

# BMA Community Network Quarterly SIMP Report

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## Executive summary

BHP Billiton Mitsubishi Alliance (BMA) has formed the BMA Community Network (BCN) to engage with stakeholders from business, community and government concerning the Bowen Basin Coal Growth Projects (BBCG). The group forms part of BMA's ongoing community liaison and will assist BMA to proactively identify potential project impacts and management strategies.

The BCN operates in compliance with Condition 6 of the Coordinator-General's evaluation report for the Caval Ridge Mine (CRM) Environmental Impact Statement (EIS).

The BCN meets for the functions of:

- community liaison on the Daunia Mine, CRM and future BBCG projects
- development of the Social Impact Management Plan (SIMP) for CRM.

# 1. Introduction

## 1.1 Purpose of BCN SIMP meetings

The purpose of the BCN SIMP meetings are to:

- assist in providing advice and input on issues relating to potential social impacts and mitigation strategies outlined in the CRM EIS and SIMP
- receive and consider progress reports on the implementation of the SIMP
- participate in the design and collection of qualitative and quantitative data pertinent to monitoring SIMP mitigation and management strategies.

## 1.2 Meeting frequency

The BCN SIMP meetings occur monthly during the development of the draft SIMP, then at least every second month during the first year implementation period for the first approved SIMP.

Quarterly update reports resulting from the BCN SIMP meetings will be available publicly on the BHP Billiton website.

## 1.3 What is a SIMP?

As part of the CRM EIS process, BMA was required to develop a Social Impact Assessment (SIA). A SIA is a technical study which defines the existing social environment, assesses potential project impacts, benefits and opportunities, and details management strategies to minimise the impact on the community.

During the development of the CRM EIS and prior to project approval, the Government implemented the Sustainable Resource Communities policy which requires the development of a SIMP to address the impacts of the project detailed in the SIA. BMA committed to developing a SIMP as part of project approvals prior to project construction. This commitment was subsequently conditioned by the Coordinator-General on approval of the project.

The SIMP covers both positive and negative social impacts identified in the EIS and the social/community related commitments made by the project. The SIMP also details the roles and responsibilities of BMA, government, stakeholders and community to mitigate and manage social impacts, benefits and opportunities.

The BCN will assist in the development of the SIMP during the monthly BCN SIMP meetings.

## 2. Quarter Three – Summary

Meeting One: SIMP overview

- SIMP case study.

Meeting Two: SIMP update

- progress with the SIMP
- fly-in fly-out change request effect on SIMP
- CRM mitigations
- existing commitments to the Moranbah community
- housing study.

Meeting Three: SIMP update

- Stakeholder input
- SIMP objectives
- BMA-wide mitigation strategies
- CRM mitigation strategies
- review of draft SIMP.

### 3. Quarter Three – Meeting One

<b>Project:</b>	<b>BMA Community Network – Community Liaison/SIMP meeting</b>	
<b>Date:</b>	Thursday, 25 August 2011	
<b>Meeting location:</b>	Coalfields Training and Excellence Centre; Moranbah	
<b>Present:</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Organisation</b>
	Julie Boyd (JB)	Chairperson
	Brendan Lynn (BL)	BMA
	Andy Cameron (AC)	Bechtel
	Bruce Egerton (BE)	Bechtel
	Dave Makinson (DM)	Bechtel
	Dee Elliott (DE)	BMA
	Karyn Looby (KL)	BMA
	Kristin Rogers (KR)	BMA
	Nikki Wright (NW)	Department of Employment, Economic Development and Innovation
	Roger Ferguson (RF)	Isaac Regional Council (also attending on behalf of Mark Crawley)
	Chris Munro (CM)	Moranbah East State School
	John King (JK)	Moranbah Newsagency
	Leah Cavanagh (LC)	Parsons Brinckerhoff
<b>Apologies:</b>	Barbara Nicholls	Moranbah State High School
	Lauren Barnaby	BMA
	Kris Sheehan	BMA
	Chris McFarlan	Moranbah and District Support Services
	Ruth Flynn	Moranbah Hospital
	Mark Crawley	Isaac Regional Council
	Stacey Budby	Woorra Consulting

#### SIMP overview

- LC provided an overview of the work completed by the BCN on the Social Impact Management Plan (SIMP) to date which includes:
  - ▶ purpose and structure of SIMP
  - ▶ existing characteristics, and update
  - ▶ impacts and update.
- The next steps for the SIMP include:

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- ▶ drafting strategies and implementation program
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- ▶ state agency consultation
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- ▶ consultation with BCN on strategies and monitoring
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- ▶ release draft SIMP for consultation.

- DE explained that it is important to review the impacts identified in the Social Impact Assessment (SIA) to ensure that they haven't changed since the SIA was drafted.
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- The CRM SIMP will include overarching plans for the community which are BMA wide and also include CRM specific mitigation strategies.
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- DE explained that the draft SIMP, once reviewed by the BCN and the Government, will be released for a public consultation period.

### **SIMP case study**

- DE presented on three SIMPs which have been released including:
  - ▶ Qld Curtis LNG- [http://www.qgc.com.au/dbase\\_upl/QCLNG-SIMP.pdf](http://www.qgc.com.au/dbase_upl/QCLNG-SIMP.pdf)
  - ▶ Wandoan Coal Project- <http://www.wandoancoalproject.com.au/userfiles/file/250511%20FINAL%20WCP%20SIMP%20for%20CoG.pdf>
  - ▶ APLNG- <http://www.aplng.com.au/pdf/eis/supp/LNGSocialImpactManagementPlan.pdf>
- DE drafted the Qld Curtis LNG SIMP and explained that the project was different to CRM as it spanned over 600 kms and impacted multiple communities.
- All of the examples followed similar formats and included detailed sections on shared responsibilities (company/government), implementation for the SIMP and performance measurements.
- The SIMP covers the life of the operation and will be reviewed periodically to ensure that the data is accurate and that impacts and mitigation strategies are still appropriate.
- DE to investigate the BCN requirements for the SIMP moving forward (during implementation).

### **Housing study update**

- The Office of Economic and Statistical Research (OESR) are in the process of analysing data, producing analysis and projections.
- BMA is hoping to have the draft of the study produced by the end of the year. The draft will be presented to the BCN at the first meeting in 2012.

## 4. Quarter Three – Meeting Two

<b>Project:</b>	<b>BMA Community Network – SIMP meeting</b>	
<b>Date:</b>	Wednesday, 14 September 2011	
<b>Meeting location:</b>	Western Heritage, Moranbah	
<b>Present:</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Organisation</b>
	Julie Boyd (JB)	Chairperson
	Sandy Poulson (SP)	Bechtel
	Brendan Lynn (BL)	BMA
	Dee Elliott (DE)	BMA
	Kris Sheehan (KS)	BMA
	Karyn Looby (KL)	BMA
	Kristin Rogers (KR)	BMA
	Lauren Barnaby (LB)	BMA
	Nikki Wright (NW)	Department of Employment, Economic Development and Innovation (attending on behalf of Nikki Wright)
	Jessica Dix (JD)	Isaac Regional Council
	Chris Munro (CM)	Moranbah East State School
	Michelle Esler (ME)	Moranbah Hospital
	Chris McFarlan (CMc)	Moranbah and District Support Services
	John King (JK)	Moranbah Newsagency
	Leah Cavanagh (LC)	Parsons Brinckerhoff
<b>Apologies:</b>	Barbara Nicholls	Moranbah State High School
	Mark Crawley	Isaac Regional Council
	Roger Ferguson	Isaac Regional Council
	Stacey Budby	Woorra Consulting

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#### Progress with the SIMP

- To date, progress on the SIMP has included:
  - ▶ updating of baseline data for 2010/2011
  - ▶ updating of impacts based on BCN discussions
  - ▶ identifying BMA Communities strategies which address CRM impacts
  - ▶ understanding Indigenous engagement
  - ▶ preparing for engagement with stakeholders in September and October

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- ▶ understanding change report and new housing requirements.

### Fly-in fly-out change request effect on SIMP

- DE explained that the Government's decision on workforce arrangements has assisted in clarifying the extent of potential social impacts and opportunities that the workforce and project could have on the community.
- CM discussed that while a FIFO workforce means that there isn't an increase in residential population there still will be an increase in school enrolments from the contractors who will move to the area to support the proposed CRM project.
- DE explained that the decision will now enable consultation with key stakeholders in September and October on the real impacts for health, police, the community and the Council.
- DE said it will be important to determine the impacts of the construction workforce as the construction phase would attract the highest number of non-resident workforce associated with the proposed CRM project.
- DE confirmed that the SIMP and subsequent studies which support the SIMP will be made public.
- DE asked the BCN members to contact her if they believe there are further existing communities strategies, initiatives or groups which could feed into the SIMP.
- KL explained that BMA will be working on a program to encourage the non-residential workforce to volunteer their time to local groups.

### CRM mitigations

- DE explained that the SIMP will need to address how to:
  - ▶ manage impacts of increased non-resident workers in the area (e.g. traffic, interactions with the community)
  - ▶ ensure good co-operation with local emergency services
  - ▶ build community-workforce cohesion
  - ▶ mitigate any impact on vulnerable groups.

### Existing commitments to the Moranbah community

- DE noted BMA's existing commitments to amenity and livability in the Moranbah community, most of which are based on partnerships, and will be outlined in the SIMP:
  - ▶ up to \$5.5 million towards regional youth and community services centre in Moranbah (with IRC and community services providers)
  - ▶ \$2.5 million towards redeveloping the Greg Cruikshank Aquatic Centre (with IRC)
  - ▶ \$5 million over five years towards affordable accommodation (with IRC and

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community groups).

- ▶ \$46 million towards upgrading the Moranbah Airport
- ▶ \$15 million to upgrade approximately 185 houses and replace two houses in Moranbah during the 2012 financial year
- ▶ Construction of 160 dwellings in Moranbah, in the period to 30 June 2013 (subject to development approvals and construction factors), and projects with ULDA
- ▶ Contribution of \$6 million in 2011–12 towards rates and special rates, assisting Council to maintain recreation facilities, infrastructure etc
- ▶ \$2.8 million in 2011–12 for community support programs such as day care, sporting and recreational facilities and education and cultural initiatives
- ▶ \$19.6 million in 2011–12 for local infrastructure support for water, road and airport maintenance.

**Housing study**

- The Office of Economic and Statistical Research (OESR) data analysis is due at the end of September.
- The Housing Study should be drafted in October/November with the BCN to review in November/December

## 5. Quarter Three – Meeting Three

<b>Project:</b>	<b>BMA Community Network – SIMP meeting</b>	
<b>Date:</b>	Wednesday, 26 October 2011	
<b>Meeting location:</b>	Coalfields Training and Excellence Centre; Moranbah	
<b>Present:</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Organisation</b>
	Julie Boyd (JB)	Chairperson
	Kevin Vallino (KV)	BMA
	Dee Elliott (DE)	BMA
	Kris Sheehan (KS)	BMA
	Kristin Rogers (KR)	BMA
	Lauren Barnaby (LB)	BMA
	Anne Smith (AS)	Department of Employment, Economic Development and Innovation (DEEDI)
	Roger Ferguson (RF)	Isaac Regional Council
	Chris Munro (CM)	Moranbah East State School
	John King (JK)	Moranbah Newsagency
	Barbara Nicholls (BN)	Moranbah State High School
	Leah Cavanagh (LC)	Parsons Brinckerhoff
<b>Apologies:</b>	Dave Makinson	Bechtel
	Mark Crawley	Isaac Regional Council
	Chris McFarlan (CMc)	Moranbah and District Support Services
	Michelle Esler	Moranbah Hospital
	Stacey Budby	Woorra Consulting

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#### Stakeholder input

- To date, BMA have consulted with the following stakeholders on the CRM SIMP:

- ▶ BCN
- ▶ DEEDI
- ▶ IRC
- ▶ Moranbah doctors
- ▶ Moranbah hospital staff
- ▶ Moranbah school principals

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- ▶ Moranbah fire and rescue

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- ▶ Police (local and district).

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- Stakeholders indicated:
  - ▶ Moranbah is a strong, family friendly community

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  - ▶ there has been a lack of government recognition of population growth and fluctuations (and impacts on social infrastructure)

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  - ▶ there is an existing volume of presentations from non-resident workers on doctors and hospital

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  - ▶ the community is concerned that the character of the town is changing due to population turnover, short term resident families, intensity of mining uses (traffic etc)

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  - ▶ safety on Peak Downs Highway is a critical concern to the community

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  - ▶ there is potential for economic stimulation to increase demand for housing

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  - ▶ it is difficult to sustain businesses in the face of high labour costs and labour shortages

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  - ▶ there is a need for better communication with emergency services and police.

### SIMP objectives

- DE explained that the objectives of the SIMP are to:
  - ▶ mitigate the social impacts of CRM

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  - ▶ maximise the social benefits of CRM and BMA's Growth projects

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  - ▶ assist in avoiding impacts on local values, amenity, safety and lifestyles

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  - ▶ engage and work with communities, councils and state government to implement SIMP

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  - ▶ increase the availability and diversity of housing in Moranbah

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  - ▶ support regional development initiatives

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  - ▶ participate in initiatives to address cumulative impacts

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  - ▶ develop an effective framework to monitor implementation.

### BMA-wide mitigation strategies

- DE explained that BMA-wide mitigation strategies will assist in reducing potential

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impacts identified in the SIMP. These include:

- ▶ focus on community development and social sustainability of the Moranbah community
- ▶ BMA Draft Five Year Communities Plan for the Bowen Basin
- ▶ Workforce and Community Cohesion Strategies
- ▶ major local initiatives including:
  - Greg Cruickshank Aquatic Centre
  - Moranbah Youth Centre redevelopment
  - affordable and community housing
  - housing production and housing upgrades
  - community support programs.
- ▶ support for Moranbah’s infrastructure
- ▶ local and regional partnerships.

## CRM mitigation strategies

- DE discussed the CRM mitigation strategies for the impacts identified in the SIMP. These include:
  - ▶ managing and addressing workforce health needs by:
    - reducing impact on hospital
    - investigating provision of doctors.
  - ▶ developing workforce-community cohesion by:
    - providing induction training and welcome packs on local values
    - developing a Local Buying Program provide additional opportunities for the competitive supply of goods and services for local small businesses
    - assisting with community programs and local volunteering opportunities
    - informing the community on BMA’s standards of behaviour and complaints mechanism.
  - ▶ developing communication and co-operation protocols with police, fire, ambulance and schools
  - ▶ focussing on road safety- training, education, driving practices, reducing traffic

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- ▶ working with council and state government on key regional priorities.

### Review of draft SIMP

- DE explained the timeline for the SIMP review.
  - ▶ targeting early December for BCN review.
  - ▶ aiming for public display in February/ March 2012
  - ▶ aiming for final SIMP in April/May 2012.

## 6. Next steps

Information collected in the meetings held during Quarter Three will be considered during the development of the SIMP.

The BCN will continue to meet on the SIMP with Quarter Four meetings scheduled for:

- 24 November 2011
- 12 December 2011
- 31 January 2012.