination of the Committee with Stratford Coal Mine Community Consultative Committee.

Mr Eastoe suggested a combined Duralie and Stratford Coal Mine Community Consultative Committee meeting be held before the end of February to develop a combined Committee model.

Cl McWilliams stated that the two Councils will meet with mine representatives and decide on the Committee formation process. The DoP would then be asked to approve the agreed structure. It was anticipated that the approved structure would then be implemented.

It was expected that advertisements would be placed in local papers inviting expressions of interest (EOI) from persons in joining the new Committee. Current Committee members were encouraged by the Chairperson to nominate to join the new Committee. All existing Committee members will be mailed a copy of the EOI advertisement when it is available.

**First Flush Trigger Value**

Mr Eastoe asked that a review of the first flush trigger value to be incorporated into the development of new management plans (required under the recent State Development Consent).

Ms Gillard moved a motion that Mr Eastoe have a meeting with the Company (seconded by Clr McWilliams) to discuss the current trigger value.

**Mr Handford's Resignation from the Committee**

Mr Handford advised the Committee that with his recent promotion to Council General Manager he was unable to continue on the Committee. The Committee thanked him for his long service.

**Next Meeting**

It was not possible to determine the date of the next meeting of the Committee given the dissolution of the current Committee. A new meeting date will be scheduled upon resolution of the new Committee structure.