

Minutes

MEETING	Woodsreef Taskforce Meeting		
DATE/TIME	5 February 2013	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) Wayne Smith Ministry of Health, (Health) Adam Capon Ministry of Health (Health) Steve Barry 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

Approved out of session on 22 October 2012.

3. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE PREVIOUS MINUTES

Agreed actions	Timeframe	Responsibility	Action
The Air Monitoring & Health Risk Assessment Working Group is to finalise the procurement process.	Completed	DRE, EPA & Health	Noted
Advertise the engagement of SLR.	Completed	DRE	Noted
Finalise the creation of offset habitat project.	Completed	DRE & NSW PW	Noted
Attend Canberra for a face to face meeting with the Commonwealth Department.	Completed	DRE & NSW PW	Noted
Commence proceedings to preserve the Large-eared Pied Bat habitat on Crown Land 68/752200.	In progress	DPI	Refer 4.d.
Confirm the land owner of Lot/DP 1/405809 & Lot/DP10/808590.	Completed	DPI	Refer 4.d.
Legal entity search of the Chrysotile Corporation and Mineral Commodities.	Completed	DRE	Noted
Circulate the second draft Woodsreef Taskforce Charter to Taskforce for approval.	Completed 22 Nov 12	DRE	Noted
Develop and display a project schedule on the Derelict Mines Program Webpage	In progress	DRE	Refer 5.a.
Taskforce Agenda & Minutes to be listed on the Derelict Mines Webpage.	Completed	DRE	Noted

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Recommend to Government the establishment of a Community Advisory Group	Completed	DRE	Noted
Develop charter for the Community Advisory Group	Completed	DRE	Refer 4.e.
Air monitoring data to be displayed on the DMP webpage	Completed 23 Oct 12	DRE	Noted

4. NEW BUSINESS

a. Air Monitoring and Health Risk Assessment

Status update

EPA and Health to meet the successful contractor, SLR Consulting, to discuss the sampling locations, modelling and project plan.

Action: DRE to organise a meeting between SLR, EPA and Health.

b. Mine Road

Valuation Report

DPI commissioned a Valuer to assess the impact of the road closing on property values in the area of Mine Road. The Valuation Report is attached and is publicly available on the Derelict Mines Web page.

Road closure application update

TRC updated the Taskforce on the status of the request for consent to close a section of Mine Road. The matter is scheduled for discussion at the 26 February 2013 Ordinary Council Meeting.

c. Demolition Project

Mitigation and management of the Large-eared Pied Bat

The Species Impact Statement (SIS) requires a commitment of resources for the mitigation and management of the Large-eared Pied Bat for two years after the demolition works have been completed.

- Prior to demolition
 - 1. Tunnel 1 & 3 offset habitat enhancement completed
 - 2. Tunnel 1 & 2 predator fencing completed
 - 3. Additional bat survey completed
- During demolition
 - 1. Building cleared by an ecologist
 - 2. Monitor & maintain offset bat habitat enhancement works
 - 3. Fencing of known off-site bat habitats (Barney Bernato Mine, Baffler Mine and King Solomon Mine) on Crown Land parcel Lot 68/DP752200
 - 4. Long-term management of off-site bat habitat Lot68/DP752200.
- After demolition
 - 1. Bat survey for a period of two years post demolition works, including monitoring and maintenance of off-set bat habitat. (Refer to item 4.d.).

The Commonwealth may require additional mitigation measures added to the Plan of Management. The Taskforce supported the allocation of funds from the existing budget towards the long term mitigation and management of the Large-eared Pied Bat. These funds are to be available for up to two years from the completion of the demolition works.

Approved: DRE to allocate funds to the long term mitigation and management of the Largeeared Pied Bat.

Environmental Approvals

DRE has received a draft Species Impact Statement. The final document is due Friday 8 February 2013.

NSW Public Works has supplied DRE with a draft Public Environmental Review (PER). Health and HNE Health will review the wording for the *Social and Public Health Matters* criteria of the PER. The Taskforce suggested that a meeting be scheduled immediately after the PER lodgement, between the Commonwealth Department and members of the Taskforce, to inform them of the urgency and public health issues associated with this project.

Action: The Taskforce attend Canberra for a face to face meeting with the Commonwealth Department, as part of the PER submission.

d. Crown Land Status (Lot 68 DP 752200)

Lot 68/DP752200 is located 2km north of the mine site and is Crown Land; currently listed as a Reserve for Environmental Protection and a Reserve for Public Recreation which are managed by DPI. Long-term management of the off-site habitat may be completed by the development of a Plan of Management. Including the investigation into the feasibility of transferring the land to National Parkes and Wildlife Services (NPWS). DPI has no objections and is currently in the process of liaising with NPWS, to transfer management of this Crown Land.

Action: DPI to continue the transfer of Crown Land Lot68/DP752200, to NPWS.

Status of land within the mine site footprint

DPI confirmed the land ownership of the freehold land contained within the mine footprint.

e. Community Advisory Group

The Taskforce adopted the Charter and Nomination Form with minor changes. The Taskforce established a selection committee comprising DRE, TRC, and DPI.

Action: DRE to advertise the expression of interest nomination for community representatives, closing date 1 March 2013.

Action: DRE to coordinate and facilitate the selection committee, and review of nominations.

5. OTHER BUSINESS

a. Project Workflow

The Taskforce noted the workflow documentation of the environmental approval process.

Action: DRE to upload the environmental approval workflow to the Derelict Mines Program web page.

6. NEXT MEETING

Next meeting is to be held after the first meeting of the Woodsreef Community Advisory Group.

Agreed actions	Timeframe	Responsibility
Organise a meeting between SLR, OEH and Health	February 2013	DRE, EPA & Health
Allocation of funds to the long term mitigation and management of the Large-eared Pied Bat.	February 2013	DRE
Attend Canberra for a face to face meeting with the Commonwealth Department.	April 2013	Taskforce

Continue proceedings to preserve the off-site habitat on Crown Land Lot68/DP752200.	June 2013	DPI
Advertise the expression of interest nomination from community representatives.	February 2013	DRE
Commence the Community Advisory Group selection committee process.	March 2013	DRE, TRC & DPI
Display the environmental approval workflow on the Derelict Mines Program web page	February 2013	DRE