

Workshop information

1. Refer below: a summary of the HHCV workshop with Department State Development (DSD) Mineral Resources Division about the Hillside mining lease conditions.
2. The copy of the presentation from DSD

Hillside Community Voice (HCV): DSD Workshop re Mining Lease Conditions and Regulations

The first workshop of the HCV was held on Monday 16 February at the Ardrossan Community Club. The workshops are just one form of the HCV communication strategy to help ensure members of the local community to be fully informed about the Hillside project and most especially- to encourage input into this planning stage, when community voice is critical to ensure the company and the regulators respect, understand and act in a way that responds to the community's needs, eliminate risks and maximize the benefits of this project .

Approximately 80 people attended the workshop, facilitated by Kate Van Schaik and the leaders of the HCV working groups. Kate welcomed all to the evening and provided a brief overview of the background and approach by HCV. Kate emphasised that the group encourages and welcomes membership from any people from within the local region, whose views may range from that of strong support for development of the mining industry in our region to those who may strongly oppose. That the HCV is the vehicle through which we as a community can express our needs, influence, ideas and shape and influence the plans and approaches of the company and the regulators (the department) throughout the life of the project

"We are working on the premise that the mining lease has been approved and therefore we need to be proactive to address all issues and build on every opportunity for our community" Kate said.

Greg Marshall- Director of Mining Regulation and Andrew Querzoli -Manager Mining Assessment from the Department of State Development (DSD) led the first part of workshop with information about the Conditions applied to Rex Mineral's Mining Lease for the Hillside Project and provided a range of information including:

- requirements for the company to meet and maintain compliance with all requirements under The Mining Act, Regulations under the Act, all conditions as outlined in Schedule 2 and schedule 6
- reassessment process and options in the event that the company revises their mining schedule/ proposed change to a smaller scaled start-up to the Hillside project
- Department's expectations regarding community engagement
- Program for Environmental Protection and Rehabilitation (PEPR)
- expected time frames and options for the company to submit the PEPR /apply for extensions-/community role in shaping the PEPR
- compliance and monitoring approaches
- Bonds and public liability

The evening's format allowed time for community guests to consider their questions and comments and discuss these with the working group leaders of the HCV, who put forward the questions to the panel of 5 DSD representatives during the second part of the workshop. A range of matters were raised and discussed about the conditions relating to dust and noise emissions, rehabilitation, exemption waivers , impact on landowners, the reliability of the hydrology assessment, the required community engagement plan, considerations about the marine environment in the gulf and how the department identifies and treats any areas of non-compliance . A number of questions related to the company's proposed changes to that of a staged commencement to the project and the way the department will determine what changes fall "out of scope" to that which was approved in the original Mining lease application.

It was a very informative evening, with great involvement from the community-comprising participants with varied views about the project. There remain some unanswered questions or additional information and details may be required, but the evening provided a sound basis on which we can contribute to the considerations by the department of the views from our community and provide the "social licence" for the development of the mining project. The workshop concluded Kate emphasizing the importance of everyone being involved- to ensure that the company and the regulators "Get it right" as mining approval has been granted "in our backyard".

HCV welcomes members of the community to join one of the working groups, which focus on ensuring relevant plans address all facets of the impact of this industry in our region.

the working groups and leaders are:

AIR QUALITY: NOISE & LIGHT: Lauren Kakoschke

WATER QUALITY AND MARINE ENVIRONMENT: Stephen Lodge

ACCOMMODATION AND TOURISM: Peter Koulizos

TRANSPORT: Jo Buchanan

AGRICULTURE & FARM MANAGEMENT : Stewart Lodge

REHABILITATION AND END OF MINE LIFE: Joy Wundersitz

Other working groups are planned- whose work cannot commence until the details of the revised mining schedule are known. These will include:

BUSINESS AND EMPLOYMENT

HEALTH , EDUCATION, EMERGENCY AND FAMILY SERVICES

PLANTS & ANIMALS (endangered species, native vegetation, pest movement etc)

You are welcome to contact any of the leaders or email HCV on

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