



Wandoan Project Community Reference Group

Unconfirmed Meeting Notes
Wednesday, 10th September 2008

Wandoan Cultural Centre

Members :

Rob Thatcher	Xstrata Coal Queensland (XCQ)
Kate Campbell	Xstrata Coal Queensland (XCQ)
Joel May	Xstrata Coal Queensland (XCQ)
Des Morris	Xstrata Coal Queensland (XCQ)
Brydie Thatcher	Xstrata Coal Queensland (XCQ)
Jon Romcke	Xstrata Coal Queensland (XCQ)
Ken Esson	Xstrata Coal Queensland (XCQ)
Amanda Campbell	PB
Helen Devlin	Wandoan Chamber of Commerce
Graeme O'Mara	Wandoan Progress Association
TBA	Queensland Fire and Rescue - Area 5
Vaughan Becker	Dawson Valley Development Association
Adam Clark	WPSQ Upper Dawson Branch
Leesa Rathbone	Wandoan Show Society
Louise Oakman	Wandoan Showgrounds Improvement Committee
Roxanne Blackley	Landcare – Taroom
Chris Guteridge	Queensland Police Service
Marion Randall	Queensland Health
John Bosward	Wandoan State School
Evan Thelander	Queensland Ambulance Service
Marie Thorne	AgForce
Cecilia Donohoe	Community Health Council
Bill Blackley	Land Owners Representative
Michael Mutze	Department of Housing
Cr Ian Staines	Dalby Regional Council

Attendees : Rob Thatcher, Kate Campbell, Joel May, Des Morris, Brydie Thatcher, Marie Thorne, Graeme O'Mara, Chris Guteridge, Adam Clark, Cr Ian Staines, Evan Thelander, Bill Blackley, Helen Devlin, Louise Oakman, John Bosward

Apologies: Leesa Rathbone, Cecilia Donohoe, Marion Randall, Roxanne Blackley, Vaughan Becker, Amanda Campbell, John Romcke, Ken Essen, Mike Smith (has retired from QFR)

Distribution: XCQ, PB and CRG representatives

Meeting commenced 6.55pm

Item no.	Description	Action	Responsibility
1.	<p>Issues & Questions</p> <p>Previous Minutes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussion on funding for wash-down facility • Mike Smith not present to discuss fire boundaries as he has retired • Adam Clark – concerns regarding proposed co-location of infrastructure such as pipeline • Marie Thorne – DME have a new community liaison employee based in Emerald • Bill Blackley – discussed the proposed SunWater corridor concerns & uncertainty amongst landholders 	<p>XCQ to continue discussions with DRC about wash down facility</p> <p>Joel May – to liaise with Mike Smith's replacement regarding the fire brigade boundaries</p> <p>Rob Thatcher to share concerns with SunWater</p>	
2.	<p>Minutes from previous meeting accepted</p>		
3.	<p>Terms of Reference Release</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Terms of reference submissions due 15th September, EIS to be released for public comments later in the year. 		
4.	<p>Rob Thatcher presented a project update. This included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➢ Timeframes and approval process ➢ EIS studies overview ➢ Water and power options ➢ Projected population impacts ➢ New airstrip ➢ Planned infrastructure 		
3.	<p>Questions raised during the presentation related to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➢ Exploration program ➢ Plans for a new airstrip ➢ How to attract families to live in the town, what the town needs by way of services and improvements, population impacts ➢ Lease back of properties purchased by Xstrata ➢ The EIS process and the affect of submissions ➢ Trains on the proposed Surat Basin Railway – length, frequency, impacts ➢ Coal seam methane gas water – supply, quality, impact on the environment ➢ Underground coal burning and whether it would be used at Wandoan ➢ Nathan Dam – progress and that it is not linked or needed for the Wandoan project. ➢ Need to coordinated regional planning ➢ Use of GAB water project and impacts 		
4.	<p>Kate Campbell presented a community consultation update</p> <p>This included</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➢ Recent activities ➢ Planned activities 		
5.	<p>Questions raised during the presentation related to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➢ Organising a school trip to next sample pit and a careers day for Year 10 students ➢ How will EIS be distributed – need to have printed copies 	<p>Kate Campbell to organise school kids & careers day</p>	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ available & make sure people know how to get a copy ➤ Will noise, dust and other mine impacts affect livestock? Answer: Will be covered in EIS. ➤ Next sample pit tour, how to ensure it does not clash with other community events. 	Kate Campbell to organise next public tour for Feb, March 2009 to not clash with holidays and other community events	
6.	<p>Issues raised by CRG representatives on behalf of their groups.</p> <p>Helen Devlin</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Impact of mine on fauna? Waiting on information on ecology survey, need to look at wildlife corridors <p>Bill Blackley</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Potential impacts of rail on road users and property owners ➤ concerns regarding infrastructure corridors on properties ➤ concerns regarding affects of blasting on bores – included in EIS ➤ Plans for upgrading or building a new airstrip <p>Issues from Landcare – Bill Blackley</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Vehicle wash downs – Surat Basin Rail (SBR) mainly but Xstrata need to ensure that all contractors are aware of requirements ➤ Landcare keen to support funding on wash down facility in town ➤ Xstrata has a biodiversity land management strategy that includes weed management policies <p>Louise Oakman</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ When will the office open in town? Lease commencing start of October but will take a while to set up ➤ Concerns over potentially bussing employees to the mine from Taroom & Miles. Answer: Xstrata Coal will continue to pursue as believed may be employees who want to live in these towns and not in accommodation villages. <p>Graeme O'Mara</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Is there a commercial use for salt extracted from Coal Seam Methane Water (CSM)? Marie Thorne – investigations are continuing ➤ Airstrip – who will own? Xstrata will own the land but probably an agreement will be made with the Council – still needs to be negotiated ➤ Any of the leases involve Native Title? Yes, we are heading to court at the moment for the process of developing Cultural Heritage Management Plan, issues with money – Native Title – small areas, federal legislative process started ➤ Discussions with Surat Basin Rail for locations of camp? Tendering process has just commenced for Design & Construct contract, 5 camps, one every 50kms of about 200 men ➤ Is Dalby Council working on a town plan? Ian Staines – money in budget to do this year ➤ What is going to happen tomorrow at DIP meeting on the Draft Terms of Reference? Same presentation as tonight, government guy to provide information about Terms of Reference (TOR) & EIS submissions process <p>John Bosward</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Requested school students visit the next sample pit ➤ Requested careers day for senior students ➤ Long-term relationships with training & employment for our kids – Trade Training Centre, Better program & better facilities required 	Rob Thatcher to chase up work QR is doing East of road down south	

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	<p>Adam Clark</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Letter from our Branch for the need for a coordinator a few months ago – will definitely be pushing ➤ No common corridor ➤ CSG water concerns & what do we do with the salt <p>Chris Guteridge</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ No concerns at this stage <p>Marie Thorne</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Alerted group to appointment of community liaison officer by DME (Gerry McKie) ➤ Code of conduct road shows happening ➤ Resumption issues (to be discussed outside meeting) <p>Helen Devlin</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Does the EIS include information on rehabilitation? What is the standard? Yes, chapter in EIS & reuse of topsoil, options as to what we will leave <p>Ian Staines</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Council will want to have a look at the economic rehabilitation of the area, security deposit has to be paid to government to ensure rehab done ➤ Surat Basin Rail – community issues with level crossings are increasing ➤ Positive about airstrip 	<p>Xstrata to send letter to Council about airstrip</p>	
	<p><u>Actions to be followed up:</u></p> <p>Next meeting – date to be scheduled once release date for draft EIS known</p>		

Meeting concluded 9:40pm