

Woodsreef Community Advisory Group

22 July 2014 Meeting Minutes

Welcome and Apologies

Attendees

David Blackmore, NSW Trade & Investment, Chair

Steven Nikolovski, WorkCover NSW

Adam Capon, Ministry of Health

Kate Maddison, Resources & Energy

Phone:

Craig Lamberton, Environment Protection Authority

David Durrheim, Hunter New England Health

Philippe Porigneaux, Hunter New England Health

Scott Stanton, Department of Primary Industries

Peter Thompson, Tamworth Regional Council

Apologies

Brad Mullard, NSW Trade & Investment

Wayne Smith, Ministry of Health

Previous Meeting Minutes

Previous meeting minutes

Previous meeting minutes were endorsed.

Attachment/s

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Action

None

Outstanding business

Tamworth Regional Council has engaged Soil Conservation Services to re-erect the roadside signage.

Attachment/s

None

Action

None

Demolition Works Project

State approval conditions

The State environmental approval process has been finalised.

Attachment/s

None

Action

None

Commonwealth approval conditions

The Commonwealth has provided approval and the approval

Attachment/s

Commonwealth Department of the Environment Woodsreef approval conditions

Action

None

Demolition contract

Demolition works is scheduled to commence by October.

Attachment/s

None

Action

None

Air Monitoring and Health Risk Assessment Project

Task 2 Hazard Identification Assessment

NSW Trade & Investment updated the Taskforce on the Project progress. NSW Trade & Investment is currently waiting on EPA's comments on the draft report. EPA requested a meeting date be set prior to providing feedback. Chair noted meeting to be set within the week.

Attachment/s

None

Action

NSW Trade & Investment are to set a meeting date with SLR.

EPA to provide final comments on Task 2 report 1 day prior to 15 August 2014 meeting.

Task 3 Health Impact Assessment

This report will include feedback on proposed demolition air monitoring program schedule.

Attachment/s

None

Action

None

Task 4 Activity-based Assessment

Task 2 must be completed prior to receiving a draft of this report. NSW Trade & Investment noted that a conversation with SLR had taken place, on the unseasonal wet weather prior to conducting the air monitoring. SLR confirmed that metrological information is included in the reports.

Attachment/s

None

Action

NSW Trade & Investment to confirm metrological observation/data is included in Task 4 report

Plan of Management for Large-eared Pied Bat

Budget

NSW Trade & Investment tabled the Commonwealth approval conditions. Preliminary estimations to complete the plan of management assessment, works and reporting is \$180,000.

Attachment/s

None

Action

None

Land claim

NSW Trade & Investment provided an update on the land claim over the parcel Lot68/DP752200. NSW Trade & Investment met with Tamworth Local Aboriginal Land Services and were referred to counsel for the NSW Aboriginal Land Services. NSW Trade & Investment met with NSW Aboriginal Land Services and legal representatives in June. NSW Trade & Investment is expecting further information/feedback by end of July.

Attachment/s

None

Action

None

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Feedback

The Taskforce endorsed the Chair of the WCAG comment that all project updates will be via the web page and the WCAG. NSW Trade & Investment noted the WCAG Charter states the reason the WCAG was established; as to provide a pathway for the regular two way consultation with the community.

The Taskforce endorsed the continued re-erection of the boundary asbestos warning signs and the roadside asbestos warning signs. The Taskforce agreed the Government has a duty of care to warn the public of the risks associated with the mine.

Attachment/s

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Action

None

Mine Road, Woodsreef

Compliance & enforcement

Crown Lands updated the Taskforce on the closure of Mine Road. Crown Lands has an active investigation into the vandalism of the road closure points.

Attachment/s

None

Action

None

Mine Signage

Roadside signage

Council is investigating the use of surveillance equipment by an external source.

Attachment/s

None

Action

Council will continue this project out of session with the assistance of NSW Trade & Investment.

Drainage Works

Stage 1

NSW Trade & Investment reported the progress of Stage 1 of the Drainage Works. The majority of the works were finalised in June, with a few outstanding items to be installed once landowner access agreements are in place. Stage 2 of the Drainage Works program may be incorporated in the demolition works schedule.

Attachment/s

None

Action

None

Other Business

Project Schedule

The Taskforce endorsed the updated workflow.

Attachment/s

Woodsreef Mine Major Rehabilitation Project Workflow

Action

NSW TRADE & INVESTMENT to upload to the Woodsreef web page

Next Meeting

To be held in Barraba on commencement of the demolition works, 20 October 2014.