



**Wandoan Coal Project Community Reference Group
Meeting minutes – Unconfirmed**

**6.10pm, Wednesday 23 November 2011
Wandoan Cultural Centre**

Attendees	
Community representatives	Louise Oakman Helen Devlin Graham O'Mara Neville Stiller Cameron Storey Marion Randall Bryan Power Doug Adam Ian Staines Adam Clark Bill Blackley
Observers	
Xstrata Coal Queensland (XCQ)	Mike Wilke Kate Campbell Brian French Rick Matthews Naomi Golden
Apologies	Melissa Nobbs Vaughn Becker Cecilia Donohoe

Item	Speaker
1. Introduction	Kate Campbell (KC), Community Relations Manager
Agenda	
2. Review of previous minutes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • KC went through the minutes of the July 2011 meeting and Neville Stiller's (NS) changes were noted: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - NS: Asked about progress on washdown facility and reported that XCQ representatives arrived at his property without a washdown certificate • Bill Blackley asked what does 'hard washdown' mean? 	KC

<p>3. Previous actions to follow up</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • KC answered Helen Devlin's question from the last meeting re: approvals for dams. • One Arm Man Creek Bridge – XCQ are in consultation with Department of Main Roads, who are waiting to see what XCQ are doing with regards to the whole project. • Surat Basin Rail (SBR) – maps of the project were requested; KC advised XCQ had an Surat Basin Rail map for anyone to view and maps are also available from their website www.suratbasinrail.com.au • Sandy Creek Bridge – What happens to landholder access in times of flood? Landholders will be allowed escorted access through the mine. 	<p>KC</p>
<p>4. Project update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MW gave an update on project status, which included: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Land Court - Quarry - Airport - Temporary camp - Sample pit - Overlapping tenements agreements with CSG companies - Wandoan Extended 	<p>Mike Wilke (MW), Project Director</p>
<p>5. Community Relations update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • High Management Zone – Agreement between the Wandoan District Liaison Committee and XCQ was officially signed • Progress of XCQ's Corporate Social Involvement projects: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Education: The Science Centre at Wandoan State School was officially launched - Health: Toowoomba branch of Qld Health progressing planning – aiming for sod-turning event in Feb/Mar 2012 • ICN (Industry Capability Network) is an organisation XCQ is working with to provide opportunities for local suppliers and sub-contractors to participate in the project • Site tour to Xstrata Coal's New South Wales (XCN) sites to view rehabilitation works and meet with locals who live within close proximity to mines – visited Mount Owen Mine and Mangoola Mine. 	<p>KC</p>
<p>6. Other business</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Next meeting date – to be advised 	<p>All</p>
<p>7. General discussions and issues</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Creek diversions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Adam Clark (AC) commented creek diversions do not work - Louise Oakman asked if XCQ are still looking at diverting creeks? Yes, but not straight away and there is still an approval process to follow. 	<p>All</p>

- AC also suggested another trip to visit Rolleston – Helen Devlin suggested the whole CRG be invited on trip

- Offsets

- AC is worried that the district will be left with nothing if offsets are not agreed on. KC responded that it is a mandatory government requirement that XCQ must provide offsets.
- Bill Blackley (BB) asked if it was correct that XCQ cannot use its own Mining Lease area for offsets? He commented that the rehabilitated areas in the NSW sites visited looked great and the Wandoan project team should be pushing that XCQ should be able to use their Mining Lease areas for offsets – the rules need to be changed.
- Brian French answered we could do it but it wouldn't be counted. BB thinks the CRG should push the issue through Ag Force.
- Mike Wilke discussed the Biodiversity Offset Strategy – XCQ has to produce one as well as a rehabilitation strategy. The rules surrounding offsets do not allow XCQ to grow their own offsets. XCQ are starting to meet with the Commonwealth Government on a regular basis, concerning offsets.

- Site tour to Xstrata Coal's New South Wales (XCN) sites

- Bill Blackley (BB) talked about the site tour, commenting that the Mount Owen Mine was a Forestry Lease prior to mining and has been successfully returned to forestry. BB said the pasture was as good a stand of grass as you'd get anywhere – Rhodes Grass as well as Medics and Lucerne. BB encouraged XCN to do grazing trials on their rehabilitated land. He was concerned about the steepness of some sites but overall was surprised by the results he saw.
- BB commented on the Mangoola Mine, saying that the rules in NSW were different to Qld and that surrounding landholders could trigger their own acquisition when they wanted to. Dust was evident but not a major problem; according to Fiona, a landholder who lives next to the Mangoola Mine and is a member of their CRG.
- Graham O'Mara (GO) said he spoke to businesspeople in the towns who were mostly positive, but did speak to a woman in Denman who was going to have to move unwillingly as she could not afford the rent. GO also said the mines did not appear to be hiding anything. He liked the idea that the workforce had set percentages allocated to different criteria eg cleanskins, women.
- Ian Staines also appreciated the trip and praised XCN's rehabilitation efforts.
- There were comments about how site tour attendees were chosen/should have been chosen.

- Fire management
 - General discussion surrounding fire at Pukallus's property.
 - Neville Stiller asked if XCQ had a Fire Management Plan – Rick Matthews explained that the plan is being developed and XCQ is grading all our properties.
 - BB suggested part of the EIS for Wandoan Extended should be a Fire Management Plan

- XCQ's Corporate Social Involvement projects
 - Bryan Power (BP) talked about the Education partnership and said it was a great success, and hoped for more partnerships with the traineeships. The Science Centre is progressing well.
 - BP asked about renegotiating and continuing the agreement if XCQ gets approval for the mine. He has some ideas for encouraging students to remain at Wandoan State School.
 - Louise Oakman said the school staff are starting to see a difference with the XCQ support. Every child can now afford to be involved in camps, excursions etc. The Lab Assistant and resources to buy new materials are also greatly appreciated.
 - Marion Randall talked about the Health partnership, and said Native Title on the land for the new Outpatients Clinic has been extinguished and is ready to be used

- Miscellaneous
 - KC reiterated that it was part of the CRG members roles to pass on info to their respective organisations
 - Ian Staines asked if the project's financial close had been pushed back to end of 2012? No – XCQ is going through the Land Court and approvals processes; financial close is dependent on the government approvals.
 - XCQ's lessees are not maintaining the property fences - what can be done? XCQ are aware of the problem and trying to rectify it.

Meeting closed: 7.30 pm