

MINUTES OF MEETING

COWAL GOLD OPERATION COMMUNITY ENVIRONMENTAL MONITORING AND CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE (CEMCC)

Wednesday 2 March 2016

9.00 am – Bland Shire Council

Minutes taken by: Elliot Willemsen-Bell

Attendees:

Independent Chair:	Margaret MacDonald-Hill (MMH)
Evolution:	Garry Pearson (GP), Elliot Willemsen-Bell (EWB), Jason Greive (JG), Anika McManus (AMcM) and Alanna Beardsley (AB) Jamie Coad (JC)
Community Members:	Angus Stitt (AS), Lucy Buttenshaw (LB),
Bland Shire Council:	Neil Pokoney (NP)
Forbes Shire Council:	
Lachlan Shire Council:	
Lake Cowal Landowners Association:	Bruce Dent (BD)
Wiradjuri Condobolin Corporation:	

Apologies: Dave Carter, Graham Scott, Ally Coe

ITEM	ACTION
<p>1.0 Welcome</p> <p>Independent Chair, Margaret MacDonald-Hill opened the meeting at 9:06 am.</p>	
<p>2.0 Declaration of Interest</p> <p>Margaret MacDonald-Hill declared her interest as Independent Chair of the CEMCC, appointed by the Director General of the Department of Planning and Infrastructure. For record purposes, Margaret advised the committee she is a member of the Mine Subsidence Board. Margaret also declared that she receives payment via a Trust established by the Bland Shire Council for her work as Chair of the CEMCC.</p> <p>For a full Declaration of Interest for all members, see Attachment A</p>	
<p>3.0 Confirmation of Previous Minutes</p> <p>Change required to update location of next meeting from Cowal to Bland Shire</p> <p>Moved by Lucy Buttenshaw, seconded by Angus Stitt</p>	
<p>4.0 Business Arising from previous Minutes</p> <p>Request from AS to send hard copies of presentations rather than email due</p>	

<p>to file size. Agreement to send hard copies to those who prefer in future.</p> <p>Discussion around identifying replacement for Dr. Daryl Neilsen. JC stated that he was the new Secretary for the LCF and that interviews were scheduled with two candidates.</p>	
<p>5.0 Correspondence</p> <p>In 10/12/15 - email from GP Evolution on NF&O Incident Report 5/1/16 - email from GP Evolution on NF&O Incident Report 2//2/16 - email resignation from Jenene McGrath</p> <p>Out 2/2/16 - email acknowledgement to Jenene McGrath 18/2/16 - email DP&E Guidelines and fact sheet to CEMCC</p>	
<p>6.0 Reports</p> <p>Garry Pearson provided a detailed account of Cowal Gold Operation’s Environment Department Activities over the past three months – See the attached presentation for more information.</p> <p>The presentation also included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussion around the reduction in dust monitoring stations, which was recently approved by the State Government. GP stated that this was not unusual given the 11 years of environmental excellence and the demonstrated near-neutral impact of the mine on Lake Cowal. He also stated that there were safety concerns for employees accessing monitoring stations in the middle of the Lake, even when dry. • Recertification of ISO14001 • Voluntary Planning Agreement being developed relating to offset areas around the mine site <p>Garry Pearson also provided a brief update on the Lake Cowal Foundation, following the recent AGM. He advised the CEMCC that Simon Delander (General Manager, Health, Safety, Environment and Risk, Evolution Mining) had joined the LCF Board. He also said that the organization was in the process of identifying a replacement for Dr. Daryl Nielsen.</p> <p>Elliot Willemsen-Bell provided a detailed account of Cowal Gold Operation’s Community Relations Activities over the past three months – See the attached presentation for more information (Attachment B).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Activities since last CEMCC, including the Evolution-wide Stakeholder Perception Survey • Complaints/Grievances – Zero in reporting period • Upcoming activities, including the Cowal Partnering Program, 	

<p>Wiradjuri Scholarship Program and focus on land management practices</p> <p>Cowal Partnering Program Elliot Willemsen-Bell presented applications that had been received in the most recent Cowal Partnering Program funding round. A total of 19 applications were received, however only 13 met the criteria and capacity of the Program.</p> <p>Shared Value Projects Anika McManus (Group Manager – External and Indigenous Relations) presented on the Shared Value Project initiative that is being rolled out across all Evolution sites. The SVP aims to assist community driven projects become sustainable and provide long term benefit to the community beyond the life of the mine. The key area of focus for the SVP is economic development, skills and training and community health.</p>	
<p>7.0 General Business</p> <p>NP stated that the Lake Cowal Conservation Centre was a key part of the mine, and noted that the Memorandum of Understanding between West WY Long High School and the LCF had lapsed.</p> <p>AS raised the issue of recruiting new Committee members to replace Jenene McGrath, as he had identified some potentially interested people within the community.</p> <p>MMH said that there was a requirement for four community members to take part on the CEMCC, which is currently being met. MMH said that she would email all members and confirm their desire to continue participating in the Committee.</p> <p>Membership to be discussed at next meeting when there was representation from other Shires.</p> <p>Discussion was held around the proposed new guidelines for operation of Consultative Committees. At present, the CEMCC meets these proposed guidelines. One issue discussed was the CEMCC Charter, which all members agreed is specific to the Development Consent, and should only be changed if there is a material change to the Consent, following a new EIS, Modification or similar.</p>	
<p>8.0 Meeting Closed – 11:15 am</p>	
<p>9.0 Next Meeting</p> <p>1 June 2016 at Jemalong Recreation Centre</p>	

Corporate representatives from Evolution Mining will be invited to attend.

2016 Meeting Dates:

- 2 March
- 1 June
- 31 August
- 7 December

ATTACHMENT A – CEMCC MEMBERS' DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Community Environmental Monitoring and Consultative Committee (CEMCC)

Declarations of interest:

Margaret MacDonald-Hill - Independent Chair

- ***Appointed by DG of DP&E, paid via Trust administered by Bland Shire Council***
- ***Member of the Mine Subsidence Board***

Angus Stitt – Community Representative, West Wyalong

- Receives reimbursement of travel costs for attending CEMCC meetings, from time to time

Lucy Buttenshaw – Community Representative, West Wyalong

- Nil

David Carter – Community Representative, Condobolin

- Nil

Bruce Dent – Lake Cowal Landholders Association

- Noise Mitigation Agreement in accordance with Development Consent Conditions
- Receives reimbursement of travel costs for attending CEMCC meetings, from time to time

Neil Pokoney – Bland Shire Council Representative

- Evolution Mining is a ratepayer within the Bland Shire
- Evolution Mining has entered into a Roads Maintenance MOU with Bland Shire Council
- Evolution Mining has provided financial support for certain community events, initiatives, and infrastructure operated by the Bland Shire Council

Graham Scott – Lachlan Shire Council Representative

- Evolution Mining has been a ratepayer within the Lachlan Shire
- Evolution Mining is a customer (subscriptions and advertising) of The Lachlander newspaper, of which, Cr Scott is the Editor
- Evolution Mining has entered into a Roads Maintenance MOU with Lachlan Shire Council
- Evolution Mining has provided financial support for certain community events, initiatives, and infrastructure operated by the Lachlan Shire Council

Brian Mattiske – Forbes Shire Council Representative

- Evolution Mining is a ratepayer within the Forbes Shire
- Evolution Mining pays annual easement payments to the Forbes Shire Council for properties owned by Council
- Evolution Mining pays annual easement payments to entities which Mr Mattiske maintains a financial interest in for properties owned by those entities
- Evolution Mining pays an annual fee for Temporary Water Transfer Agreements to entities which Mr Mattiske maintains a financial interest

- Evolution Mining has provided financial support for certain community events, initiatives, and infrastructure operated by the Forbes Shire Council

Graeme Miller – Forbes Shire Council Representative

- Evolution Mining is a ratepayer within the Forbes Shire
- Evolution Mining pays annual easement payments to the Forbes Shire Council for properties owned by Council
- Evolution Mining has provided financial support for certain community events, initiatives, and infrastructure operated by the Forbes Shire Council

Ally Coe – Wiradjuri Condobolin Corporation

- Wiradjuri Condobolin Corporation receives compensation payments in accordance with Native Title requirements
- Wiradjuri Condobolin Corporation is a contractor to Evolution Mining at the Cowal Gold Project