



**ANGLO COAL (DRAYTON MANAGEMENT) PTY LIMITED
COMMUNITY CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE**

**Minutes of Meeting
21st of August, 2008
6:00 - 6:45pm**

Drayton Mine Administration Building

Type of meeting:	Quarterly Forum	Minutes:	Andrew Skele
Attendants:	Peter Forbes Andrew Skele Ruth Horder	Pam Simpson Gerrit de Boer	Craig Bates Jennifer Lecky

Apologies: John Douglas, Peter Horder, Mark Heaton, Jennifer Lecky

1. WELCOME / APOLOGIES

The chairperson, Jennifer Lecky, welcomed the committee members. Apologies were forwarded from Peter Horder, Mark Heaton, Chris Gidney and John Douglas.

2. DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

None were declared.

3. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES – LAST MEETING (MAY 2008)

Moved by Ruth Horder and seconded by Craig Bates. Accepted and carried.

4. ENVIRONMENTAL PERFORMANCE

A map of the environmental monitoring locations situated around the Drayton mine site was presented.

Since the last meeting there have been 22 enquiries received since the last meeting. Six of these were complaints. These occurred on and were in relation to:

- 5/5/08 – Doherty – Noise monitoring
- 8/5/08 – de Boer – Blast – 1.02mm/sec
- 13/5/08 – de Boer – Blast – 1.49mm/sec
- 17/6/08 – Doherty – Damage to roadside
- 1/7/08 – Doherty – Blast 1.49mm/sec
- 13/7/08 – Doherty – Blast 1.69mm/sec

There were 14 enquiries which did not related to Drayton and 2 other general enquiries received.

The rainfall figures for the year to date were presented. Currently above average rainfall for the year has been received. July was an on average rainfall month.

The blasting results for the Antiene and de Boer monitors were presented. Drayton has not recorded any blasting exceedances in 2008. The air blast for Antiene were presented. All air blast recordings at Antiene in 2008 have been below 110 dB (L). The vibration levels at Antiene were also presented. These levels have generally been below 1mm/sec with one exceeding 3mm/sec.

The blasting results for the de Boer monitor were shown. There have been no air blast exceedances in 2008. The ground vibration levels were also shown. These have all been below 2mm/sec with most below 0.8mm/sec. PF explained that generally when blasts result in vibration levels around 1.5mm/sec or higher that is when Drayton receives complaints. PF believes that 1.5mm/sec is the threshold of people's tolerance levels, which is well below the EPA limits but is the level to which blasts are managed and designed.

The Total Suspended Particle results for the High Volume Air Sampler at Lot 22 were shown. These have all been well within our limits.

The PM₁₀ levels for the High Volume Air Sampler at Lot 9 were shown. These results have been within our limits and have generally been low, except on one or two occasions. Ruth Horder questioned whether the results for August may be higher as it has seemed to be a very windy month. PS replied that it may be but we do not have all the results yet so we can't gain a complete picture and that the results will be analysed once we do.

The background noise levels for the Doherty and Halloran residence were shown. The results from monitoring at the Doherty residence since the last CCC have been below our limits. The results from monitoring at the Halloran residence were shown. PS explained the step change in the allowable noise levels shown in the graph is associated with when Drayton's new consent conditions came into force. There were several higher readings obtained in this period. These higher readings were generally associated with high noise levels from the wind in the trees, highway noise or birds which influenced results.

Data on the water storage on site and waste management was also presented. PS explained that Drayton is currently at about 60% capacity. Drayton's waste management figures were also shown.

5. UPDATE OF PROJECT EXTENSION APPROVAL

An update on Drayton's progress with the new consent conditions associated with its extension approval was given. This included our new blasting hotline and website where blast times can be viewed. PS gave an explanation of the features of the hotline and website.

Various key dates and management plans due in August was also shown. An extension till May 2009 has been granted for three management plans. The other key dates and management plans in 2009 were shown.

PS also explained that a Drayton Mine Closure Plan is due by the 1st of February 2009. This plan would be enacted up to 2017 or when Drayton reaches the point of closure. This management plan includes various components including final landforms, socio-economic impacts and costing. Consultation with various parties in the mine and community is included. This process is currently scheduled to be undertaken in 2008. The mine closure plan will then be reviewed periodically every 2-3 years and at closer intervals as 2017 is approached.

Jennifer Lecky then requested clarification into whether the offset strategy is a component of the Mine Closure Plan. PS clarified this for Jennifer with it explained that it isn't, it's a separate component which is due at different times. The offset strategy is concerned with protecting and preserving the parts of the environment whereas the Mine Closure Plan is in relation to the sites long term future once mining has ceased. Jennifer enquired into when the Offset Strategy is due. PS responded that is due by May 2009.

6. NEW BUSINESS

The Drayton CCC members were taken for an inspection of the 'Barn Owl' real time noise monitoring equipment which included a display of its operation following a request at the previous Drayton CCC meeting.

During the presentation PS gave a overview of the new monitoring equipment installed at site called the 'Barn Owl' which is a real time noise monitor. This included a display of audio files which had recorded various noise sources. Following this a discussion was held by the CCC members on train noise generated from the rail line. Ruth Horder commented that the current trains were an improvement on the old ones and were quieter. PF explained that they were and that the rail corporations had undertaken actions to decrease their noise levels. This included engineering to improve noise baffles, the use more quiet engines in the trains and actions to decrease the shunting of carriages.

G de Boer enquired into a train which passed on the line on Saturday the 7th of June around midday/early afternoon. PS responded that the train was not ours and that it must be a Mt Arthur train, with the schedule of train movements for the pass months displayed to G de Boer.

Jennifer Lecky also requested whether it was possible to obtain some data of PM₁₀ dust levels for another site in New South Wales such as Port Botany in Sydney so that comparison can occur between the two districts.

Action: Obtain PM₁₀ data for another High Volume Air Sampler site within New South Wales.

Who: PF, PS and AS.

When: By next Drayton CCC.

Status: HVAS Information not available through DECC however TEOM (which also measures PM10) is available. Data as presented

7. ACTIONS FROM PREVIOUS MEETING.

Action: CCC members to inspect Barn Owl station before next meeting

Who: All members.

When: Prior to next meeting.

Status: Completed.

Action: Notify G de Boer of future blasts by phone.

Who: Drayton S&SD Department.

When: Next blast following meeting.

Status: Complete and ongoing

8. DEBRIEF THIS MEETING

Next Meeting: 13th of November 2008.

The meeting closed at 6:50 pm.

Meeting Dates

The following dates are proposed for 2008

(Meetings moved to THURSDAYS to accommodate other CCC meeting commitments)

13th November 2008