

BHP Billiton Community Workshops Report August – September 2010

Caroona Consultative Committee

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1. Overview

- Workshops in August and September demonstrate two-way engagement
- The workshops identified a number of community priorities for us to address
- Ongoing engagement will ensure:
 - potential positive impacts can be enhanced
 - negative impacts can be addressed and mitigated

2. The Report

- The report will be released tomorrow
- It aims to capture the issues raised and the BHP Billiton perspective
- The critical next steps have been explained at a high level, and will need to be mapped out in more detail

3. Issues

The issues raised during the workshops included:

1. Groundwater, including hydrogeology, flood modeling and floodplain definition, exploration drilling and underground water, and use and acquisition of water.
2. Land access, particularly the number of negotiated land access agreements and BHP Billiton's approach to land acquisition.
3. Protection of agricultural land and the potential for agriculture and mining to coexist.

4. Issues

4. The potential cumulative socio-economic benefits and impacts on the region.
5. The project approval process and regulatory requirements.
6. Planning and development, particularly the nature of the mining operation and impacts on infrastructure.

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7. Direct impacts of mining, including subsidence, dust and biodiversity.
8. Indigenous issues, particularly employment and protection of cultural heritage.
9. BHP Billiton's approach to community engagement.

6. The way forward

- Propose that CCC's credibility is built further by increasing the depth at which it reviews critical elements of the project.
- Propose that three sub-committees are established, reporting to the CCC, to consider the key issues.
- Propose that the sub-committees would be made up of members of CCC, the Caroon Coal Action Group and interested community members.

7. The way forward – GROUNDWATER

Impacts on hydrogeology

- Further understand water resource

Flood modeling and floodplain definition

- Predicting impacts on surface water movements
- Flood modeling to define floodplain

8. The way forward – WATER USAGE

Water usage

- Longwall mining and water issues
- Company water reduction initiatives
- Share water data
- Consult with the community

9. The way forward – LAND

Land access

- Discuss land access arrangements

10. The way forward – POTENTIAL OF AGRICULTURAL AND MINING COEXISTENCE



Agricultural land

- Community forum to develop a coexistence framework
- Present co-existence case studies
- Report results to the community

11. The way forward – SOCIO-ECONOMIC IMPACTS



Socio-economic impact

- Engage on socio-economic issues
- Build local pool of skilled labour
- Socio-economic analysis

Cumulative impacts

- Engage on cumulative impacts

12. The way forward – PROJECT APPROVAL PROCESS AND REGULATORY REQUIREMENTS



Project approval

- In-depth community engagement
- Ongoing feedback to the community

13. The way forward – PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

Nature of the mining operation

- Share information about longwall mining

Infrastructure impacts

- Share information about mine access and infrastructure

14. The way forward – SUBSIDENCE

Subsidence

- Hold subsidence forum
- Inform the community of subsidence modeling

15. The path forward – DUST

Dust

- Consult community about placement of dust monitors
- Provide regular updates

16. The path forward – BIODIVERSITY



Biodiversity

- Share results of ecological studies

17. The path forward – INDIGENOUS ISSUES

Indigenous employment

- Involve the Aboriginal community

18. The way forward – COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT



Community engagement

- Release the report
- Hold additional workshops
- Monitor priority issues
- Maintain transparency, continue engagement, respect all contributions, seek and provide feedback

19. Sub-committees

Propose that the committees would focus on the following:

- **Co-existence of mining and agriculture**
Including socio-economic impact in towns and farms affected by mining and exploration
- **Water**
Including water usage and potential impact on aquifers, subsidence and approach to mine design
- **Biodiversity**
Including baseline data gathering, environmental impact studies and analysis

20. Discussion

- Your input to the path forward
- Your thoughts about sub-committees
- Your view about how you can assist with communication about the report to your networks



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