

Newnes Junction Sand Quarry & Kaolin Mine Project

Community Consultative Committee

These are re-constructed minutes of the seventh meeting of the CCC

Minutes of the seventh meeting – Wednesday 18th December 2013

Meeting held at Clarence Fire Shed at 6pm

Chairperson: Ms Sue Graves – independent chair

Attendees:

- Col Hunter – Councillor on Lithgow C.C
- Lauren Stevens – Lithgow C.C
- Jesse Percival – Clarence Colliery
- Ron Goldbery – Newnes Kaolin General Manager (NK GM)
- Tony Proust – Newnes Kaolin Environmental Manager (NK EM)

1. Welcome and apologies and minutes of previous meeting

- Declaration of pecuniary or other interests

Col Hunter advised that he is also a Trustee of the Dargans Creek Reserve Trust and is the Upper Macquarie representative for the HNCMA Local Government Advisory Panel.

- 1) Draft letter to the Minister - NKEM advised that letter sent to Minister – dated August 2013 - as agreed at previous meeting
- 2) Draft Facts sheet tabled

Col Hunter moved that the minutes of the previous meeting be accepted.

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2. Terms of Reference:

no changes required

3. Progress with the Environmental Management Strategy (EMS)

The MoU with the Forestry Corporation is still being finalised.

4. Progress at the Mine:

- NK GM advised that the groundwater monitoring program is on-going
- NK GM tabled a draft plan of the proposed processing site at St Marys in Sydney.

The site has rail access but on-going discussions are required before any final decision is made.

5. Projected time line to commencement of quarry operations

Once the processing site in Sydney is secured NK will start the design and construction phase at Newnes including access, site works, water management, conveyors and rail loader which is expected to take at least 12 months. This is likely to be in the second half of 2014.

6. Operations issues

NK EM confirmed that a prelim draft copy of the projects Pollution incident Response Management Plan (PIRMP), which is now required under the POEO Act, was being prepared and will be tabled at next meeting.

7. Issues arising from site inspections

Immediately prior to this meeting we held a project site inspection meeting to allow members of the CCC to familiarise themselves with the site. Attendees included the chair of the CCC Sue Graves and representatives of the Lithgow Community Nursery who will be collecting seed from the site for the propagation of tube stock for the site rehabilitation and landscaping.

8. Monitoring & environmental performance

NK has written to the NSW Office of Water – dated August 2013 – referencing the NSW Aquifer Interference Policy and provided additional information as required.

Groundwater and flora and fauna baseline data has been obtained and g/water monitoring will continue. The meteorological monitoring station has been installed as required. NK will investigate possible baseline dust monitoring prior to any further work on site. Need to refer to the Air Quality MP

9. Community complaints

There have been no complaints to date

NK have prepared a second Facts sheet which was tabled at the last meeting, made available to the Clarence Fire Shed and distributed to residents.

10. General Business

A draft letter to the Minister for Planning was previously tabled for discussion.

Sue Graves suggested a minor change which was confirmed by the previous meeting.

NK EM confirmed that the letter was sent in August.

11. Meeting closed 7pm

12. Next meeting June/July 2014 – details to be advised