

MINUTES OF MEETING
Cowal Gold Operations
Community Environmental Monitoring
and Consultative Committee (CEMCC)

Date: Wednesday, 6 June 2018
Time: 9.00 am – Cowal Gold Operations, Lake Cowal Rd West Wyalong
Minutes taken by: Jo Rath

Attendees:

Independent Chair: Lisa Andrews (LA)
Evolution: Jamie Coad (JC) (*entered at 10am*), Danielle Wallace (DW) & Jo Rath (JR)
Community Members: Lucy Buttenshaw (LB) & Angus Stitt (AS)
Lake Cowal Landowners: Bruce Dent (BD)
Bland Shire Council: Cr Tony Lord (TL)
Forbes Shire Council: Cr Graeme Miller (GM) & Chris Roylance (CR)
Wiradjuri Condobolin Corporation: Laurie Hutchinson (LH) & Ally Coe (AC)

Apologies: Max Finlayson (MF), John Ridley (JR), Cr Steve Karaitiana (SK), Kate Dean (KD), Anne Bolton (AB) & Bronwyn Flynn (BF)

**Note: All members undertook an induction and completed the appropriate questionnaire.*

ITEM	ACTION															
<p>1. Welcome</p> <p>Independent Chair, Lisa Andrews, opened the meeting at 9:40am.</p>																
<p>2. Declaration of Interest</p> <p>LA advised there were no changes to previous declarations by CEMCC members, nor to hers; Independent Chair of the CEMCC, appointed by the Secretary of the NSW Department of Planning and Environment, and she receives payment via a Trust established by the Bland Shire Council for her work as Chair of the CEMCC.</p>																
<p>3. Confirmation of Previous Minutes</p> <p>Moved by GM seconded by AS.</p>																
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<p>5. Correspondence</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 14.3.18 – Email to members with the draft minutes for review/comment • 19.3.18 – Email from Laurie Hutchison, Wiradjuri Condobolin Corporation advising that he has been formally authorised by the Board to be the alternate delegate on this CEMCC • 24.3.18 Final draft minutes to CEMCC members with the presentation & Acronyms sheet • 11.4.18 – Email from ERM advising of its independent environmental audit for the project • 16.4.18 – Email to members asking if there are any issues that they wish to be considered in the audit • 17.4.18 – Email from Max Finlayson, enquiring whether further consultation would occur with the CEMCC members • 18.4.18 – Response to Max, advising that the findings of the Audit will be presented to the CEMCC • 20.4.18 – Email to members with advice on the Gold Operations Processing Rate Modification being on exhibition • 24.4.18 – Email from Bronwyn Flynn with the groundwater extraction presentation for MOD 14. This was forwarded through to members. • 26.5.18 – Email to members with the Meeting Notice & Agenda for this meeting • 28/5/18 – Email from Evolution with the list of native fauna deaths • 29/5/18 – Email from Max Finlayson with an apology for this meeting • 4/6/18 – Email to members requesting car registration number to assist with entry to the site. (Various emails received from members, with details.) <p>Moved by LA seconded by GM.</p>	
<p>6. Reports</p> <p>DW provided a detailed account of Cowal Gold Operations (CGO's) Environment Department's activities over the past three months.</p> <p>DW provided details on the activities undertaken by the Social Responsibility Department in the last quarter.</p> <p>DW provided an update on the proposed Modification 14 (Processing Rate Modification).</p> <p>DW provided details on the Review of Environmental Factors (REF) for the proposed Exploration Decline.</p>	<p>See attached presentation for further details</p>
<p>7. General Business</p> <p>LA advised that all fauna death incidents will be notified at the CEMCC quarterly meetings. If there is an incident in relation to cyanide, notification will be made within 24 hours as per Development Consent (DA 14/98).</p> <p>Members advised of a notifiable incident involving seepage from the northern tailings dam on 18th April 2018. AS raised concerns that CEMCC members were not notified.</p> <p>LA advised that moving forward Evolution need to notify the CEMCC of any reportable incidents as part of the standard reporting procedure.</p>	<p>DW</p>

<p>DW advised she will forward LA the link for the response to submissions for the MOD 14 EA.</p> <p>AD raised issue with fencing around the Myalla property. DW confirmed this has been commenced and was continuing.</p>	
<p>8. Meeting Closed – 11:12am with members being equipped with PPE and touring the site via bus. Inspection completed at 12.30pm</p>	<p>Questions were asked and answered throughout the inspection</p>
<p>9. Dates for 2018 Meetings</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 29th August 2018 at Forbes Shire Council Chambers - 9am • 5th December 2018 at ECCC West Wyalong - 9am 	

ACTION ITEMS

ITEM	ISSUE	RESPONSIBILITY
1	Name tags to be ordered for CR, AC, LH, GM.	JR
2	CEMCC to be informed of any notifiable incidents	Ongoing
3	Native fauna deaths to be notified at quarterly meetings, unless they relate to cyanide	Ongoing
4	Link to Response to Submissions for MOD 14 to be provided*	LA

***Item 4 -**

https://majorprojects.accelo.com/public/f527aae88f1a99319d8b49ea2f0653bd/Cowal%20Gold%20Mine%20Mod%2014_%20Response%20to%20Submissions.pdf