



**MINUTES OF THE COMMUNITY CONSULTATIVE
COMMITTEE MEETING HELD AT LIDDELL COAL
PREPARATION PLANT 7 December 2007**



PRESENT: Julie Clydesdale (Community Representative), John Douglas (MSC - Chairperson), Brian Thomas (SSC), Samantha Spicer (MSC), Ebony Duggan (MSC), Grant Farrar (LCO), Wade Covey (LCO), Kirsty Davies (LCO – Umwelt)

1 INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 The meeting opened at 10.15 am
- 1.2 APOLOGIES: Bill Langdon (SSC), Chris Gidney (MSC)
- Moved by Wade Covey, seconded by John Douglas.

2 GENERAL EMERGENCY RESPONSE PROCEDURES

- 2.1 In the event of a safety emergency evacuation, procedure is to follow Grant Farrar and Wade Covey out to the declared Muster Area in the Car Park.

3 PECUNIARY INTEREST DECLARATION

- 3.1 Nil

4 PREVIOUS MINUTES

- 4.1 The Minutes of the Meeting held on 14 November 2006 were confirmed as a true and accurate record.

Moved by John Douglas, seconded by Brian Thomas.

5 BUSINESS ARISING

- 5.1 John Douglas acknowledged the passing of Ed Wegner. Ed had been the Liddell Coal Environment and Community Coordinator since 2002. Ed tragically passed away in October 2007 and is survived by three children.
- 5.2 There was a discussion on the requirements for the Liddell Coal CCC, as defined under the new consent for DA 305-11-01 and the requirement of additional community representatives. Wade Covey tabled a copy of the relevant consent condition for the committee. Julie Clydesdale inquired whether specific residents could be targeted to join the CCC. Wade Covey indicated that face to face consultation would occur

throughout 2008 and advertisements would be placed in both the Muswellbrook Council newsletter and the Liddell Coal Update. Grant Farrar also indicated that Liddell may look to place an advertisement in the local paper to recruit community representatives.

- 5.3 Wade Covey informed the committee of Gwyn Davis' resignation. Gwyn has resigned from the CCC due to his relocation to the Central Coast. MSC has acknowledged Gwyns resignation.
- 5.4 Wade Covey informed the CCC that a community newsletter was currently under development. Julie Clydesdale inquired about the recipients of the newsletter. Wade Covey indicated that a bulk mail out for the greater Ravensworth area would be undertaken, along with copies sent to Muswellbrook Council, Singleton Council, employees and relevant government departments.
- 5.5 A review of Liddell Coal's Operations was presented by Grant Farrar and Wade Covey. The following items were discussed:
 - Safety Performance;
 - Production Performance;
 - Modification to Development Consent;
 - Environmental Performance;
 - Environmental Review, including:
 - Air quality
 - Env Incidents;
 - Blasting;
 - Noise;
 - Water;
 - Rehabilitation;
 - Community Involvement.
- 5.6 Grant Farrar informed the committee that Liddell has experienced 4 Total Recordable Injuries (TRI) since the last meeting. Reportable injuries are reported as a total for Liddell CHPP and the mining contractors Hunter Valley Earthmoving (HVE).
- 5.7 Grant Farrar informed the committee that Liddell was granted a modification to development consent on 18 July 2007. The major modifications to the development consent were discussed.
- 5.8 Wade Covey informed the committee that one community complaint had been received through the Department of Environment and Climate Change (DECC). Results of the investigation concluded that the complaint was relating to steam arising from the Railway Pit overburden dumps. It was determined that the steam being emitted from the Railway Pit overburden dump was due to hot overburden material mined from the Liddell Seam. Liddell Coal explained that a section on within its upcoming community newsletter will explain steam generation from the handling of hot material from its operations.
- 5.9 Wade Covey informed the committee that 6 environmental incidents have occurred YTD. Three incidents were related to water, two to hydrocarbon spills and one related to blasting. Details of the environmental incidents were provided to the committee.
- 5.10 Wade Covey discussed TSP and PM₁₀ exceedances at Ravensworth Farm. Exceedances for TSP and PM₁₀ were recorded on 2 October 2007.

- 5.11 Samantha Spicer inquired about the fines contract that Liddell Coal held with Macquarie Generation asking if the contract with Macquarie Generation was not renewed, would the site be rehabilitated. Grant Farrar explained that the site would be rehabilitated as soon as it became available. Grant explained that there is still some coal remaining in the Railway Block and the site may be utilised for tailings. However, the Railway Block will be rehabilitated irrespective of future activities.
- 5.12 Brian Thomas enquired about the rehabilitation targets for the next reporting period. Wade Covey suggested that Liddell are currently aiming to complete 60 ha of rehabilitation in the next reporting period in accordance with the current Mining Operations Plan. At this stage Liddell believes that the target is achievable. Mark Burns (GSS), a rehabilitation specialist, has been engaged by Liddell to assess existing rehabilitation and assist in future rehabilitation plans on site. The majority of rehabilitation activities are forecasted to occur in mid-2008.
- 5.13 A summary of the community contributions made by Liddell Coal since the last meeting were provided to the committee.
- 5.14 Julie Clydesdale indicated that wild dogs are an issue for local residents. Wild dogs have been observed within Liddell's landholdings especially around the Mountain Block region. Julie enquired as to whether Liddell could assist with wild dog control. Grant Farrar indicated that Liddell would make the commitment to assist. Wade Covey explained that Liddell would make enquiries about engaging a specialist that has had successful results at Ravensworth.
- 5.15 Julie Clydesdale also inquired about weed control in the area. Julie indicated that the local community is having problems with weed control, for example the old Booth property has infestations of St John's wart. Julie also indicated that other Xstrata owned sites are having problems with weed control. Wade Covey indicated that he would contact relevant sites and discuss Julie's concerns. Wade Covey also indicated that Liddell would be undertaking weed management activities next year and would be focusing on controlling noxious weeds such as St Johns Wort.
- 5.16 Julie Clydesdale indicated that 3 blocks of land are currently for sale near the Davis property. Wade Covey explained that he was unaware of this and would approach Macquarie Generation for an explanation.

6 CORRESPONDENCE

- 6.1 Gwyn Davis, CCC Community Representative, tendered his resignation on 4 October 2007.

Moved by Samantha Spicer, seconded by Julie Clydesdale.

7 GENERAL BUSINESS

- 7.1 Nil

8 ACTION ITEMS

- 8.1 A copy of the Liddell Coal Update is to be distributed to the CCC members.
- 8.2 An advertisement for community representatives is to be included in the next edition of the Liddell Coal Update on the CCC. The advertisement will include a description of the commitment required to be part of the CCC.
- 8.3 Liddell will include a section in the upcoming newsletter regarding steam generation from the handling of hot material from its operations.
- 8.4 Liddell will contact other Xstrata site representatives in regards to weed management.
- 8.5 Liddell will investigate wild dog control measures to assist local residents.
- 8.6 Wade Covey to investigate 3 blocks of land for sale near the Davis property.

9 BUSINESS FOR NEXT MEETING

- 9.1 No scheduled business issues raised.

10 NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING

The next scheduled meeting is set down for Friday 4 April 2008 at the Liddell Coal Preparation Plant.

The next meeting will include a tour of the mine site.

The meeting concluded at 12.15 pm. A site tour was conducted at the completion of the meeting.