

MEETING	<b>Woodsreef Taskforce Meeting</b>	
DATE/TIME	16 October 2012	LOCATION Mineral Resources Building, Maitland
ATTENDEES	Brad Mullard Resources & Energy, (DRE), Chair Craig Lamberton Environment Protection Authority, (EPA) David Durrheim Hunter New England Health, (HNE Health) Philippe Porigneaux Hunter New England Health, (HNE Health) Craig Abbs Department of Primary Industries, (DPI) Rosalie Mayo-Ramsay WorkCover NSW Catherine Karpel Resources & Energy, (DRE) Kate Maddison Resources & Energy, (DRE) By phone: Peter Thompson Tamworth Regional Council, (TRC) Richard Chewings Department of Primary Industries, (DPI)	
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### 1. ATTENDANCE/ APOLOGIES

Attendance and apologies were noted.

### 2. ACCEPTANCE OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

Minutes from 26 July 2012 meeting were adopted.

### 3. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE PREVIOUS MINUTES

Agreed actions	Timeframe	Responsibility	Action
Progress the procurement for the Air Monitoring & Health Risk Assessment project.	In progress	DRE, EPA & Health	Noted
Submission to Crown Lands for the community consultation road closure application	Completed	Taskforce	Noted
Early works package to maintain the drainage structures along The Mine Road and Bundarra Road	In progress	DRE	Noted
Commence the enhancement of the offset habitat	Completed	DRE	Refer 4.c.
Status of proposed land transfer to NPWS	In progress	DPI & DRE	Refer 4.d.
Drainage assessment finalised	Completed	DRE	Noted

### 4. NEW BUSINESS

#### a. Air Monitoring and Health Risk Assessment

##### Process update

The sampling frequency and timing of the air monitoring was amended in the scope of works. The legal and procurement advice recommended that all Tenderers should be given the opportunity to reprice the scope of works. The request for the updated final response closed

on the 11 October 2012. The Tender Evaluation Team is currently evaluating the responses and a preferred tender will be identified from the procurement process.

**Action:** The Air Monitoring & Health Risk Assessment Working Group to finalise the procurement process.

**Action:** DRE to advertise the engagement of a preferred consultant via the local papers.

## **b. Mine Road**

### **Road closure application update**

Crown Lands conducted a community consultation process that closed on the 15 August 2012. DPI Officers have reviewed the 39 submissions and are seeking further information on the impact of the proposed road closing from emergency services and TRC in relation to flood data for Ironbark Creek.

As part of the review process DPI has engaged a valuer to assess the impact of the road closing on property values in the area of Mine Road. Crown Lands were advised that this report will take 4-6 weeks to complete. Crown Lands did not want to hold up the process and has forwarded the submissions with a covering letter to Tamworth Regional Council, noting that an additional report will follow in due course.

## **c. Demolition Project**

### **Offset Habitat**

DRE gave a power point presentation on the offset habitat project to date. The project scope of works includes:

- enhancement of Tunnel 1 environment and habitat (Tunnel under the South-east of the Mill building);
- enhancement of the environment and habitat in the Tunnel 3 protruding into the tailings dump; and
- erection of fencing around the entrance to Tunnel 1, 2 and 3 to limit the impact on the Micro Bat by predators.

**Action:** DRE to complete the creation of offset habitat project.

### **Environmental Approvals**

DRE has received a draft Species Impact Statement from the consultant and is currently reviewing and finalising the document. The ecologist is unavailable for the next 6 weeks as the spring/summer is the busiest season for field work.

NSW Public Works (NSW PW) has received the requirement from the Commonwealth for the Public Environmental Review (PER). NSW PW is due to supply DRE with a quote this week for the PER. The Taskforce suggested that DRE and the consultant attend a briefing session with the Commonwealth Department to inform them of the urgency and public health issues associated with this project.

**Action:** DRE and the consultant to attend Canberra for a face to face meeting with the Commonwealth Department.

## **d. Crown Land Status**

### **68/752200 status**

This parcel of land is located 2km north of the mine site and is currently listed as a Reserve for Environmental Protection and a Reserve for Public Recreation which are managed by Crown Lands. This land parcel contains two roosting sites of the Large-eared Pied Bat.

DRE and Crown Land will investigate the current land management issues and devise a management plan to preserve both habitats.

**Action:** Crown Lands to commence proceedings to preserve the habitat of the Large-eared Pied Bat on 68/752200.

#### **Status of land surround the mine site**

A Map of the mine site depicting ownership was shown to the Taskforce. Chrysotile Corporation and Mineral Commodities Limited are listed as the owners of 1/405809 & 10/808590 respectively. Crown Lands recommended contacting the Department of Planning and Infrastructure to concur if this is correct. DRE will conduct a legal entity search.

**Action:** Crown Lands to confirm the land ownership of 1/405809 & 10/808590.

**Action:** DRE to conduct a legal entity search of Chrysotile Corporation & Mineral Commodities.

### **5. OTHER BUSINESS**

#### **Governance**

DRE tabled the document titled "Woodsreef Taskforce Governance". The Taskforce made numerous suggestions and changes that DRE is to implement and circulate a second draft to the Taskforce, out of session. The Taskforce agreed that a project schedule, meeting agenda and minutes will be displayed on the Derelict Mines Program Webpage.

**Action:** DRE to circulate the second draft to Taskforce for approval.

**Action:** DRE to develop and display a project schedule on the Derelict Mines Program Webpage.

**Action:** DRE to list Taskforce Agenda & Minutes on the Derelict Mines Program Webpage.

#### **Community Meeting**

DRE received the 26 July 2012 community meeting notes on the 27 September 2012. DRE tabled the community meeting notes. DRE noted to the Taskforce that a letter of appreciation was sent to the Asbestos Disease Foundation of Australia, for their valuable contribution to the evening's proceedings.

#### **Community Meeting Motions**

During the community meeting on the 26 July 2012 the Taskforce took questions on notice and have now addressed the five main issues. The Taskforce discussed the issues and have now concluded with the following:

- a. Assessment by the Valuer General on the impact to property values if the Mine Road is closed.

The Department of Primary Industries, Crown Lands Division, as part of the proposed road closure process has engaged a consultant to assess the impact of the road closing on property values in the area of Mine Road.

- b. Assessment of the effect on emergency services is the Mine Road is closed.

The Department of Primary Industries, Crown Lands Division, is seeking further information on the impact of the proposed road closing from NSW Ambulance Service, NSW Police Service, NSW Rural Fire Service and Tamworth Regional Council in relation to flood data for Ironbark Creek.

- c. Provide details on the legal title of the mine.

The Woodsreef Mine Site is predominately owned by Crown Land. The mine footprint is contained within the following land parcels:

Lot/DP	Area	Crown/Freehold
10/808590	Southern Overburden	Freehold Land
1/405809	Southern/Western Overburden	Freehold Land
110/41641	Western Overburden	Crown Land
7023/1093675	Northern Overburden/Pit1	Crown Land
6/44162	Bundarra Road Northern Side	Crown Land
7/44162	Bundarra Road Southern Side	Crown Land
7022/1093675	Bundarra Road Southern Side	Crown Land
7021/1093675	Bundarra Road Northern Side	Crown Land
7306/1130813	Western Side of Bundarra & Mine Road Intersection	Crown Land
90/752205	Mine Road Western Side	Freehold Land
7307/1130813	Pit 1	Crown Land
108/41641	Admin building & silos	Crown Land
109/41641	Admin building & free stand area near Mine Road	Crown Land
107/41641	Mill Building	Crown Land
7306/1130813	Mine Road	Crown Land
90/752205	Tailings Northern end	Freehold Land
98/752205	Tailings Southern End	Freehold Land
53/752205	Tailings Southern End	Freehold Land
7306/1130813	Mine Road	Crown Land

**d. Appoint a Barraba CDC representative on the Woodsreef Taskforce**

The Woodsreef Taskforce discussed the appointment of a Barraba CDC representative to the Taskforce. However the appointment is not appropriate due to probity issues (matters of 'commercial in confidence' in relation to the tendering of contracts). The Woodsreef Taskforce will recommend to Government that a Community Advisory Committee be established to ensure community engagement. The Woodsreef Taskforce will develop terms of reference for the establishment of this committee.

**Action:** DRE to develop terms of reference for the Woodsreef Taskforce Community Advisory Committee.

**e. Provide results of previous air monitoring on the Mine Road**

The occupational air monitoring collect to date will be available on the Derelict Mines Program webpage.

[www.resources.nsw.gov.au/environment/derelict](http://www.resources.nsw.gov.au/environment/derelict)

**Action:** DRE to upload all air monitoring data on the Derelict Mines Program webpage.

**6. NEXT MEETING**

**Action:** Next meeting to be held on the 18 December 2012.

Agreed actions	Timeframe	Responsibility
The Air Monitoring & Health Risk Assessment Working Group is to finalise the procurement process.	November 2012	DRE, EPA & Health
Advertise the engagement of the contractor in the local papers.	December 2012	DRE
Finalise the creation of offset habitat project.	October 2012	DRE & NSW PW
Attend Canberra for a face to face meeting with the Commonwealth Department.	December 2012	DRE & NSW PW

Commence proceedings to preserve the Large-eared Pied Bat habitat on Crown Land 68/752200.	December 2012	DPI
Confirm the land owner of 1/405809 & 10/808590.	December 2012	DPI
Legal entity search of the Chrysotile Corporation and Mineral Commodities.	November 2012	DRE
Circulate the second draft to Taskforce for approval.	October 2012	DRE
Develop and display a project schedule on the Derelict Mines Program Webpage	October 2012	DRE
Taskforce Agenda & Minutes to be listed on the Derelict Mines Webpage.	October 2012 + Ongoing	DRE
Recommend to Government the establishment of a Community Advisory Committee	November 2012	DRE
Develop terms of reference for the Community Advisory Committee	November 2012	DRE
Air monitoring data to be displayed on the DMP webpage	October 2012 + ongoing	DRE

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