

Woodsreef Community Advisory Group Minutes 20 October 2014

1. Welcome and apologies

1.1. Attendees

Kate Maddison, NSW Trade & Investment, Chair
Scott Stanton, Crown Lands
Peter Thompson, Tamworth Regional Council
Danny Ballard, Woodsreef Community Advisory Group Community Representative
Paula McIver, Woodsreef Community Advisory Group Community Representative
David Witten, Woodsreef Community Advisory Group Community Representative
Dr David Blackmore, NSW Trade & Investment
Craig Lamberton, Environment Protection Authority
Philippe Porigneaux, Hunter New England Health
Steven Nikolovski, WorkCover NSW
Adam Capon, Ministry of Health
Alison Morgan, Environment Protection Authority
Andrew Cruckshank, NSW Public Works

Not present from the commencement of the Air Monitoring and Health Risk Assessment Project

Jason Simcocks, General Manager, Delta Group
Phil Dean, General Manager, Delta Group
Tane Kiel, Parsons Brinkerhoff

1.2. Apologies

Dr Wayne Smith, Ministry of Health
Dr David Durrheim, Hunter New England Health

2. Previous Meeting Minutes

2.1. 31 July 2014 meeting minutes

Community Representatives endorsed the response to their request to alter the 23 June 2014 meeting minutes. The 31 July 2014 meeting minutes were adopted.

Attachment/s: Woodsreef Community Advisory Group 31 July 2014 Meeting Minutes

Action: NSW Trade & Investment to load past meeting minutes onto Woodsreef web page.

3. Outstanding business from previous Meeting Minutes

3.1. 31 July 2014 Meeting Minutes, item 6.

The Chair to ask the Woodsreef Taskforce Crown Lands representative if there is a possibility of the purchase of Lot 11/808590. Crown Lands notified the Taskforce that there is currently no funding or plan to purchase this property.

Responsibility: NSW Trade & Investment

Status: Completed

3.2. 31 July 2014 Meeting Minutes, item 6.

The Community Representatives to ask the local fire chief if the closure of Mine Road has been incorporated in procedures.

Responsibility: Community Representatives

Status: Outstanding

3.3.31 July 2014 Meeting Minutes, item 6.

The Community Representatives to write to the NSW Ambulance and ask if the closure of Mine Road has been incorporated in procedures.

Responsibility: Community Representatives

Status: Outstanding

3.4.31 July 2014 Meeting Minutes, item 6.

The Chair to ask Tamworth Regional Council's Representative if a flood plan is available for the eastern side of Ironbark creek Woodsreef. Tamworth Regional Council stated there currently is no specific flood plan available however the community should avoid flooded roads and re-route via the existing road network.

Responsibility: NSW Trade & Investment

Status: Completed

4. Woodsreef Community Advisory Group Housekeeping

4.1. Woodsreef Community Advisory Group Charter

NSW Trade & Investment noted the need for the Woodsreef Community Advisory Group familiarise themselves with the Charter and noted it is available for download on the Woodsreef web page.

www.resourcesandenergy.nsw.gov.au/miners-and-explorers/programs-and-initiatives/derelict/woodsreef-mine-major-rehabilitation-project

Attachment/s: Woodsreef Community Advisory Group Charter

5. Demolition Works Project

5.1. Environmental approval conditions

NSW Trade & Investment updated the meeting on:

The engagement of NSW Public Works to complete the Plan of Management for the Large-eared Pied Bat.

Crown Lands are currently processing the covenant over Lot 68/752200 and Tunnel 1, 2 & 3.

The completion of 1 of 22 approval conditions.

5.2. Camera

NSW Trade & Investment and NSW Public Works updated the meeting on the installation of a camera on-site. This camera will be able to be access via a link on the Woodsreef web page. The Taskforce noted to the Community Representatives that this camera will assist the community in watching the demolition of the mill and silo, whilst removing them from the risks associated with attending the mine site.

Action: The Chair is to notify the Community Representatives when the link is available on the Woodsreef web page.

5.3. Schedule

NSW Trade & Investment, NSW Public Works, Delta Group and Parsons Brinkerhoff updated the meeting on the following:

- Delta has engaged 2 structural engineers.
- Parsons Brinkerhoff has commenced the occupational air monitoring
- The ecologist has cleared the building
- project schedule
 - Milestone 1 - WorkCover NSW Approvals – completed.
 - Milestone 2 – Safety documentation and ecologist clearance - on schedule
 - Milestone 3 – Demolition of Mill and Silos – pre work has commenced
 - Milestone 4 – Removal from Site – not commenced

The Community Representatives requested Delta and Parsons Brinkerhoff air monitor in Glen Riddle, as this property has permanent residence and is close to the mine. Parsons Brinkerhoff was reminded that the air monitors positioned in paddocks with cattle were at their own risk.

Action: Parsons Brinkerhoff is to relocate an air monitor to Glen Riddle.

Action: The Chair is to send the Community Representatives the air monitoring results.

Action: The Chair is to send the Community Representatives the make and model of the shearing equipment.

Action: The Chair is to remind the ecologist when entering freehold property to contact the owner each and every time.

6. Air Monitoring and Health Risk Assessment Project

6.1. Task 2 Hazard Identification

The Taskforce informed the Community Representatives of the Hazard Assessment Report was nearing completion. The Community Representatives expressed their concern and frustration of the delay in the release of the report, an email from Ben Burgess to Paula McIver was tabled and answered. The Taskforce explained that this report isn't a stand-alone document and is the first part of the whole story. The Hazard Assessment Report is the first report in a series of 6 reports. The final report will guide the NSW Government with the long term management of the Woodsreef Mine.

Attachment/s: Email from Ben Burgess to Paula McIver dated 17 October 2014

6.2. Task 3.1 Health Impact Assessment – Prior to the demolition works

The Community Representatives expressed their concern with the delay in releasing the results from the air monitoring that was conducted in November and December 2013. The Taskforce noted that this round of air monitoring was to gather background data. The Taskforce explained the scope of works for Task 3.1 Health Impact Assessment included feedback to the Demolition Contractor on their independent Air Monitoring and Asbestos Control Plan. Parsons Brinkerhoff/Delta has scheduled these plans for delivery by Friday 24 October 2014.

6.3. Task 3.2 Health Impact Assessment – During demolition works

NSW Trade & Investment updated the meeting on the air monitoring schedule and receptor locations for during the demolition works. The following locations will be air monitored every 12 days for 12 rounds commencing 20 October 2014:

- Mr Burgess Property
- Picnic Site on Bundarra Road
- Camping area north of the Mine
- Woodsreef township
- Wynaroy
- Boxpark Station
- Barraba Primary School

The Community Representatives request the metrological data and observations be recorded at each sample location and round.

Attachment/s: Task 3.2 Air Monitoring Locations - During Demolition; and SLR Air Monitoring Schedule – During Demolition.

Action: NSW Trade & Investment are to request SLR record the metrological data and weather observations on each sample day.

Action: NSW Trade & Investment are to request SLR GPS locate the air monitoring locations and include these in their reports.

6.4. Task 4 Activity-based Health Risk Assessment

The Taskforce updated the Community Representatives that there will be another round of activity-based air monitoring. This will be conducted outside the demolition period and in the next hot and dry climatic conditions. Activities to be undertaken will include camping, fishing, fossicking and bird watching and/or bushwalking.

7. Other Business

7.1. Woodsreef Mine Major Rehabilitation Project Schedule

NSW Trade & Investment tabled the updated workflow, Revision 9 dated 20 October 2014. The progress from “In Progress” to “Completed” of the procurement of the demolition works contractor was noted. The Taskforce endorsed the release of the workflow on the Woodsreef web page.

Attachment/s: Woodsreef Mine Major Rehabilitation Project Workflow

Action: NSW Trade & Investment to load the workflow on to the Woodsreef web page.

8. Next Meeting

To be confirmed at a later date.