



**Environmental Working Group Meeting  
Friday 7 December 2007**

- Attendees:** T. Emmert, J. Clark, R. Tooker, R. Hansen, L. Pearce, P. O’Sullivan, A. Green, V. Simon, F. Hubczenko, A. Dahl, C. Walker, G. Sellers, P. Mouna, L. Ibell & B. Maudsley.
- Apologies:** A. Bunce, T. Carter & D. Swadling.
- Reference Documents:** Connell Hatch presentation, QR Media Release & correspondence from group members.
- Location:** EGC Conference Room, 114 Goondoon Street, Gladstone.
- Next Meeting:** To be advised.

**Welcome**

- CQPA Management observers at the meeting: Peter O’Sullivan (Corporate Relations General Manager) and Craig Walker (OSSM General Manager).

**Matters Arising from Previous Meetings**

- Discussion occurred on the framework of an Environmental Management Plan (EMP) and CQPA agreed to provide group members with an EMP for their information.

Motion Raised	Status
CQPA Environment team to provide an EMP for group members’ information.	Accepted.
Minutes approved.	Accepted.

Agenda	Discussion	Action
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <b>RGCT Benchmarking Study</b></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A presentation was given to the group by one of the consultants conducting the study, Connell Hatch. The guest speaker gave an overview of the team members involved, the study brief and benchmarking items. The delay in progress of the study and finalised report was also discussed. Discussion occurred on the peer reviewer, budget constraints and the way forward from here.</li> <li>• CQPA advised that once the report was received the information would be implemented into a Continuous Improvement Plan to cover the next three years.</li> <li>• The Connell Hatch benchmarking team would be invited to present the Report and findings to the EWG some time in February 2008.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• CQPA to provide a copy of the presentation to the EWG – B. Maudsley.</li> <li>• CQPA to organise meeting for Connell Hatch to present Benchmarking Study Report – P. O’Sullivan.</li> </ul>

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <b>Environmental Update</b></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The number of complaints received at CQPA for the month and YTD from 1 July 2007 was presented to the group as well as any exceedences on dust depositional gauges in the community.</li> <li>• An update was given on current environmental initiative projects being completed across site which included: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ misting nozzles being implemented saving two thirds on water usage,</li> <li>▪ the starting of routine water spray cycles on stockpiles,</li> <li>▪ talking with mines regarding dust suppression chemical use for wagon veneering,</li> <li>▪ results were presented for the last three months worth of real-time monitoring at Barney Point.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Discussion also occurred on licence limits and the location of gauges.</li> </ul>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <b>QR Update</b></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A media release was given to group members advising of the new webpage QR was providing which would give regular updates on the Coal Loss Management Project and provide an avenue for people to give feedback.</li> <li>• Website - <a href="http://www.networkaccess.qr.com.au/customer/Coal_Loss_Management_Project/">www.networkaccess.qr.com.au/customer/Coal_Loss_Management_Project/</a></li> <li>• Discussion occurred on QR's implementation of recommendations from the study.</li> <li>• Group members also discussed the cynicism that is believed to still be present in the community on the importance of air quality in Gladstone and industry's support.</li> </ul>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <b>Correspondence from Group Members</b></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Correspondence was tabled from two group members and discussion occurred on these items.</li> <li>• One group member presented a document containing suggestions for improvement in the area of dust mitigation. CQPA advised that a lot of the items listed were being covered in the Benchmarking Study but that the correspondence would be sent to Connell Hatch for consideration.</li> <li>• The other group member presented a letter that had been sent to CQPA a couple of years ago that also contained suggestions for improvement mainly with a focus on community consultation. Discussion occurred on communication with the community by CQPA and using the EWG as one point of consultation for not only environmental issues but any new projects by CQPA. CQPA advised that with any new major projects a community consultative process would occur and information could also be presented to the EWG.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Correspondence from one group member to be sent to Connell Hatch – B. Maudsley.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <b>General Business</b></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Some debate occurred on the range of issues the EWG will discuss and also whether the community or the EWG would actually influence any decisions made by CQPA. CQPA advised that in the case of the EWG senior managers are present to listen and take feedback and comments directly to the senior management team and the CQPA Board for attention.</li> <li>• Discussion also then occurred on what projects are next on the agenda for CQPA that would affect the community. CQPA advised that the next area to be looked at over the next two years would be the Auckland Creek area but at this stage there were no ideas or plans for development.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• CQPA to provide group members with a copy of the 50 year strategic plan on a page – B. Maudsley</li> </ul>

Meeting concluded at: 5.20pm

**Leanne Ibell**  
Chairperson