

Dubbo Project Community Consultative Committee Meeting

Minutes

Title:	Community Consultative Committee	Meeting Date:	7 December 2022
		Time:	5.42 pm
Chairperson:	Michael Silver OAM		
Meeting Attendees:	Janice Hosking, Community Member Megan Brennan, Community Member Manny Portelli, Community Member Royce Munro, Community Member Paul Carr, Three Rivers Regional Assembly (on-line) Cr Shibli Chowdhury, Dubbo Regional Council Rowena Smith, CEO ASM (on-line) Dale Josephson, Acting Project Director ASM (on-line) Michael Sutherland, General Manager NSW ASM		
Apologies:	Ashleigh Knight Fergus Job, Farm Manager, Toongi Pastoral Company		
Observers	Esther Williamson, Property Manager, ASM		
Venue:	ASM Site Office, Toongi Road, Toongi NSW 2830		

Agenda Item 1 Welcome

The meeting was declared open at 5.42pm.

Agenda Item 2 Acknowledgement of Country

The Chair acknowledged the traditional owners of the land on which the meeting is being held, and their Elders past, present, and emerging.

Agenda Item 3 Apologies

The Chair noted the apologies of Ashleigh Knight and Fergus Job.

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 On-line Presentations - Technical Issue

The Chair noted that proposed on-line presentations to be delivered by Ms Rowena Smith and Mr Josephson to the meeting could not proceed due to an issue with the on-line audio. It was determined that the presentations be postponed. Ms Smith and Mr Josephson left the meeting at 5.50 pm

Agenda Item 6 Minutes of previous meetings

The minutes of the meeting held on 16 August 2022 were approved on 6 September 2022.

Agenda Item 7 Business Arising from previous minutes

Nil

Agenda Item 8 Correspondence

Nil

Agenda Item 9 Proponent's Report

In the absence of Ms Smith, Michael Sutherland provided an overview of the Proponent's presentation.

Mr Sutherland advised that ASM is still working with South Korean-based Hyundai Engineering to provide engineering, procurement and construction definition work (EPCD) for the Dubbo Project. He added that the focus is on delivering the two key projects - the Dubbo Project and the Korean Metals Plant. He noted that there is ongoing discussion in South Korea and the USA regarding further development of the business proposal.

Mr Sutherland advised that the Dubbo Project has received grant funding of \$500,000 under Stream 1 of the NSW Government's Critical Minerals and High-Tech Metals Activation Fund.

Mr Sutherland then provided a summary of the presentation given by Ms Smith to the ASM AGM on 28 November 2022. He focused particularly on the intention to build a rare earths and critical minerals business to provide high-tech metals needed to solve the challenges of today and the future. Mr Sutherland outlined the process of developing the Dubbo Project where the metals will be mined, separated and refined to high purity oxide products at Toongi, then transported to the Korean Metals Plant where the oxides will be metallised to high purity metals and alloys. These will be the the feed products for high performance magnets for various advanced applications in electric vehicles, wind turbines, solar panels and other high-end uses by global customers. He advised that ASM continues to work through opportunities with strategic investors and potential off-take customers.

Mr Sutherland advised that ASM has applied for a NSW Government's Critical Minerals and High-Tech Metals Activation Fund grant of \$10 million to support the undertaking of upgrades and roadworks on Obley Road involving the Hyandra Creek Bridge, 12 mile Creek causeway and Obley Road/Camp Road intersection. The overall cost of the works is \$20 million. The Camp Road intersection upgrades will support the future development of a function facility and additional accommodation infrastructure at the Taronga Western Plains Zoo.

Mr Sutherland provided the Committee with an update on progress of the Modification 1 Application. He advised the NSW Department of Planning & Environment has requested additional information on potential construction noise and clarification on a property purchase matter. He indicated responses are being prepared.

Mr Sutherland advised that the Dubbo-Toongi rail line (part of Country Rail Network) is now under the management of UGL Regional Linx which has taken over from John Holland.

Mr Sutherland that it had been a very busy time on the farm at Toongi with the recent rain causing difficulties both at Toongi and at Tomingley. Despite the wet weather he indicated wheat would be stripped at Toongi.

Mr Sutherland then provided a slide presentation on the Biodiversity Offsets at Toongi. His presentation focussed on the progress to date, providing a detailed update and highlighting various programs and initiatives, in particular work associated with managing and supporting the Pink-tailed Worm-lizard.

Agenda Item 11 Other Agenda Items

- **Community Interest** - General discussion proceeded on the overall interest in the community for the project. Manny Portelli indicated there is still interest and support in the community for the project. However, one over-riding comment is “why is the Council waiting for the mine to fix Obley Road?”

Agenda Item 12 General Business

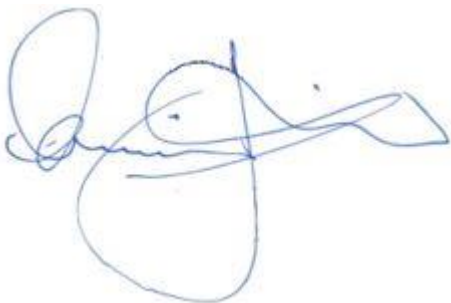
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Agenda Item 13 Next Meeting

Meetings are generally held on the 1st Tuesday of every 4th Month. Next meeting is proposed for Tuesday, 8 March 2023 at 5.30 pm by video link.

The meeting closed at 6.40 pm.

Approved:



Michael J Silver OAM
Independent Chair

9 January 2023

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Community Consultative Committee Meeting Action List

Action Sheet - Meeting 16/08/2022

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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