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BICET COMMUNITY REFERENCE GROUP MEETING	
Tuesday 12 July 2011	4.00pm
Bajool State School, Bajool	
Chairperson	Kate Campbell – Community Relations Manager BICET – XCQ
Coordinator	Lauren Sewell – Community Relations Advisor BICET – XCQ
Attendees	<p>Chris Straw – Senior Ports Manager BICET – XCQ</p> <p>Nikki O’Donnell – Environment and Approvals Manager BICET – XCQ</p> <p>Col Weeks – Local resident – Bajool</p> <p>Frank Seymour-Smith – Railway Hotel</p> <p>Michael McCabe – Capricorn Conservation Council</p> <p>Narelle Boys – Marmor QCWA</p> <p>Neil Lethlean – Capricorn Tourism and Economic Development</p> <p>Reg Shields – Bajool, Marmor and districts Ratepayers Association</p> <p>Betty Shields Marmor QCWA</p> <p>Shane Westley – Fitzroy Basin Association</p> <p>Shona Boardman – Bajool State School</p> <p>Stacey O’Grady – Marmor State School P&C</p> <p>Bill Sawynok – Info Fish</p> <p>Cr Craig Butler – Gladstone Regional Council</p> <p>Trevor Ramm – Local resident – Raglan</p> <p>Dorothy Ramm –Raglan Country Women’s Association</p>
Apologies	<p>Cr Sandra O’Brien – Rockhampton Regional Council</p> <p>Eric Boardman – Department of Communities</p> <p>Senior Constable Aaron Green – Queensland Police Service</p>

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TOPIC: CHARTER AND PREVIOUS MINUTES		
15 minutes	Kate Campbell – Community Relations Manager BICET – XCQ	
Discussion		
<p>Kate Campbell reads through Charter and asks if the group is able to pass the Charter. The group approves the Charter.</p> <p>Kate Campbell refers to the previous meeting’s minutes and asks the group if they are satisfied with the minutes. Shane Westley (Fitzroy Basin Association) suggests that they should have more detail. Kate Campbell advised the group that Xstrata Coal will aim to find a ‘happy medium’ and provide more detail in the next minutes.</p>		
Conclusions		
<p>Charter is approved.</p> <p>Meeting #1 minutes are unconfirmed until copies are provided at Meeting #3.</p>		
Action Items	Person Responsible	Deadline
Lauren Sewell to bring copies of Meeting #1 minutes to Meeting #3	Lauren Sewell	Next meeting
Lauren Sewell to provide more detail in Meeting #2 minutes.	Lauren Sewell	Next meeting
TOPIC: QLD COAL CHAIN AND PROJECT UPDATE		
30 minutes	Chris Straw – Senior Ports Manager BICET – XCQ	
Presentation		
<p>Chris Straw (CS) begins presentation (with PowerPoint) regarding Xstrata coal chain. Presentation covers the following points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Balaclava Island Coal Export Terminal (BICET), if approved, will be fed by the Xstrata’s new Wandoan Coal Project, and existing Togara, Oaky Creek and Rolleston mines • The first coal from the Wandoan Coal Project will go to the Wiggans Island Coal Export Terminal (WICET) in 2014. Xstrata Coal has been allocated 11 mtpa capacity at WICET Stage 1. Eventually Xstrata Coal will have over 50% of the entire WICET 1 and 2 capacities • Xstrata Coal, despite WICET, stills need more port capacity to export the coal that XCQ mines are producing • BICET will being exporting in 2016 • WICET Stage 2 will mean Xstrata Coal can export 80 million-tonnes-per-annum 		

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- Queensland Government is relying on mining royalties to achieve its budget projections

CS also explains the project footprint map. The rail line has been re-aligned to avoid the landholders' best paddock and yellow chat habitat.

CS then outlines the other project components (conveyor, stockpile and berth) and the dredging needed in the channel. He explains that the outer channel contains good clean construction sand and the inner channel contains acid sulfate soils which could oxidise in the environment and cause harm.

Cr Craig Butler (Gladstone Regional Council) asks how much of the channel contains acid sulfate soils. Nikki O'Donnell (NO – Environment and Approvals Manager BICET – XCQ) explains approximately half the channel contains acid sulfate soils (approximately 1.5 million cubic tones). CS explains that we may look at sealing the material and bringing it on shore. Kate Campbell (KC) notes this will be in the EIS.

CS explains that as part of Xstrata Coal's mandate from the Queensland Government to investigate the terminal, Xstrata Coal needs to work with other proponents in the area. One of these projects is Fitzroy Terminal Project. CS explains their project components.

Michael McCabe (Capricorn Conservation Council) asks if Fitzroy Terminal Project have an Initial Advice Statement (IAS). NO explains that they have submitted an IAS to the Queensland Government but this hasn't been released yet.

Shane Westley (Fitzroy Basin Association) asks if we will share our stockpile with Fitzroy Terminal Project. CS reiterates that we are completely separate proponents and we will not be sharing a stockpile.

CS also mentions Gladstone Ports Corporation and their 50 year strategic plan which includes plans for three berths on Balaclava Island.

Shane Westley (Fitzroy Basin Association) asks if they will have another conveyor. CS answers that this depends on the engineering design.

NO gives an update on the approvals process. She explains that Xstrata Coal submitted the Initial Advice Statement in 2009. The project received significant project status in May 2010. NO explains that Xstrata has to follow a bilateral agreement. The Terms of Reference for the project have now been finalized and there were a few study areas that came up in the final Terms of Reference that Xstrata Coal will investigate further. One of these was the dredging study. This indicated the Project may have to investigate acid sulfate soils further. Xstrata Coal is now looking at a number of options to manage acid sulfate soils. One of these options is possibly bringing it ashore or sealing it.

The group then talks about how they would like to see the Environmental Impact Statement distributed. Shona Boardman (Bajool State School) suggested that we could display the EIS in the Bajool State School building. KC explains that Xstrata will provide hard copy executive summaries and the full EIS on memory sticks. NO explains that Xstrata will also have a road show.

NO then goes back to slide and explains that we will do more sampling for the dredging program.

Regarding geotechnical investigations – Xstrata Coal had our referral decision on 30 June – Not a controlled action decision. NO explains that geotechnical investigations are taking samples of the dirt using bore holes. Approx 15 – 18 m deep. These are needed to guide the engineering design. These new geotechnical investigations involves terrestrial, Balaclava Island and offshore sampling.

Reg Shields (Ratepayers Association) asks if the Balaclava Island approvals process is keeping up with Xstrata's mining approvals processes. CS explains that the timeframe is very tight. Xstrata

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needs to get the approvals moving whilst still keeping it thorough.

NO goes back to the slide and says we are also looking at lighting design and anchorage locations. CS explains that this is an Xstrata port and as such, Xstrata controls its own destiny. Our demand is controlled by us. This port will have a queue between five and ten ships.

Dorothy Ramm (QCWA Raglan) asks the turnaround time for the ships. CS says that the ship will take approximately one and a half days to fill. Trains will arrive at the stockpile to unload each hour.

Michael McCabe (Capricorn Conservation Council) asks about cumulative impacts. CS explains that Xstrata looked at 21 sites along the east coast including Sunshine Coast and Bundaberg but they are 'no go zones'. This is the suitable location because it is port waters.

Reg Shields (Ratepayers Association) asks about the spur where it comes off the highway and whether we have designs for this. CS explains that Xstrata do have designs but we aren't happy with these as at the moment they cut through the Christensen's windmill. Reg Shields asks if there will be an overpass. CS explains that we are looking at this because of safety. Betty Shields (QCWA Marmor) says it is already quite busy there.

NO explains the Project's environmental measures. Current noise monitoring indicates that there won't be any noise impacts to residences. Xstrata are still doing acoustic modelling for the dolphins.

NO also adds that there will be no refuelling provisions for ships at the site. Michael McCabe (Capricorn Conservation Council) asks if this means the ships will refuel in Gladstone before or after the visit to Balaclava Island. CS answers yes - ballast water management will be changed at sea as per maritime guidelines.

NO then explains that we have been working with commercial fishermen to determine the height of the bridge. Bill Sawynok (InfoFish) explains that mostly tinnies go through the area. He hasn't seen any yachts in the area.

Dorothy Ramm (QCWA Raglan) then says that Pacific Creek on the top side of Curtis Island – a lot of 'yachties' come here in rough weather.

Reg Shields (Ratepayers Association) then asks about the water supply. Is there any outside water? KC answers yes there is.

KC then talks about the workforce requirements for the project. The construction workforce will require approximately 800 people and some of these will be in a temporary accommodation camp subject to a local council approval process. 100 people are required for operations and the idea is that they would go home to their houses every night. Because of the demand in Gladstone we believe these people will come from the wider Rockhampton area. There would be strict behaviour protocols.

KC says that Xstrata understands that road safety is an issue for the community. There will be an increase in traffic during construction. Xstrata will bring equipment in by ship where possible.

Betty Shields (QCWA Marmor) asks if this will come into Gladstone or Port Alma. CS answers that some berth materials would come into Port Alma and some other parts would come into Gladstone and we would bring it by road.

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KC asks for comments from the group.

Narelle Boys (QCWA Marmor) says it has been good to get an update.

Shane Westley (Fitzroy Basin Association) says it has been good to get more information. He is concerned the detail isn't finalised yet but will wait to see what comes out.

Trevor Ramm (Resident – Raglan) asks how we are getting on with the pipeline corridor. NO says that it is an infrastructure corridor. It means that whichever proponent constructs first needs to ensure the second proponent and other infrastructure is able to construct. It just needs to be a consideration and a safe guard.

Trevor Ramm (Resident – Raglan) also asks about the hydrology study. NO explains that Xstrata will release these results when we have them. NO explains that we are looking at what impact our infrastructure will have on the water and flow patterns in the area.

Dorothy Ramm (QCWA Raglan) says that she is concerned about getting on and off the highways. Chris explains that this will be the subject of a safety analysis.

Reg Shields (Ratepayers Association) asks about native title. NO explains the two native title groups in the area. She explains the claims process and how it does not impact to freehold land.

Bill Sawynok (InfoFish) wants to let everyone know that they have been monitoring recreational and commercial fishing activity in the area and they have a good understanding of the area.

Shona Boardman (Bajool State School) thanks Xstrata for the information and any more information we have and we can pass on would be appreciated. CS says we are working on artist impressions.

Michael McCabe (Capricorn Conservation Council) asks a question about cumulative impacts and what is beyond this. He says it is important to push the information we have back to the public because there is inherent mistrust.

Reg Shields (Ratepayers Association) also asks that information is placed in the Marmor Hall and Raglan Hall. Lauren Sewell (LS) will provide this information at the next meeting.

Craig Butler (Gladstone Regional Council) says that Gladstone Regional Council's interest is in protection of the environmental values and fishing impacts, traffic impacts and cumulative impacts. Craig says that there will be two or three big projects starting at the same time we are starting including Boulder Steel. This means we will need to import workers. How are we going to deal with cultural issues? He suggests we need to turn our mind to these cultural issues.

Narelle Boys (QCWA Marmor) asks how big a package of land is required for the temporary accommodation camp. CS says 10 – 20 hectares once Xstrata adds carparks and ancillary areas. Narelle asks if we would purchase or rent this. CS says that both are options and many factors go into selecting an area.

Reg Shields (Ratepayers Association) tables a thank you to Xstrata Coal for providing a donation to the road works in Bajool.

KC then talks about the next meeting date to be held at Raglan CWA Hall at 4pm at some time in October. KC also tables that we will consider doing a boat trip.

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Lauren Sewell to provide maps and information for display at Raglan and Marmor Halls.	Lauren Sewell	Next meeting
MEETING CLOSES		