

Newnes Junction Sand & Kaolin Project Kaolin mine and sand quarry Community Consultative Committee

Minutes of third meeting – Wednesday 7th December 2011

Meeting opened at 6pm at the Clarence Fire Shed

Chairperson: Ms Sue Graves

Attendees: Greg Brown (GB) – Clarence Colliery Environmental Coordinator (CC EO)

David McConnell – Newnes Junction resident
Sean Butler (SB) – Newnes Junction resident
Ron Goldbery (RG) – Newnes Kaolin General Manager (NK GM)
Skye Ellacott (SE) – Lithgow City Council
Tony Proust (TP) – Newnes Kaolin Environmental Manager (NK EM)

- 1) Introduction and welcome – chair
- 2) Apologies – Councillor C Hunter of Lithgow City Council
- 3) There were no declarations of pecuniary interest
- 4) Minutes of previous meeting
- 5) Business arising
 - a. No fact sheet prepared as previously planned due to project delays
 - b. Physical commencement of project achieved in March 2011 – details below
 - c. TP advised that the Department of Planning have signed off on the Noise, Air Quality and Rehabilitation plans. NK to undertake further investigation/consultative work prior to signoff of remainder of EMS.
 - d. TP advised that the DEC have inspected the site following the completion of the preliminary works as required under the Environmental Protection Licence
 - e. The Bathurst LALC have inspected the site and signed off .
 - f. RG provided an update on the compensatory habitat program with more details to come later.
 - g. RG detailed the proposed operations including the railing of raw material to Sydney to a site yet to be finalised.
 - h. SB raised issue of the Clarence Colliery reject emplacement area and asked about communication between the Colliery and NK
 - i. GB advised that Clarence Colliery follow appropriate pre clearing measures which are all detailed in the EMS

- j. SE raised issue of who appoints the Independent Dispute Facilitator (IDF) as detailed in the draft Dispute Resolution Process. TP advised that the DA consent specifies that the IDF is appointed by the Department in consultation with Council. Meeting agreed to amend step 2 in the Draft DRP to include “NK in consultation with the DoP and LCC must appoint an employee...”
- 6) Terms of reference and membership
No changes proposed
 - 7) Company reports and overview of activities:
 - a. Progress at the mine
 - i. Project overview. NK GM advised that preliminary works had been completed including the clearing of approximately 2500m² of vegetation for materials storage and site office and the construction of a small detention pond and appropriate erosion and sediment control measures. NK happy to arrange a site inspection in the future when appropriate.
 - ii. EMS: see details above
 - b. Operational issues – see details above
 - c. Issues arising from site inspections – there have been no site inspections to date.
 - d. Monitoring and environmental performance.
Nothing to report.
 - e. Community complaints and response.
SG raised the issue of the Draft Dispute Resolution process as tabled at the meeting.
Meeting resolved to adopt the DRP including changes suggested to step 2 by SE as above
 - f. Information provided to the community
NK GM agreed to arrange a site inspection at a suitable opportunity
 - 8) General business.

There being no general business the meeting closed at 7:15pm
 - 9) The next meeting will be on Wednesday March 21st 2012.

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