

**WEPL Investments PTY LTD
WESTRAC TOMAGO PROJECT**

**Minutes of Community Meeting
10.00 am Wednesday 6 June 2010
At Motto Farm Motel - Heatherbrae**

1. PRESENT

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| 1. David Rutter | Daracon |
| 2. Julia Pope | Department of Planning |
| 3. Barney Collins | EJE |
| 4. Deon von Rensberg | NPWS |
| 5. Bev Cotton | Resident |
| 6. Jim Swords | Resident |
| 7. Pauline Swords | Resident |
| 8. Wendy Howell | Resident |
| 9. Anika Howell | Resident |
| 10. David Aspinall | ACEQUITY |
| 11. Craig Marler | ADWJ |
| 12. Scott Robinson | ADWJ |
| 13. Scott Day | ADWJ |
| 14. Ian McNicol | ADWJ |

Apologies

Worimi LALC, RTA, Port Stephens Council, Friends of Tomago House, Rob Cotton, Brenda Stephenson

2. MINUTES OF MEETING 3 May

One minor correction to item 2 of the minutes, area of building 40,000m² not 4,000m².

3. COMMUNITY BENEFITS

The overall community benefit of the project were outlined. This matter arose from comments made at the first meeting.

See attached benefits summary.

4. SITE MANAGEMENT AND MONITORING ISSUES.

i) Dust issue raised at first meeting

No further problems due to wet weather.

Photo/Image of dust provided to meeting by Anita Howell. Problem was with westerly wind during dry spell earlier in 2010.

ii) Noise issue raised at first meeting

DoP had suggested use of quackers rather than beepers in future.

Bev Cotton, advised that vehicle noise from the work site had not been a problem recently.

iii) Dirt on road

Daracon had cleared up dirt on Tomago Road that had come from delivery trucks.

iv) Acid Sulphate Soils

Ian McNicol outlined the origins of acid sulphate soils problems. The problem occurs naturally in low lying coastal areas where sulphuric acid can be formed when permanently waterlogged soils are exposed to air. Current problems on the site and in the area generally are caused by historical clearing of land for agriculture and the digging of drains. New problems can be avoided and managed.

Testing of site soils has shown that the recommended liming rates were slightly underestimated and may not prevent acid creation in disturbed soils. In response the liming rates for potential acid sulphate soils have been increased.

Scott Day briefly outlined onsite management processes which include only excavating where absolutely necessary, treatment of disturbed soils and the containment of disturbed soils within bunds. The bunding had satisfactorily contained runoff during the recent wet period and prevented acid drainage.

Deon van Rensburg highlighted importance of managing the acid soils to protect adjoining NPWS land and the wetlands.

v) **Complaints**

No complaints have been received since the May 3 meeting.

5. **FUTURE MEETINGS**

Margaret Wilkinson has requested that future meetings be on a Monday.

Generally agreed that Monday meetings were acceptable to all provided they are not held on the first Monday of the month.

6. **PROJECT PROGRESS/UPCOMING WORKS**

Scott Day outlined current and proposed stage 1(b) works program.

7. **COMMUNITY FEEDBACK**

Pauline Swords identified a problem with the traffic management arrangements affecting Graham Drive residents.

David Rutter of Daracon agreed to review arrangements for nights and weekends subject to road safety standards being maintained.

David advised the problem is likely to be solved through the use of temporary automatic traffic signals.

Bev Cotton identified a problem with traffic on Tomago road making turning into residential properties difficult. Following discussion of proposed traffic management, both short and long term, it was agreed that:

- i) There were turning and traffic problems on Tomago Road.
- ii) Current problems arise from general traffic rather than project traffic.
- iii) Future traffic signals may ease the problems.
- iv) In the short term complaints to the police about speeding trucks are most likely to slow traffic speeds.
- v) Details of the final configuration of the permanent traffic lights would be presented to the next meeting.

8. NEXT MEETING

It was advised the next meeting would be in approximately six weeks with Tomago House the preferred venue.