



Minutes of Meeting

GPC Community Environmental Working Group (EWG) 28 November 2008

- Attendees** L. Ibell, J. Clark, R. Tooker, L. Pearce, H. Sayner, B. Maudsley, B. McClatchie, J. Sherriff, V. Del Popolo, A. Dahl, R. Hansen & G. Sellers
- Apologies** G. Young, V. Simon & P. Mouna
- Reference Documents** GPC Environmental Update presentation & GPC Community EWG Terms of Reference
- Location** Large Conference Room, Kullaroo House (40 Goondoon Street, Gladstone).
- Next Meeting** **Friday 6 March 2009, Large Conference Room, Kullaroo House.**

Welcome

- Heather Sayner, Corporate Relations General Manager

Matters Arising from Previous Meetings

- Email correspondence had been received regarding the minutes from the previous meeting. This information had been viewed and the minutes updated accordingly. Discussion occurred on the validity of minutes. It was noted that if members had indicated items were missed in the minutes that there has never been any reluctance by GPC to update the minutes. It was advised that a minute taker would be appointed by GPC who would not be involved in meeting discussion.

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| Motion Raised | Status |
| Minutes approved. | Accepted. |

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ GPC Environmental Update | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A presentation of the relevant data from dust depositional gauges up to end of October 2008 was discussed. • The group was shown the new GPC website where the public can now view Real Time Monitor (RTM) data. At present information from two community monitors is available to view with three more scheduled to come on-line in the near future. Data for the month was viewed and it was shown that the port was under the development approval limit. Some spikes occurred on the weekend of the 22 and 23 November which were possibly due to bush fires. • Twelve community complaints were discussed. The complaints were regarding noise, coal being hosed off vessels in the harbour, lighting, coal dust and a general complaint about the Port Central area. The group were advised on work the port has been completing in regards to minimising noise in the unloading station at the Barney Point Coal Terminal (BPCT). It was also advised that communication was sent to all shipping agents from Maritime Safety Queensland and GPC covering applicable legislation regarding the washing of coal from the decks of vessels. An investigation had been completed on all RTM data for the period covering the coal dust complaints and all data readings were under the licence limit. There was a strong NE/NW wind over the time of increased complaints and all operators at the terminal were on high alert. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A copy of the presentation is to be made available to all members. |

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ GPC Environmental Update continued... | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A group member stated that they had made a complaint via the GPC Hotline and it was advised that this was likely related to the conditions outlined in the presentation on the weekend of the 22 to 23 November. GPC advised that it would follow-up on the Hotline functionality. Two group members also advised that members of the public had spoken to them about issues with dust from RG Tanna Coal Terminal (RGTCT) and also from Port Central. • GPC advised that real time water samplers were being installed at both BPCT and the RGTCT. • A question was asked about what the black stockpile was in the Port Central area before BPCT and how it should be handled. GPC advised that this product was magnetite. The EPA representative at the meeting stated that the organisation in charge of this product has stringent licences for this product. • The GPC project manager for implementation of the benchmarking recommendations then addressed the group and spoke on a number of the recommendations that are being investigated for implementation and that are currently being implemented. Some of these items were - looking at the areas that bulldozers travel on, veneering on coal stockpile bases, the issue of unpaved roads travelled by light vehicles, working on installing wind guards on overhead conveyors, the clean up of the rail loop at BPCT and the installation of a 12 metre high wind barrier at BPCT. • A question was asked regarding the washing of train wagons. It was advised that QR and GPC are currently in discussion on this issue. | |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Terms of Reference | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • At the last meeting it was advised that all members should review the Terms of Reference. It was noted that at one of the first meetings of the group, a slip writing exercise occurred where the members listed all the areas the group should discuss. The four major issues were coal dust, water, light and noise. The group read through each section of the Terms of Reference and were asked if members were still in agreement with this document. Members confirmed that the Terms of Reference were still in agreeance. • It was decided that meetings would be held quarterly in 2009 on the following dates at Kullaroo House: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – 6 March 2009 – 5 June 2009 – 4 September 2009 – 4 December 2009 • Discussion occurred on the definition of environment and what issues should be discussed at the group. GPC Environment representatives advised that they could only comment on issues within their area. It was decided that group members could email through questions/items regarding both environmental and community areas to the Chairperson libel1@eq.edu.au and to Heather Sayner at saynerh@gpcl.com.au prior to the next meeting, to then be discussed or answered at the next meeting, if the information was relevant. Issues or questions for the next meeting on 6 March 2009 need to be emailed through by the 18 December 2008. The GPC Environmental Update is to be a standing item at each meeting. If items were raised at a meeting that could not be answered at that time, the item would be noted for inclusion at the next meeting. Minutes will endeavour to be issued on the Friday following the meeting. • Some members felt that the group had been subject to a number of presentations and been given information by the port but that input from the members was minimal. It was asked that all members make an effort to bring community issues to the group for discussion and to give the port feedback so that communication is two-way. Members are encouraged to email through items prior to a meeting as discussed above. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Quarterly meetings set for 2009. • Terms of Reference stand as is. • Items or questions for the next meeting on 6 March 2009 need to be emailed through by the 18 December 2008. <i>(See body of minutes for full details).</i> |

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ General Business | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The issue of the closure of O'Connell Wharf was again discussed. GPC personnel at the meeting could not provide any further information regarding the wharf at this time. • All members were wished a happy and safe Christmas. | |

Meeting concluded at: 5.05pm

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Chairperson

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