



ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW COMMITTEE

MEETING No. 118 - August

Wednesday 21st of August 2024

Attendance

Chair: Michael Poulton

Community Rep: Kerry Daniels

Government Rep: Andrew Radojkovic (DEECA), Timothy Lubcke (ERR), Tim giffin (central highlands water), Peter vawdrey (EPA)

BGM Staff: ben maxwell , Paul Carter (HSE&C manager), Georgia Lannen (E&C officer), Chris Orchard (Health and Safety superintendent), Charles Carnie (GM)

Apologies: Peter March (Community Representative), Carsten Berberich (CHW) and CR Ben Taylor.

Meeting opens: 15:00

Welcome, Apologies, Introductions

Chair: Welcome to country, welcome members, and visitors to the meeting; apologies presented.

Previous Meeting Minutes & Actions

Chair : Passed

Georgia : Second

Site news

Charles: TSF4 approval granted by the Ballarat city council. notes investment in infrastructure and equipment. TFS4 starting designs and timeline. recruiting in-house for jobs previously handled by contractors. Positive direction. discuss need for another open day and the potential to show new TSF4.

Georgia: talks about clean up in pine plantations. Discusses progress and the need for cleaner up days. Need to stop dumping.

Andrew: discusses the potential use of cameras to stop dumping/ simple solar Pannel and camera connected to phone.

Charles: mentions he had brough up the dumping with the owners and is looking for a solution.

Paul: community feedback from TSF4. ABC reported. no other feedback.

Exploration Activities



Paul: no significant exploration. Exploration licences include snake valley and Buninyong application pending for Ballarat west/ Nerrina and little Bendigo. Mining license – Ballarat south due November 2024.

Charles: Discusses the competitive tender for the big EL that is now frozen. Current licences are fine.

Andrew: discusses that other companies can still get the tender and it is not guaranteed.

Mining Update

Paul: Mining development: 736.0m of development during the quarter, Inclusive of April 203.1 mechanised meters, May 293.3 mechanised meters, June 239.6 mechanised meters.

Firings- 249 over the last quarter, inclusive of 17 Stopes (Production), 235 development and air leg firings.

Stope locations for the quarter were within the Sovereign, Victoria, Golden Point, Canton, Britania and Llanberis. As always, we try and share it around the compartments. Mostly targeting canton

Upcoming production – Canton, Sovereign, Golden point, Llanberis and Britannia.

Community Engagement & Complaints

Paul: 8 community contacts for the quarter; 4 Complaints and 2 feedback/Enquiries.

This shows as an improvement from previous quarter.

Did have 1 significant blast 6.04 at Sovereign hill. caused by a geological structure that was not mapped. Have noted this to avoid future exceedances.

Kerry Daniels : morning firings occurring more often (golden point development cuts). mentions they did receive text message at 12:00pm before blast. This was appreciated

Water Quality

Georgia: Surface water quality within licences limits at all locations . yarrowee remains health.

Vibration Monitoring

Paul - 5 fully automated monitors out in the field for the quarter.

One location: Barkley streets will need to be changed as owner is moving / gift will be provided to show appreciation

Vibration monitoring regulation limits: Highest blast was at 6.04 mm/s ppv (exceedance)..

Ben: discusses that the team is working on reducing the blasts aiming to keep them under 3ppv. Decant shot use air bags to separate blasts. This has been helping and they will continue to work on.

Air Quality

Georgia: All 7 depositional dust gauges stationed around the boundary, collects dust fallout. Results showed well below the legal limit at 0.16g-0.76g/m2/month.



Peter: brought attention to an error on the graphs. In April and May they would be over 0.76g/m²/month

Georgia : agrees with Peter and will fix

Ambient air monitoring over the quarter. No exceedances. Most likely caused by low temperatures and rain. Monitor 2 had a lot of gaps in the data as the solar panel was not getting enough sun.

Projects & Approvals

TSF4 Update

Paul: council has voted in favour of TSF4.

getting documentation together for the council to be able to get the work plan approved.

Questions/other issues to raise

Chair: Called for any other matters to be discussed

Andrew: asks for regular updates on when construction for TSF4 will be occurring.

Paul : discusses that he has had meeting and been planning about the best way to deliver information to the community and stakeholders. Should know by next weeks about where we are at with the planning stage of this project.

Next meeting

Close of meeting: 15:40

Next meeting: TBA

Actions	Responsible	Due date