

## **Galilee Basin Community Reference Group Meeting Notes**

**Date:** Monday 23 July 2012

**Location:** Alpha Church Uniting Hall

**Meeting Commenced:** 6:30 pm

**Meeting Concluded:** 8:00 pm

**Chairperson Name:** Andrew Ellis                      MET Serve

**Attendees:** Mark Bouffler (MB)                      AMCI  
Russell Currie (RC)                      MET Serve  
Andrew Ellis (AE)                      MET Serve  
Judy Acutt (JA)                      Community member  
Leona Bowers (LB)                      Community member  
Warren Gleeson (WG)                      Community member

**Apologies:** Sherri Taylor, Aloma Everingham, Brant Bettridge and Beryl Dyer.

**Next Meeting:** Scheduled to occur within the public consultation period following the public release of the EIS (Sep/Oct 2012).

<b>Item No.</b>	<b>Discussion / Issue Raised</b>	<b>Response</b>	<b>Action</b>	<b>Responsibility</b>
1	LB: provision of medical services. There is an expectation that the proponent will provide medical services for site requirements. Will they provide a doctor for the town?	AE indicated that the threshold to qualify for a permanent doctor to be allocated to the town is a population of 1400. MB stated that the Current situation will only change when there is a decision to mine by one of the proponents and when the regional population reaches the critical threshold for Qld Health to provide the medical services. Further discussion ensued.	Nil	Nil
2	RC stated that the Alpha Coal supplementary EIS is now available.	No response required	Nil	Nil
3	LB asked what is happening with the water supply and pipeline from Connors River Dam?	MB: SGCP has guarantees in place and is still in discussion with SunWater about water supply	Nil	Nil
4	JA: What can the company do to protect and assure property owners they will still have water in their bores when mining goes ahead? Will there be capacity left for neighbouring properties?	AE: mentioned there would be a deed of arrangement with each property owner to cover all impacts. A monitoring program will be undertaken to assess impacts with an obligation to make good if there is a change that is attributable to mining activity.	Nil	Nil
5	JA: There has been an increase in vehicle roll-overs. What will be done to improve road conditions?	The increase in vehicle roll overs is related to current usage of the local transport network. The assessment and upgrade of roads is a State and Federal Government function.		MB/RC
6	WG: has the increased impact from air traffic been considered in the noise	Cumulative impacts associated with redevelopment of Alpha Aerodrome		MB/RC

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	study?	will be considered by Barcaldine Regional Council		
7	WG: suggested working with the BRC on land packages to make them affordable to families. He suggested an area to the north of town that is not flood prone, where there would be suitable land for subdivision. Current proposals by council are not suitable, blocks too small, poorly located.	The SGCP Social Impact Management Plan outlines the process for communicating and managing housing and accommodation issues relating to the SGCP.		
8	For the next meeting the group suggested an earlier starting time of 3pm and a wider invitation to include all directly affected property owners and immediate neighbours to the project area.		Draw up a list of property owners to invite to the next meeting.	MB
9	The CRG and directly affected property owners will be provided with a copy of the EIS document when it is released for public review. The next CRG meeting will be held approximately 3 weeks into the public review period and will be devoted to discussing any specific concerns and helping people understand the information provided in the EIS.			
<b>Service and Infrastructure Status update</b>				
Power	SGCP has engaged Powerlink to undertake corridor investigation for suitable transmission line route to South Galilee substation.			
Port	T4 to T9 not proceeding under the new government. SGCP understand and support the government's approach to a staged development of Abbot Point. Government has confirmed to SGCP that capacity will be available for projects as they require it.			
Rail	SGCP is progressing discussions to secure rail haulage arrangements to Abbot Point. The State also recently announced that it had asked QR National to examine development of the Queensland Rail-owned Emerald line, in order to service the southern Galilee both in terms of outgoing coal tonnages and incoming freight such as fuel." The SGCP has commenced preliminary			

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	discussions with QRN in relation to this.			
Water	SGCP is continuing discussions with SunWater on water supply issues for the project.			
	Exploration drilling will be continuing to the west when ground conditions allow access and there is a proposal to undertake additional water bores.			