



Wandoan Project Community Reference Group

Confirmed Meeting Notes
29 May 2008

Wandoan Cultural Centre

Members :	Kate Campbell	Xstrata Coal Queensland (XCQ)
	Rob Thatcher	Xstrata Coal Queensland (XCQ)
	Jon Romke	Xstrata Coal Queensland (XCQ)
	Des Morris	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
	Mike Smith	Queensland Fire and Rescue - Area 5
	Vaugh 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
	Anthea Patch	AgForce
	Cecilia Donohoe	
Bill Blackley		
Michael Mutze	Department of Housing	
Cr Ian Staines	Dalby Regional Council	

Attendees : Vaugh Becker, Adam Clark, Cr Cecilia Donohoe, Graeme O'Mara, Marion Randall, Louise Oakman, Mike Smith, Anthea Patch, Leesa Rathbone, Evan Thelander, John Bosward, Mike Smith, Bill Blackley, Helen Devlin, Jon Romke, Ken Esson, Des Morris, Mike Mutze, Ian Staines Kate Campbell, Rob Thatcher; Amanda Campbell

Apologies: Chris Guteridge

Distribution: XCQ, PB and CRG representatives

Item no.	Description	Action	Responsibility
1	New Community Reference Group (CRG) members were introduced to the group.		
2	Minutes were accepted from last meeting		
3	Rob Thatcher explained briefly that Xstrata is finalising rail infrastructure. Xstrata is reviewing the implications for a wash-down facility in Wandoan and Dalby. Recommended that XCQ talk to Dalby Regional Council regarding specifications and location.	XCQ to talk to DRC	
4	<p>Rob Thatcher presented a project update. This included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Advising that the EIS is expected to be ready by August and September ➤ Discussed Kate Campbell's role and the EIS preparation ➤ Explained drilling operations – one will be on-site and another person on the EPS. ➤ Land – valuations and negotiations - five are under contract, two purchased, 15 still being negotiated. ➤ Mining – 30MTP – 40MT ➤ Reviewed the coal handling preparation plant and were informed 205L per tonne to wash. ➤ Approvals process <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ EPBC referral approved ➤ Aiming to have this all finalised and approved before the end of 2009 ➤ Reviewed cultural heritage issues ➤ Discussed site infrastructure <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ staffing numbers increased to approximately 700 from 600 as discussed at the first meeting ○ currently finalising accommodation and town numbers ○ managers accommodation will be in town at this stage ➤ Reviewing road re-routing <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ working on the assumption that property owners will not sell. ➤ May look at GAB as a short term supply ➤ Proposed CSM water pipelines has two alignments which are south and west ➤ Power supply – there are currently two options, state grid and on site CSG station ➤ Sample Pit haulage – was planning discussed with Main Roads ➤ The sample pit is probably the first of several ➤ Sample pit <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ would like XCQ to conduct tours on a Friday and Saturday ○ include information in school newsletter ○ Landcare newsletter also available to use for promotional information if need be 		

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	<p>Amanda Campbell presented information about consultation activities to date</p> <p>Kate Campbell presented consultation activities moving forward.</p>		
5	<p>Issues raised by CRG representatives on behalf of their groups.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Helen Devin <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Do property owners have to sell 'freehold' or just normal sale process? ○ Bill Blackley <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - questioned if people have had time to look at rail infrastructure maps and other related materials - airport- questioned whether Xstrata should investigate building an airstrip next to the mine as they are looking into fly-in/fly-out operations - water supply – looking at GAB as short term supply and the use for Glebe Weir should it be raised - noted that Wandoan will need extra water eventually and all the options need to be considered - map of water pipeline should be sent to Dalby Regional Council for input - advised that blasting is likely to damage bores. ○ Louise Oakman <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - questioned the use of a running a common use corridor for the pipeline and rail infrastructure - suggested it would be more beneficial for common use to occur - questioned if this would require the corridor being a wider easement 		
6	<p>General discussion on potential housing and development planning in Wandoan</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Graeme O'Mara <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - there has been no development in Wandoan for years - there needs to be controlled planning of development for the area ○ Michael Mutze <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Department of Housing has a private Housing Planning Division that would be available to do this work for local land planning if required. 		
7	<p>Continuance of issues raised by CRG representatives on behalf of their groups:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ John Bosward <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - raised issues about Wandoan State School and the need to establish long-term relationships with XCQ for career pathways and training. - discussed the importance of school-based apprenticeships and 		

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	<p>the financial support for trade centre apprentices in Taroom and Miles.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - discussed the work courses being conducted at Emerald TAFE - need to keep Department of Education informed on future impacts - school currently has 120 students enrolled at the moment. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Mike Smith <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - raised issue of needing to re-establish boundaries with regards to fire brigades that will be affected by Project - need to send plan through so fire brigade areas can be mapped and compared - need for fire response trailers to be purchased. o Helen Devin <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - raised issue of speculation in community around town planning, particularly of rumours that building is to occur next to town swimming pool - has concerns regarding the town plan and timing of this. - Noted the rumours circulating within Wandoan. - Would like information regarding dust due to the mines proximity to Wandoan o Evan Thelander <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Concerns about rubbish being thrown into QAS yards when drillers are walking home from the pub of an evening - No issues otherwise. o Cecilia Donohoe on behalf of Northern Downs Health Council <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - expressed concern with regard to the width of buffer area only being 500m and the impact of dust on town - questioned the use of CSM water and its use for only washing coal and to suppress dust - questioned if there were health risks from this type of water should it come into contact with people. o Adam Clark <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - noted that the main concern is water and what to do regarding the treatment of gas water and the avoidance of environmental issues - the over-arching WPS has developed a group to mitigate these issues. o Anthea Patch <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - issues relating to valuation timeframes with particular landholders - appreciates 1800 number being in place for property owners to access information 24 hours a day, seven days a week. 	<p>Send plan through so that it can be mapped and compared. XCQ to invite SBR to present information</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">XCQ</p>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Leesa Rathbone <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - concerned that property owners still have not been advised on rail options and that there has only been one meeting held - questioned why XCQ donated money to the Taroom Show - thanked XCQ for their donation and support of the Wandoan Show - appreciated the “Guess the weight of the coal” competition and thought it was a success. - has general concerns for the town, the hygiene of the drillers and the intimidation felt within the community as a result of new people being in the community. ○ Marion Randall <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - XCQ meeting with Marion regarding the impact the mine is going to have on health services and what services will be offered at the mine site. ○ Louise Oakman <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Wants XCQ to recognise that Wandoan should benefit from the mine not the other surrounding towns. - worried that people will live in surrounding towns rather than Wandoan - looking forward to the school sample pit trip and CRG visit to Rolleston. ○ Graeme O’Mara <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - questioned who controls the buffer zone around the mine - questioned the location of the airport and the possibility of not of exclusive use for XCQ - timing of the sample pit and planned activities - questioned if there was any commercial use for the salt extracted from the CSM water. ○ Vaugh Becker <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - noted that a lot has been reviewed at this meeting - concerned about the possible affect on Council staff numbers and related issues - discussed traffic in Wandoan if coal haulage was to continue long-term Michael Mutze <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Department of Housing can offer a lot more than just public housing – native title, training and other - noted the potential impacts to Toowoomba - the region has one of the lowest demand areas for public housing, this hasn’t changed for the past six years. - does not expect to be putting new stock in the area if there is currently no data to support demand at the moment 	<p style="text-align: center;">Mike to look into what developers ‘can/can’t do’ – e.g. consent for planning</p>	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Ian Staines - commented on wash-down facilities and road planning ○ Roxanne Blackley - raised issues regarding dust impacts to pastures 		
	<p><u>Actions to be followed up:</u> Confirm Rolleston site visit</p> <p>Next meeting - August</p>	XCQ/PB	