



Wandoan Project Community Reference Group

**Meeting Notes
17 October 2007**

Wandoan Cultural Centre

- Members :**
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| Bill McKinstrey | Xstrata Coal Queensland (XCQ) |
| Rob Thatcher | Xstrata Coal Queensland (XCQ) |
| Naomi Holmes | PB |
| Amanda Campbell | PB |
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| Naomi Golden | Lane Infrastructure |
| Helen Devlin | Wandoan Chamber of Commerce |
| Graeme O'Mara | Wandoan Progress Association |
| Neil Goodman | Queensland Fire and Rescue - Area 5 |
| Jos Mitchell | 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 |
| Ben Gaske | Wandoan State School |
| Mike and Tom | Queensland Ambulance Service |
| Anthea Patch | AgForce |
| Cr Cecilia Donohoe | Taroom Shire Council |
| Cr Bill Blackley | Taroom Shire Council |
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| Attendees : | |
| Cr Don Stiller | Taroom Shire Council |
| John Erbacher | Agforce |
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| Apologies : | |
| Evan Thelander | Queensland Ambulance Service |
| Wendy Masters | Department of Housing |

Distribution: XCQ, PB and CRG representatives

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1	Bill McKinstrey and the project team members welcomed the CRG representatives. He outlined his expectations of the CRG and invited all other members to give a brief description of their history and expectations. Introductions for each member followed.		
2	Rob Thatcher introduced the Project and explained Taroom Shire Council's representation at the meeting and their role as community representatives.		
3	Naomi Holmes introduced the Charter and its purpose for CRG		

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	representation. Charter adopted as stands. No objections recorded.		
4	The general role of the CRG was discussed and Adam Clark asked if a local community expert could be brought to future meetings to present. Rob Thatcher explained that experts could be invited by the CRG at any stage.		
5	Anthea Patch requested that a representative associated with water issues be appointed to the CRG, as this is a key issue for the Wandoan area.	Explore possible representatives	Anthea Patch
6	The CRG discussed the reasoning for why property owners are not included in the CRG membership. It was raised that many property owners are important contributors to the community and they would not be recognised or heard through this process. Rob Thatcher noted that property owners were important however issues facing them were more sensitive than what the CRG is focussing on. It was also noted that property owners would be engaged through additional consultation processes.		
7	The CRG Chairman was appointed – Rob Thatcher		
8	<p>Project presentation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Questions raised during the presentation related to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▸ the size of the Wandoan Project compared to the Rolleston Mine ▸ concerns with the property owner consultation and resumption process as those affected cannot plan for the future until they know whether their property is required. This leads to uncertainty for these families ▸ the proximity of proposed mine site to the Wandoan township ▸ the rehabilitation process for the mine site ▸ a wet or dry mess at the proposed camp ▸ a 24-hour rotation process for mine operation ▸ fatigue management process for the workforce ▸ the likelihood of increased traffic on local roads due to workforce members travelling to and from the site ▸ timing of official notification for land requirements ▸ transferring “capital gains” within two years ▸ concerns that Cultural Heritage notification (Part 7 & notices) and 	Will be addressed in EIS	XCQ

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	<p>“European history” has not been considered to date. Soilder settler properties are an important part of local history.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ public access to the EIS - EIS to be advertising and on display ▶ the possible affect of salt water from the coal seams ▶ possible plans for use of water from the Great Artesian Basin for the construction of the mine ▶ construction timeframes ▶ permits for XCQ use of water ▶ XCQ plans for not affecting the Great Artesian Basin water supply for local properties. 		
9	<p>Issues raised by CRG representatives on behalf of their groups.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Ben Gaske <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ No issues from the Wandoan State School at this stage. Training and involving young people in the project is important. ▪ Neil Goodman <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Queensland Fire and Rescue is interested in the size and scope of plans for services in region. ▪ Bill Blackley <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ The community needs to look at what the area will require should the mine go ahead and the upgrade of services such as health, schooling for years 11 and 12, and general community infrastructure. ▶ XCQ need to consider the impact on properties when deciding on a possible water source. Need to ensure properties aren't impacted if they go with the use of Artesian bore water. ▪ Marion Randall <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Further information is needed on whether the mine will have paramedics or medical assistance on site. ▪ Roxanne Blackley <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Landcare's main concern is the impact on previous and current rehabilitation projects in the area ▶ Weed management is a key issue ▶ Reviewing flood modelling and its possible impacts on the other 	<p>Discuss flood modelling and site rehabilitation sites with XCQ</p>	<p>Roxanne Blackley</p>

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	<p>landholders in the catchment (especially Upper Juandah) is important for Landcare members.</p> <p>Landcare, in the past, has coordinated community based natural resource monitoring including water quality monitoring ("Sediment Watch" program supported by NRW).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Chris Guteridge <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Interested in the size of the project and the impact it will have on the general feel of the community. Wandoan is currently a great community that is concerned about possible impacts ▶ Interested in meeting with police in Rolleston to discuss handling of mines up there. ▪ Helen Devlin <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Concerned about living in close proximity to a mine ▶ Concerned about environmental impacts ▶ Concerned about European heritage of area and preservation of "soldiers' blocks". ▪ Anthea Patch <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Representing property owners and the impacts this mine will have ▶ Concerned that property owners will sell to XCQ and the mine then doesn't go ahead. This will leave property owners with concerns about whether to come back to the area ▶ interested in proposed project timings so that owners will know when they are required to move off properties. ▶ Concerned about the proposed buffer zone surrounding the mine site, questioned whether this will be enough for remaining properties. ▶ Water should be addressed appropriately. ▪ Graeme O'Mara <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Questioned the possibility of a power station and whether it would be built for mine use or become part of the state grid ▶ Questioned whether contractors working at the mine would be sourced from Wandoan or would move to the area ▶ Questioned whether populations at Rolleston and Springsure 	<p>Contact to be made with police in Rolleston</p> <p>Response relating to population growth to be provided at next meeting</p> <p>Site visit to Rolleston to be arranged early next year.</p>	<p>Chris Guteridge</p> <p>Bill McKinstrey</p> <p>Bill McKinstrey</p>

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	<p>increased since the mine opened</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▸ Questioned whether financial incentives for employees to build or buy in the town are offered <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Cecilia Donohoe <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▸ Property owners are concerned about what is going to happen to them and the land should the mine not open. ▸ Concerned that the properties will be put back up for sale and the market is suddenly flooded, impacting remaining property values. ▪ Adam Clark <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▸ Main concern is environmental impacts on water and riparian corridors ▸ Would like another CRG meeting held before Christmas ▸ Requested that the CRG should visit Rolleston to understand how the mine has been placed and villages structured. ▪ Don Stiller <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▸ Appreciates the opportunity to represent the community at the meeting ▸ Concerned with the long-term governance of the area due to amalgamations. ▸ Indicated that there should be a local structure to ensure the welfare of the local area and ensure future best practices are put in place. ▪ Naomi Golden <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▸ Raised site rehabilitation and revegetation processes ▪ Louise Oakman <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▸ Indicated that Wandoan should not be viewed as Rolleston, where all infrastructure and improvements have taken place in Springsure rather than to the town that is dealing with the mine. ▸ Despite concerns would like to see Wandoan benefit, not just Taroom or Miles. ▸ Also believes it would be beneficial if the CRG could visit Rolleston. ▪ Leesa Rathbone 		

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▸ Concerned that Wandoan will change. ▸ The area is currently a great environment for families and children and there is concern about the people that may move to the town as a result of the mine. ▸ Concerned about air quality. ▸ Concerned about the loss of impacted property owners from the area, as they are valuable community contributors. 		
10	<p>All members agreed to have their names included in the next newsletter as local contact points. Property owner meetings run by CoG in relation to property owner impacts will be conducted shortly and the next newsletter should be released in late November.</p>		
	<p>Next CRG Meeting – first week in February 2008 <u>Actions to be followed up:</u> The timing for a site visit to Rolleston will be agreed to at the next CRG meeting.</p>		