

Q & A's

Hillside Community Voice – December 2014

December 2014 HCV meeting.

These additional questions were posed during the meeting from the floor and answered by B Goreing.

Q: How big is Kanmantoo mine?

A: Kanmantoo mine produces 23,000 tonnes of copper concentrate a year. The footprint of the mine covers the main pit plus the satellite pits. Main pit was mined in the past.

Q: What about the waste rock dump?

A: The hard rock waste is placed in an area that spans probably about 2kms

Q: Does anyone working on the mine live on the site?

A: Several homes within the lease are being rented out. The company and the community now see the broad community in three levels. The first level - the local community - lives within 5 kms of the mine. In February 2014, 40 of the mine's 260 employees lived within that local community. The next level out is within 25 kms of the mine and in February, 103 employees lived in that area. So roughly 150 live within 20 kms of the mine. No need for a camp because they live in the community. There was no camp during construction.

Q: Are the satellite mines going to be open cut or underground?

A: All are open cut and the company has agreed to refill, I think, all three or at least two of them. The main pit will remain open after the mine has closed – that is in the mine closure and rehabilitation plan which is available to the community.

Q: With the mine operating, we will have the same dust issues as your group. James Well/ Rogues Pt do not have mains water and only have tank water. Does anyone from your area take readings to see what is in the rainwater tanks?

A: Because dust was an issue we formed a dust working party which went in 2 directions; dust and lifestyle - about not wanting dust covering our houses - and dust and health, which brought up the fact that many in the community are on rain water and what they could do to make sure there are no health implications. The company has a rain water testing program run by a third party at arm's length. A laboratory firm in Adelaide comes up to anyone in the local community within 5kms of the mine who asks. The lab results go back to the community member and to the company which has a master sheet. As far as [Bob] is aware they have come back fine in terms of contamination from the mine.

Q: Did they publish their results (without people's names)?

A: They have produced them and presented them at public meetings. When the updated website is up in a month's time they should be up there. Everything [KCCCC] does is in the public domain.

Q: How regularly were they tested?

A: Believes the testing program started about two years ago. Recently people have asked to have the sludge in the bottom of tanks tested, not necessarily for the current mining operation but what's

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happened in the past. The Company has responded each time and [Bob] is not aware of any health issues.

Q: Should we be doing that now?

A: You could be telling the Company dust could be an issue and what is the likely composition of the material.

(E Dearlove advised that Rex has put an offer out to test people's rainwater tanks to all the surrounding landowners - to anyone that has an adjoining property - and also through the James Well/Rogues Point and Pine Point Progress Associations and requested people who are interested. We did not get a great response from our direct neighbours and we tested one in the regional agricultural setting and one in the township of Port Vincent to get a baseline. We tested all of our surrounding neighbours that said yes and a few north and south in the two townships. In total only had about 15 but were hoping to get about 25-30.

L Kakoschke advised she did not remember getting that letter.

E Dearlove to check the master sheet and follow this up for anyone that would like testing. The offers of tank testing were sent to the owner of the land.

Q: Isn't one of the problems that well-intentioned and concerned individuals don't have the expertise to make decisions or gain the information around something like dust or noise? Isn't that where it would be useful for the working group to have a connection with the expert in DSD who can provide that link? So at the committee level you have the overarching DSD regulator who is responsible but each working group would have a specific contact with the specialist within DSD, EPA or somewhere else.

A: Agreed. The responsibility sits at the top, the action sits underneath it and you can bring in more people at the working party level.

Q: Who sets the working groups' agenda and how involved does the company get in particular areas? How is this brokered with the working groups?

A: In the Kanmantoo/Callington area, because it is in stage three, the Company is part of the community. They are not sitting around the table with the Company in the middle having tense conversations. So when dust was a driver of the agenda, I captured the issue in a way that mirrored the PEPR. A risk or performance-based framework is at the top but the community is not interested in [technical] compliance stuff about decibels etc. What are the expectations in plain language and what actions can be taken to meet outcomes we and the company agree on? The Company has been very open to that [approach] once it was established that we were members of the one community sitting at that table.

Q: How often does the committee meet?

A: It meets according to need. Since February 2014 it met monthly for four months, and then bi-monthly for two meetings.

Q: How often do those working parties meet outside of that main committee?

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A: Each working party meets at least once between each committee meeting.

Q: Is it appropriate or feasible for the HCV to have a consultation role with the Company and the PEPR?

A: The PEPR reflects what is in the mining permit and its conditions. In a perfect world the conditions would have been influenced by the community's earlier involvement. But if it failed to say something back then, you mightn't see it in the PEPR. The PEPR is guided by the issues that have been raised. There is a formal process that the PEPR needs to go through. My tip is don't wait for the formal regulatory process. The PEPR is the key.