

MINUTES OF CALGA COMMUNITY CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE MEETING



Meeting Date: Monday, 16 April 2012 commenced approx 5.10pm

Venue: Rocla Quarry

Present: Tony Tuxworth (Chairperson)
Pat McCue (Rocla)
Paul Slough (Rocla)
Alex Echt (Rocla)
Graeme Ausburn (Community Representative)
Tassin Barnard (Community Representative)
Helen Simmonds (Community Representative)
Julie Renshaw (Minute taker)
Terri Thomson (Community Representative)

Apologies: Margaret Pontifex

A short site tour of the quarry was carried out with an explanation of current operations.

Prior to the commencement of the meeting, the three (3) -community representatives who had been present at the October 2011 meeting sort permission from the Committee and the Chairman to voice-record the proceedings of the meeting as per the NSW Dept of Planning document "Guidelines for establishing and operating community consultative committees for mining projects" which says that meetings can be taped with the permission of the Committee and the Chairman.

Pat McHugh, on behalf of Rocla, refused to agree for personal reasons and Rocla need to be given an opportunity to review the relevant legislation.

Tassin felt that there were more compelling reasons to tape minutes from now on due to the inability to agree with what was allegedly discussed in previous meetings, particularly the meeting of 18 October 2011.

It was agreed to not record the (16th April 2012) meeting, but this topic will be the first agenda item of the next meeting.

Item 1

Minutes of Previous meeting held 19 September 2011

It was agreed that the minutes of the September meeting were sufficiently accurate.

Moved: Graeme Ausburn **Seconded:** Tassin Barnard

Minutes of Previous meeting held 19 October 2011

The three (3) community representatives who had been present at the October 2011 meeting stated that they did not agree with the minutes of that meeting on the basis that relevant material had been omitted. They distributed a copy of their original feedback on the minutes with relevant areas highlighted which they wanted included in the final version of the minutes. After some discussion the Chairman proposed that the Committee review the matters highlighted by the community representatives and endeavour to amend the minutes to the satisfaction of all members. It was agreed that the minutes be reviewed.

The matters were discussed which resulted in the minutes being amended to the satisfaction of the members of the committee.

These changes are reflected in the attached amended October 2011 meeting minutes.

Item 2 – Non compliances

Paul Slough advised that Rocla's routine noise monitoring in December identified a non-compliance which was investigated and found to be caused by a noisy pump. He advised that it had been repaired and retested in February and was found to be in compliance.

Rocla is working with Government Department to try to resolve the issues (non-compliance) identified in the Umwelt Report.

Item 3 – Current operation of quarry

- Operating in Cell 3/3 (Dams 10, 11 & 12) – Extracting and silt going to Cells 3/1, 3/2 A & B. Part of the area in cell 3/3 occupied by dams will not be mined as bottom of dams is lower than expected.
- Mobile screen plant has been moved from Cell 3/4 to Cell 3/6
- Stripping overburden from end of Stage 3
- In the process of finalising the haul road (road through silt dams)

Item 4 – Rehabilitation

Paul advised the following:

- A small portion of rehabilitation on the existing bund wall had been carried out with the replanting of larger gum trees proving a better option than the smaller species that was planted previously.
- The quarterly Rehabilitation Report needs to be completed. Rocla is not happy with the present Consultant and are looking to change consultant. The Report will include the assessment of animal habitat.
- Cumberland Ecology has been engaged to carry out an Ecology Assessment including noxious weeds and feral animals on the site. There was evidence of existing threatened species and this was to be investigated.
- Drainage – Diversion drainage is being provided on an ongoing basis.

Paul advised that they were running out of areas to rehabilitate. Rocla are looking into interested people to carry out weed control particularly in the front area of the site.

Action: Tony Tuxworth advised that he would obtain information regarding consultants who would carry out this type of weed control and pass on to Paul.

Item 5 – 2011 Annual Environmental Management Report Update

– 2012 Annual Environmental Management Report Update

Community representatives congratulated Rocla with the expedient issue of the AEMR.

2011 AEMR

The 2011 AEMR was discussed. The community representatives said that they had not yet been able to review it in its entirety and may subsequently bring other concerns to light but, in the interim, there were some issues that they wanted to raise. These were:-

Page 5 – Table 2.1 July (Received Water Access Licence 20WA211660 from NSW Office of Water)

The community representatives advised that 20WA211660 is not a Water Access License as claimed. A copy of 20WA211660 was supplied to the committee showing it is a Water Supply Works Approval which only permits a bore to be sunk. 20WA211660 does not permit the taking of water.

After discussion, it was agreed that the approval was for Water Management Works and not an actual Water Access Licence and Rocla advised that the AEMR will be amended accordingly.

Page 31 – 5.1.1 Umwelt Report (Item 2 – Water Access Licence)

Concern was raised by the community representatives regarding Water Access Licenses in that the nominated usage was not included in the AEMR.

Rocla representatives agreed that they have two (2) Water Access Licenses but no Licenses were obtained in 2011 in the period covered by the 2011 AEMR.

After discussion it was agreed that the AEMR should be amended accordingly.

Page 32 – (“Condition 3/19 [of Conditions of Consent] Overburden was removed from the Stage 3/6 area and stockpiled elsewhere on site. While no long term groundwater report has been undertaken, work has since ceased in this area.”

The committee members raised concern about the extent of overburden removal from Stage 3/6 contrary to condition 3/19. Excavation of this area may have also included the extraction of some sandstone.

Rocla advised that Department of Planning is satisfied with information submitted and Rocla is awaiting a response.

2012 AEMR

Rocla to prepare 2012 AEMR as soon as possible.

Item 6 – Review of Environmental Management Reports

- Noise assessment carried out quarterly – the noise assessment identified the noise exceedance from the pump.
- Dust assessment is carried out on a monthly basis – no issues have been identified.
- Groundwater testing carried out on a monthly basis – Paul advised that Rocla has collected levels & analysis data from fourteen (14) different groundwater bores, testing electro conductivity, ph levels, dissolved oxygen as outlined in Item 2. Paul advised that there were some issues with the operation of the loggers which record water levels in some of the bores. The loggers have been

sent away for analysis which had indicated that they were faulty. New loggers are on order and will be installed as soon as they are received.

- Paul advised the last Rehabilitation Report was carried out in August 2011, therefore due for another one soon and will be more comprehensive. (See Item 4)

No non-compliances were identified from the groundwater testing.

Item 5 – General Business

Tassin suggested that members of the committee have an alternate member to attend in their absence to avoid the inconvenience of having to reschedule meetings as per the NSW Dept of Planning document “Guidelines for establishing and operating community consultative committees for mining projects”. The committee agreed to this proposal, however, it is necessary to check Department of Planning’s rules and regulations before a decision is made. Tony Tuxworth to follow up.

Tassin also made an enquiry about what the process is for bringing along an observer to the meetings as per the NSW Dept of Planning document “Guidelines for establishing and operating community consultative committees for mining projects”. It was commented that it had been done in the past. It was decided to include this item in the next agenda for discussion.

Next meeting Monday 10 September 2012 at 5pm.

Meeting closed approximately 9.00pm