

MINUTES OF MEETING

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

Wednesday 31 August

8.00am – Bland Shire Council Chambers

Minutes taken by: Elliot Willemsen-Bell

Attendees:

Independent Chair:	Margaret MacDonald-Hill (MMH)
Evolution:	Garry Pearson (GP), Elliot Willemsen-Bell (EWB), Jason Grieve (JG), Jason Floyd (JF), Bronwyn Flynn (BF), Kerry Mudge (KM)
Lake Cowal Landholders:	Bruce Dent
Community Members:	Angus Stitt (AS),
Bland Shire Council:	Neil Pokoney (NP), Liz McGlynn (LM)
Forbes Shire Council:	Graeme Miller (GM) Brian Mattiske (BM)
Lachlan Shire Council:	Graham Scott (GS)
Wiradjuri Condobolin Corporation:	Lawrie Hutchinson (LH)

Apologies: Dave Carter, Leanne Hampton, Ally Coe, Jamie Coad, Lucy Buttenshaw, Max Finlayson

ITEM	ACTION
<p>1.0 Welcome</p> <p>Independent Chair, Margaret MacDonald-Hill opened the meeting at 8:01 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>Moved by Angus Stitt, moved by Brian Mattiske</p>	
<p>4.0 Business Arising from previous Minutes</p> <p>AS enquired about the progress of the Evolution Shop front. EWB said that there had been some delays with the real estate agent and that EVN were now planning a longer term lease and fit out.</p>	

<p>AS enquired about a news article to promote the extensive drill program. EWB said that there had been some meeting with various Government Departments required before the information could be made public, but that it was planned for the coming weeks.</p> <p>MMH announced that Max Findlayson had been appointed by the LCF Board as the Scientific Representative, and that he will be present at the December CEMCC Meeting</p> <p>Committee supported acceptance of Kate Dean as a Local Community Representative.</p>	
<p>5.0 Correspondence</p> <p>Out</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 17/6/16 - GP email Hazard Audit Report • 8/7/16 - GP email 2013-2016 IEA report • 25/7/16 - AS email comments on IEA • 25/7/16 - GP email NF&O Incident report • 29/7/16 - GP email 2015 AR <p>In</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 6/6/16 - acknowledgement letter to nominees 	
<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.</p> <p>The presentation also included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A review of the EVN Environmental Policy will be undertaken in 2017 • EVN is awaiting offset area changes from Department of Planning and Environment • Request to change Hazardous Material Transport route due to new contractors • Kerry Mudge provided a brief overview of the current status of the farmland surrounding the Mine and elements of the proposed Land Management Strategy • NP asked if the recent land acquisition would mean a loss of agricultural productivity for the Shire? KM explained that the land may be rested for a period, however the long term plan was to restore productivity to the land • LM asked what percentage of Evolutions land portfolio was arable land? KM said that 36% was currently arable, but we would be investigating options for environmentally sensitive agriculture may be applied on the Lake area 	

<p>Elliot Willemsen-Bell provided a detailed account of Cowal Gold Operation's Community Relations Activities over the past three months.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Activities since last CEMCC • Complaints/Grievances • Review and discussion of Cowal Partnering Program applications received. • Upcoming activities <p>Complaints/Grievances</p> <p>There have been one complaint since the last CEMCC Meeting, relating to blasting impacts. A full description of the complaint and subsequent actions may be found in the July Complaints register on the Evolution Cowal external website.</p>	
<p>7.0 General Business</p> <p>MMH acknowledged that it was Neil Pokoney's final CEMCC, as he was retiring from Bland Shire Council. MMH recognized Neil's consistent passion, dedication and contributing to the CEMCC throughout his time.</p>	
<p>8.0 Meeting Closed – 10:05 am</p>	
<p>9.0 Next Meeting</p> <p>December 7 at the Cowal Gold Mine</p> <p>2017 Meeting Dates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • TBC 	

ATTACHMENT A – CEMCC MEMBERS’ DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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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

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