



Wandoan Coal Project Community Reference Group

Confirmed minutes of a meeting held at the Wandoan Cultural Centre,
5.30pm Wednesday, 2 December 2009

Attendees:

Community	John Bosward Louise Oakman Bill Blackley Graeme O'Mara Adam Clark Marian Randall Evan Thelander Neville Stiller
Apologies	Helen Devlin Michael Patch Vaughn Becker Cecelia Donohue
Xstrata Coal Queensland	Bill McKinstrey Rob Thatcher Joel May Kate Campbell Naomi Golden
Other	Peter McTaggat (Sunwater) Helen D'Arcy (PB) Anthony Mines (DIP)

Item	Who
1. Introduction	Rob Thatcher, Wandoan Coal Project Manager
Agenda – Summary of presentation to landholders; community relations update; group update.	Rob Thatcher
2. Review of previous minutes - Rob Thatcher moved that the previous minutes be accepted - Seconded : Graham O'Mara	Rob Thatcher
Previous Actions to follow up No actions outstanding	



<p>3. Project update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Supplementary EIS has been submitted • The project is moving into validation phase, which will take approximately 12 months • Financial close is expected in Mid-2010 • The Surat Basin Rail Supplementary EIS is expected to be submitted to the State Government by the end of 2009. Expressions of interest for major construction works will be sent to contractors early in 2010 • Discussion on how the sale of QR by the Queensland Government might affect the project • Balaclava Island (Port Alma) I.A.S. has been submitted to State Government • Xstrata Coal hopes export coal from Wandoan through Balaclava Island and Wiggins Island (Gladstone) 	Rob Thatcher
<p>4. Sun Water Update</p> <p>6500 ML from Glebe Weir would be available for the Wandoan Coal Project if the weir is raised. The Nathan Dam project is back on the drawing board. An unexpectedly large number of snails have been recently found, making it possible for the project to be recommenced.</p>	Peter McTaggart
<p>5. Community Relations Update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Xstrata Coal Wandoan Community Fund • Xstrata Corporate Social Involvement 	Kate Campbell, Community Relations Manager
<p>6. General discussions and issues</p> <p>Bill McKinstrey outlined the factors which will affect the timing of the project</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Marketability of the coal 2) General economy 3) Capital Costs (trying to reduce them) <p>Rob Thatcher said the Coordinator General's report on the project may be issued around the end of February. The Mining Lease might then be granted by the end of 2010. Comments from submitters on the supplementary EIS must be made by 18th December, 2009.</p> <p>Adam Clark asked whether Xstrata was satisfied that the project would get enough water from the Glebe weir. Rob Thatcher discussed the possibility of using coal seam gas water.</p> <p>Rob Thatcher gave the meeting some information on negotiations with Powerlink on bringing power from Kogan Creek.</p> <p>Evan Thelander asked about the power station in this area. Discussion followed on two possible options: Zerogen near Emerald and a joint Stanwell/ G.E. power station adjacent to the Wandoan mine. Both projects are seeking State and</p>	All



Federal Government funding but only one will be selected. A power station would need 3-4 million tonnes of coal per year.

Meeting discussed the possible effect of the ETS on the project.

7. Supplementary EIS

Main topics

- Roads
- Higher Management Zone around town
- GAB & general water supply
- Pit to South deleted from mining plan
- Coarse & Fine rejects

2 km high management zone should be a permanent ruling. Discussion on merits of this and on environmental monitoring program.

Discussion on discovery of more snails and the Nathan Dam and implications for the project.

WPSQ worried about the loss of flood plains and about offsets and the Government's definition of them. Less land will be included in offsets than are disturbed by the mine.

Overview of offset requirements and State Government approval process for creek diversions

Surat Basin Rail – contractors, tender process

Dragline- construction, timing.

Discussion on membership of CRG – should we have new members ie. Lavinia Tyrell? Matter not resolved.

7. Community Update

Update on progress of two CSI Projects.

Community fund is very much appreciated.

QLD Health had signed the MOU and sent it back to Xstrata with a few changes. John said that the MOU with Ed QLD was signed at the end of 2009. Initiatives will begin next year

Ambulance station has been upgraded to a 2 person station, will have questions

Rob Thatcher

Louise Oakman

Graham O'Mara/
Peter McTaggart

Adam Clark

Joel May

Graham O'Mara

Evan
Thelander/Bill
McKinstrey

Kate Campbell

Kate Campbell

Graham O'Mara

Marion Randall

John Bosward



in the future about need for a 3 person station.

Discussion on concerns regarding the proposed 2 km exclusion zone, originally the proposal was for 4km. Concern that certain streets in town will be affected by the dust running into their rain water tanks and damage to the foundations with the blasting. Rob Thatcher gave information on blasting.

8. Other business

Next meeting date: Feb/March T.B.C.

Evan Thelander

Bill Blackley/Rob
Thatcher

All