



MINUTES OF THE COMMUNITY CONSULTATIVE
COMMITTEE MEETING HELD AT LIDDELL COAL
PREPARATION PLANT 8 FEBRUARY 2005

PRESENT: John Douglas, Bill Langdon, Julie Clydsdale, Trevor Wells, Ed Wegner.

IN ATTENDANCE: Michelle Nicholls.

1 INTRODUCTION

1.1 The meeting opened at 9:15 am.

1.2 APOLOGIES: Gwyn Davis

Moved by Bill Langdon, seconded by Ed Wegner.

2 PECUNIARY INTEREST DECLARATION

2.1 Nil.

3 PREVIOUS MINUTES

3.1 The Minutes of the Meeting held on 1 June 2004 were confirmed as a true and accurate record.

Moved by Julie Clydsdale, seconded by Bill Langdon.

4 BUSINESS ARISING

4.1 **It was noted** that a letter in response to Mr Thomas' letter of 3 December was prepared and forwarded, as instructed at the previous meeting.

5 GENERAL BUSINESS

- 5.1 Julie Clydsdale noted weed control is required in some areas around Liddell, particularly St John's Wort near Hillcrest and Pampas Grass in other areas. Ed Wegner advised that weed control activities had been undertaken in November 2004 for St John's Wort and Pampas Grass and that further control activities in other areas are scheduled throughout the year.
- 5.2 A copy of the Liddell Coal Operations newsletter was handed out. Ed Wegner asked if all committee members had received it and whether there are any comments?

John Douglas asked whether the newsletter could be printed over 4 pages (A3 folded) rather than 2 pages, as the writing was difficult to read due to the small font size used.

It was also noted that Bill Langdon should be noted as a Council representative rather than a community representative.

It was confirmed that there are currently only two community representatives on the committee at present, those being; Gwyn Davis and Julie Clydsdale. Councillor Douglas suggested that it would prove beneficial if Environmental Officers from respective Councils could attend from time to time, to comment on significant environmental issues as they arise.

- 5.3 The Liddell Coal Operations Review was presented by Trevor Wells and Ed Wegner. A copy of the presentation was handed out to the Attendees. The following items were discussed:
- Safety Performance;
 - Environmental Performance;
 - Production Performance;
 - Environmental Review (Annual Environmental Report) - Monitoring Air, Noise, Blasting and Water.

Noted that the environmental incident in May 2004 was in regard to a blast exceedance, whereby there was a ground vibration exceedance on a concrete power pole. The blasting protocol has been revised and the power pole inspected by an Energy Australia representative. The incident is a Category 1 (minor level exceedance/technical breach) and is not required to be reported externally, other than the AEMR.

Noted that the Total Suspended Solids Monitoring on 25/26 August 2003 had an exceedance for approximately 1 hour, due to it being the first discharge of the year. The water was not toxic, but cloudy due to entrained sediment. The incident was required to be reported in the company's Annual Return and additional information was requested by the EPA. The EPA reported that in this instance they would not take any further action, however they will continue to monitor all discharge operations. Further, appropriate controls should be executed to avoid a reoccurrence.

Further it was noted that the pH monitoring displayed an exceedance on 27 February where the pH was 9.04, while the licence limit is 9.00. A full explanation was provided by Ed Wegner.

- 5.4 Julie Clydsdale enquired as to progress with the Mountain Block rehabilitation project. Ed Wegner advised the project was going according to schedule. The committee was advised that the lower area will be completed first and the mountain face or

escarpment would be completed last, and within approximately 18 months. LCO is planning to hydro-seed specific areas to ensure rehabilitation stability.

- 5.5 A site tour was arranged for all in attendance, at the conclusion of the meeting. As Julie Clydsdale and Gwyn Davis were unable to participate, it was suggested that an alternative inspection should be arranged at a later date and time that is mutually suitable.

6 BUSINESS FOR NEXT MEETING

- 6.1 Nil reported.

7 NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING

- 7.1 The next scheduled meeting is set down for the Wednesday 12 October 2005 at 5:30PM at the Liddell Coal Preparation Plant.

There being no further business, the meeting concluded at 10:17 am.

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Chairman

ACTION ITEMS

Nil.