

Dubbo Project Community Consultative Committee Meeting

Minutes

Title:	Community Consultative Committee	Meeting Date:	2 May 2022
		Time:	5.45 pm
Chairperson:	Michael Silver OAM		
Meeting Attendees:	Janice Hosking, Community Member Megan Brennan, Community Member Manny Portelli, Community Member Royce Munro, Community Member Michael Sutherland, General Manager NSW ASM		
Apologies:	Cr Shibli Chowdhury, Dubbo Regional Council David Woodall, Managing Director ASM Fergus Job, Farm Manager, Toongi Pastoral Company		
Observers	Cr Mathew Dickerson, Mayor, Dubbo Regional Council		
Venue:	Toongi Quilt Shop, Toongi Road, Toongi NSW 2830		

Agenda Item 1 Welcome

The meeting was declared open at 5.45pm.

Agenda Item 2 Acknowledgement of Country

The Chair acknowledged the traditional owners of the land, and their Elders past, present and emerging.

Agenda Item 3 Apologies

The Chair noted the apologies Cr Chowdhury and David Woodall. He also noted that Mr Paul Carr had tendered an apology.

Agenda Item 4 Declaration of Pecuniary or other interests

Michael Silver declared that his expenses as Independent Chair are borne by the Proponent. Megan Brennan advised that her husband was undertaking minor contract work for a subsidiary of ASM.

Manny Portelli advised that he was a shareholder of ASM

The Chair also noted that all other declarations from members were as lodged with him.

Agenda Item 5 Observers

The Chair welcomed the Mayor of Dubbo, Cr Mathew Dickerson and sought the consensus of the members that he be permitted to participate in the meeting without seeking the Chair's endorsement on each occasion. The meeting concurred with the Chair's request.

Agenda Item 6 Minutes of previous meetings

The minutes of the meeting held on 6 December 2021 were approved on 25 January 2022.

Agenda Item 7 Business Arising from previous minutes

Nil.

Agenda Item 8 Correspondence

- **Dubbo Regional Council** - Advising that Cr Shibli Chowdhury had been appointed as its representative to the CCC.
- **Hon Mark Coulton MP** - Advising that representations have been made to the Minister for Regionalisation, Regional Communications and Regional Education regarding telecommunication issues at Toongi.
Cr Dickerson suggested that it may be necessary to install a localised telecommunications network to support the Dubbo Project development and the local area. Mr Sutherland commented that a telecommunications study was required to understand the future demands of the project and the area.

Agenda Item 9 Site Visit

The Chair reported that prior to the meeting an inspection of the development site had been undertaken by the Committee. The CCC met at the corner of Toongi and The Springs Road and inspected the Project Commencement works noting the following:

Dubbo Project site entry roadworks off Toongi Road

New culvert in Toongi Road Reserve

Site Office building has been constructed in Dubbo by a local supplier - OSM Transportables (to be installed after bitumen sealing of the road)

Robson Civil (Dubbo branch) are undertaking the roadworks

Formed road awaiting bitumen sealing later this week (rain has delayed completion)

Location where the Dubbo Project processing plant and upgraded Toongi railway siding will be constructed.

Agenda Item 10 Proponent's Report

Overview:

Michael Sutherland advised that a Modification Application to the Dubbo Project Development consent SSD-5251 was submitted to the NSW government. The report incorporated ASM's proposed plan and design improvements, resulting from the Optimisation Study completed in December 2021. The Modification was placed on public exhibition on 30 March 2022 and submissions closed on 19 April 2022. Seven submissions were received with one supporting and one opposing the Modification. Mr Sutherland explained the primary project amendments within

the modification; addition of a chlor-alkali plant, swap the site of solid residue storage facility, construction on site 24/7, and in particular the use of the Toongi railway line

<https://www.planningportal.nsw.gov.au/major-projects/projects/mod-1-project-layout-and-processing-changes>

Mr Sutherland noted that the composition of the ASM Board changed since the last CCC meeting. Mr Ian Chalmers, Non-Executive Director, retired. Mr Chalmers delivered vital leadership to establish the foundation of ASM, particularly in developing the Dubbo Project. He advised that Ms Kerry Gleeson LLB (Hons), FAICD, joined as a Non-Executive Director.

Mr Sutherland reported that the buildings and facilities at the Korean Metals Plant (KMP) have been completed. A Heads of Agreement (HOA) was signed with Hyundai Engineering Corporation Co., Ltd., (HEC) to exclusively negotiate the Front-End Engineering and Design (FEED) and the Engineering Procurement and Construction (EPC) for the Dubbo Project. While work is continuing with HEC, the delivery of a contract for the initial FEED has been delayed while both ASM and HEC finalise the scope, which includes more detailed engineering in key work packages.

Mr Sutherland indicated that ASM continued to work on progressing the financing of the Dubbo Project. He also noted that as time moves on, the cost of construction is escalating.

Mr Sutherland advised that a recent biodiversity survey had the Pink-tailed Worm-lizard had been found under a rock in the biodiversity offset area.

<https://www.environment.nsw.gov.au/threatenedspeciesapp/profile.aspx?id=10061>

Mr Sutherland highlighted initiatives to develop the skills of the project's workforce noting that Farm Manager, Fergus Job was recently selected for a rural leadership program. He advised that it is important to the company that it builds the skills of its people. He noted that Mr Jobs' role was critical in improving the capability of ASM's Tomingley and Toongi properties.

In response to questions on the timing of project works, Mr Sutherland commented that reconstruction of Obley Road was a priority. He expected the 25 kilometres of road to be reconstructed would be undertaken in stages/sections to be agreed with Dubbo Regional Council. The Chair suggested that there will be a need to engage with the local community prior to this work commencing. Many Portelli supported these remarks. Mr Sutherland indicated he was happy to engage with local interest groups in this regard. Mr Silver suggested that consideration could be given to increasing the representation on the CCC to accommodate this engagement.

Mr Sutherland advised that in response to concerns over wild pigs in the area, a helicopter had been engaged to inspect remote and wooded parts of the project property for pigs. No pigs were located on the property.

Agenda Item 11 Other Agenda Items

- **Community Interest** - Cr Dickerson agreed that there is a need for communication and engagement with the community to address specific issues, however the over-riding sentiment in the Dubbo community is generally positive towards the project. The main feedback being, 'when will the project start?'
- **Exploration Lease** - Megan Brennan requested clarification on the status and ownership of an Exploration Lease for gold and copper on property south of the Dubbo Project site. Mr Sutherland advised he was not aware of the company involved and suggested that Ms Brennan search the NSW Government Geoscience website MinView for details on the Exploration Lease.

Agenda Item 12 General Business

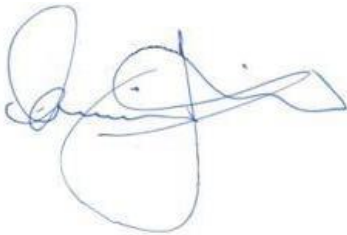
- **Progression of Project** - Royce Munro sought clarification on what could stop the project. Mr Sutherland responded that finalising the finance for the project was the major priority. He noted the development of the Korean Metal Plant using ASM's proprietary processes would allow the opportunities from the Dubbo Project to be maximised. Mr Sutherland also noted that costs are increasing with the passage of time.

Agenda Item 13 Next Meeting

Meetings are to be held on the 1st Monday of every 4th Month. Next meeting proposed for Monday, 1 August 2022.

The meeting closed at 6.30 pm.

Approved:



Michael J Silver OAM
Independent Chair

23 May 2022

Dubbo Project
Community Consultative Committee Meeting Action List
Action Sheet - Meeting 02/05/2022

Ref #	Meeting Date	Agenda Item	Action	Responsibility	Completion date
1	16/11/20		For discussion - Dubbo Project process modification, due to the refined process	M Sutherland	On hold
2	17/05/21	4	Declarations of pecuniary interest to be re-issued due to demerger of ASM	M Silver OAM	COMPLETED 11/6/21
3	17/05/21	4	Discussion with Wiradjuri Elders group about positions on CCC	M. Sutherland	COMPLETED 18/5/21
4	06/12/21	9	Telecommunications in Toongi area - Chair to approach Member for Parkes	M Silver OAM	COMPLETED 04/04/22
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