

MINUTES OF MEETING

STRATHALBYN COMMUNITY CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE

Thursday 21 February 2008

@ 7.00 pm

Senior Citizens Hall, 6 Parker Street, Strathalbyn

PRESENT:

Charles Irwin - Chair	Ben Brazzalotto	Fred Carrangis	Julia Currie
Barry Davis	Mike Farrier	Susan Jettner	Adrian Pederick MP
Roz Twartz	Anne Woolford		Gallery 6

PIRSA:

Hans Bailiht	Greg Marshall		
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TERRAMIN:

Jol Jardine	Sue-Ellen Cordon	Joe Mifsud	John Burgess
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APOLOGIES:

Ted Tyne	Trevor Riches	Andrew Robinson
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Meeting commented at 7.05pm

1.	Welcome by Chairman.
2.	Apologies were accepted.
3.	Minutes of the last meeting 15 November 2007 were accepted as true and correct record of the meeting. Trevor Riches has received a written response to his questions PIRSA's website still being updated however Alexandrina Council and Terramin are posting the minutes on their web sites.
	SACOME have presented a case on behalf of Terramin to Transport SA for the rezoning of the speed zone adjacent the mine site for a lower speed limit. This issue is still being pursued however this is becoming urgent as the road widening will need to be commenced on the ground by the end of March and design work is still required. By reducing the speed zone to 80kph, approximately half (40) of the trees in front of the mine site could be saved from being cut down. AP indicated that he would follow up the issue of the speed reduction proposal with the Minister for Road Safety and discuss the issue with other Ministers.

4.

Presentation by Terramin on Quarterly Environmental Monitoring Program 6# (which is for November and December 08 only, so that future reports will be realigned with the calendar year)

Please note that reports should be circulated at least one week prior to the SCCC meetings. Presentation by Joe Mifsud of Terramin

Quarterly Report No 6 from November & December 2007

Details of the report were presented in a powerpoint slide format and explained to the Committee.

There was a great deal of discussion regarding the presentation and details of the report, which did not appear to be clear (please see 15 November 07 minutes). The main points raised are as follows: -

Surface water

There were lengthy discussions on the MARP criteria of compliance of two standard deviations from the mean.

It was requested that when a result is recorded higher than the MARP criteria or extreme, an asterisk is placed there and an explanation should indicate the reason for this variance in the footnotes.

Groundwater

It was requested that the colour coding be such that there is a contrast between the colours shown.

It was explained that at times individual bores may not be tested due to technical reasons and the committee accepted this.

Dust

If the dust results are shown to be above the WHO Guidelines the company should provide answers as to why it occurred, how it was rectified and how it will be prevented from occurring again. This information should be detailed in all future reports.

Noise

Draft Guidelines for Construction noise 60db must not be used as noise limits are specified in the lease conditions which are 47dB day time and 40dB at night. This was also as outlined in the previous minutes of report #5.

Monitoring results provided to SCCC are “*continuous*” readings not “*peak*” readings.

Blast Monitoring

45 blasts were monitored from 13 Aug 07; all were within the MARP criteria. No actual results have been provided to the committee.

Fauna & Flora Monitoring

Blue Billed duck was rescued from a drilling sump. All native tube stock growing well.

Complaints Register

- 4 complaints concerning noise, blasting and entering property without permission.
 - 1 x Noise
 - 2 x Blasting complaints
 - 1 x entering property without permission

It was considered that the information provided requires more details as agreed at the November meeting and also an approximate distance between the mine and the complainant should be included.

More detail information will be emailed to members in the next few days.

Concerns with the term “*generally*” being used in reporting, which could indicate some non-compliance. Statements such as “*within or close to MARP*” should not be used, as this is a scientific report.

Break

8.45

It was requested that reporting of trends in the data would be most useful.

5.

Other Matters not covered by the Quarterly Report

PIRSA reported that it had only received one complaint in relation to the Angus Zinc mine which was on 17 February 08 and this related to noise and blasting issues. This was passed on to Terramin who have dealt with the issue to PIRSA's satisfaction.

Adrian Pederick MP also stated that his office has not received any complaints and he has heard that the complaints made to Terramin are addressed promptly and generally to the satisfaction of the complainant.

Terramin reported that as stope blasting commences (late July to August) significantly more vibration will be felt from the site. The community will be notified as stope blasting commences by advertisements in the local papers.

Approximately 200 – 250 visitors are coming per month to the viewing platform to observe the progress of the mining operations. Over the last two months there have been seven bus tours to the site.

The outer side of the TSF wall will be completed shortly by grading the surface to reduce the roughness this will then be planted and mulched by mid April.

Dragout is still an issue on the Callington – Strathalbyn Road. The wheel wash on the mine site is currently under construction. Watering the main access road has been stopped to reduce mud being brought out onto the main road. The main road is swept every Thursday at approximately 7am and if required this will also be done on an as required basis. It is programmed to have the bitumen access road completed by the end of April. **Terramin will provide a copy of the daily dragout report by Wilsons for the next meeting.**

Near Misses: - One reported on 16 November 07 vehicle departing the mine site and turning left on Callington road misjudged the speed of a vehicle coming in the same direction, had to slow down to allow the vehicle to overtake quickly to prevent an accident with an on coming concrete truck.

Terramin informed the SCCC that Safework SA, EPA and PIRSA who are checking that Terramin are complying with all government requirements have regularly inspected them.

Drug & alcohol testing is being conducted at the mine site, resulting in a number of subcontractor employees being barred from the site.

6.	<p>Presentation by Terramin on the mine work plan for the next 3 months.</p> <p>Jol Jardine presented the 'Gantt' chart of the Mine Capital Works Program schedule up to the beginning of August 08.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Decline is currently at 280m and progressing at a rate of 50m per week. • The single lining of the TSF is complete and currently working on the double lining including the leak detection system and facing the inside of the TSF wall with rock. • Decant tower work has commenced. • The TSF will be completed by mid May 08. • Crusher concrete foundations are nearing completion, the sag mill is in place, concentrate shed is being completed, wheelwash is under construction, and soon work will begin on the workshop areas. • Process Plant commissioning is expected to begin on 19 May and Stoping will commence July to August 08.
7.	<p>OTHER BUSINESS</p>
	<p><u>Structure of the committee</u></p> <p>The chairman noted that, as the mine moves through construction to the operation phase, the role of the committee should focus more on monitoring and referral (if required) and on two-way communication to the community. He noted that the committee is still a relatively large group, which should not be made unwieldy by unnecessary recruitment and that, at present; its membership appears to cover most areas of interest.</p> <p>Committee members had no specific suggestions for additional members or required areas of expertise at this time, with the possible exception of an Emergency Services representative, but this interface was thought best left to existing Terramin coordination. Required roles and skills are to be reviewed at intervals in future meetings</p>
	<p>The chairman requested that PIRSA provide a "<i>Report on the Compliance Status</i>" at future meetings of the SCCC reflecting PIRSA site inspections and any resulting correspondence between PIRSA and Terramin. This to be a brief verbal presentation to the committee which is intended to give the SCCC and the wider community confidence that the government is regularly monitoring the mine and is satisfied with its compliance with all relevant Lease and MARP conditions</p> <p>ACTION: This item should be placed on the next agenda.</p>
	<p>Terramin are currently calling tenders for the cartage contract to haul the zinc concentrate to Port Adelaide and lead concentrate to Port Pirie.</p>

	<p><u>Format of Environmental Report</u></p> <p>It was noted that, in the November 07 meeting, the SCCC had requested the inclusion of a one page Exception Summary at the front of the report, highlighting trends in the data and any notable incidents with brief but precise explanations that accurately reflect the data contained in the body of the report. This section still requires improvement. Highlighting of excessive variances in subsequent detailed tables is working well but these require footnotes explaining abnormalities. The baseline document is the MARP and MARP standards should be clearly indicated throughout the report. Location maps and process description should not be repeated in all reports but placed in a single companion reference volume to reduce report length</p> <p>Similar formatting standards should be applied to the forthcoming annual report due February 28; this should be made available to members of the SCCC once accepted by PIRSA.</p> <p>The close off for the Environmental Report would be at least 2 weeks before meeting, with all SCCC members receiving copies of the completed report at least 7 days prior to a meeting.</p> <p>Presentations to SCCC meetings should be consistent with the format, order and content of the report circulated prior to the meeting and should include Terramin's reports on all other actions to date of community interest within one cohesive section of the meeting.</p> <p>Terramin agreed that an Exception Summary report would be of value, as it would show the critical areas. Terramin advised that the format of the report would include dot points and simplified graphs. The Exception Summary of the Environment Reports will also be provided to Committee members as a hard copy if required.</p>
	<p>Next Meetings</p> <p>Thursday 22 May 2008 Site Visit at Angas Mine @ 4.00pm Meeting at Senior Citizens Hall @ 7.00pm</p> <p>Frequencies of SCCC meetings are once every three months on the third Thursday of the month.</p> <p>Future meeting dates are: - Thursday 21 August 2008 Thursday 20 November 2008 Thursday 19 February 2009</p>
	<p>Meeting closed 9.50pm.</p>