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Glossary

- MTPA Million Tonnes per annum
- PB Parsons Brinckerhoff
- ROM Run of Mine
- XCQ Xstrata Coal Queensland



Executive summary

In 2007 Xstrata Coal Queensland (XCQ) commissioned Parsons Brinckerhoff (PB) to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the Wandoan Coal Project.

As part of the feasibility and EIS process, XCQ and PB conducted a shared community consultation program to raise awareness and ensure an open and transparent two-way communication process between potentially affected property owners, key stakeholders, the community, and the Project team.

A key focus of the consultation process was to gather community and stakeholder issues and concerns whilst providing information about the Project and its supporting infrastructure.

The consultation process included potentially directly affected property owners, key stakeholders and the broader community. Key methods of consultation included:

- meetings with elected representatives and government stakeholders
- developing Project-specific communication materials such as advertisements, newsletters, and information sheets
- conducting a property owner forum
- conducting community information workshops in the townships of Wandoan, Taroom and Miles
- establishing a Community Reference Group and conducting quarterly meetings
- contacting and meeting with potentially affected property owners
- conducting specific bulk sample operations consultation
- conducting specific gas pipeline consultation
- maintaining community contact points.

A total of 37 property owners within the Mining Lease Application (MLA) areas were identified as directly impacted by the Project. Another 10 property owners were identified as being impacted by the Project's supporting gas pipeline proposal. These owners were contacted by the consultation team during the various Project phases and invited to participate in various activities. Property owners impacted by the MLAs were initially contacted by XCQ to discuss valuation and negotiation processes. This initial contact with XCQ was followed by one-to-one meetings with the PB Community Consultation Project Team in November 2007. These meetings provided the opportunity for property owners to discuss any issues or concerns they may have had with the Project and learn more about the prefeasibility studies and EIS process. A property owner forum was also conducted in April 2008.

As part of the regional consultation process, more than 620 community members attended public information workshops held in July 2007 and April 2008. The most common issues raised during these workshops included:

- property impacts
- safety
- impact on lifestyles and the community
- employment opportunities
- environmental impacts





- project timing
- the potential loss of valuable community members due to property purchases.

With more than 1,700 community surveys issued as part of the first newsletter, 129 responses were received from residents in areas surrounding Wandoan, Taroom and Miles. The most common issues raised via this information gathering tool included:

- the loss of a safe and secure community
- the potential loss of the peacefulness of the area
- the impact on property owners
- the loss of families from the community
- environmental concerns
- access to water
- skills shortages.

Throughout the community consultation/workshop process, the most common issues highlighted related to property purchases, water, proposed mine plans, the environment, amenity impacts and social impacts. All workshop participants raised the importance of XCQ providing frequent Project updates and regular newsletters. The need for active community participation was also a priority for all workshop groups.

Affected property owners raised concerns relating to information available and sensitivity issues from XCQ; however, most concerns focused on the valuation and negotiation process. These were addressed by the Project team through one-to-one meetings, the establishment of a property owner forum and frequent Project updates.

Given the sensitivity surrounding the valuation and negotiation process, it is recommended that XCQ continue to provide focused information for affected property owners to ensure a trusting and open relationship continues. This will assist in on-ground activities as the Project progresses.

While a number of concerns were raised throughout the Project's consultation process the Wandoan, Taroom and Miles communities also highlighted future benefits. These included upgrades to services and infrastructure, greater employment and business opportunities, an increase in population and the opportunity for these country towns to prosper rather than dwindle.

It is recommended that XCQ maintain the communication channels developed during the consultation program for the EIS with Wandoan residents as the Project progresses and provide the community with opportunities to benefit from the Project.



1. Introduction

1.1 Project background

The Wandoan Coal Project (the Project) comprises the development of thermal coal resources situated immediately west of the Wandoan township, located in the Dalby Regional local government area. The Project is located approximately 350 km northwest of Brisbane and 60 km south of Taroom as shown in Figure 1-1. The coal reserves for this Project exist within three mining lease applications, MLA 50229, 50230 and 50231 as shown in Figure 1-2. The coal resources will be developed by way of open cut mining with related infrastructure. The Project covers an area of approximately 32,000 ha.

The mining of the coal resources will be undertaken using a combination of truck, shovel, dozer and dragline mining equipment. Coal will be mined at a rate of around 30 million tonnes per annum (Mt/a) run of mine (ROM) coal. The coal will be crushed, sized and washed before being transported by rail to the Port of Gladstone.

The Project will be developed by the Wandoan Joint Venture. The joint venture partners are Xstrata Coal Queensland Pty Ltd (XCQ), ICRA RPW Pty Ltd and Sumisho Coal Australia Pty Ltd.

The Project was declared a significant project for which an environmental impact statement (EIS) is required by the Coordinator–General in December 2007.

1.2 Consultation overview

Community consultation was an important aspect of the prefeasibility studies and EIS process. Key objectives of the consultation process included discussing the Project with the community to inform and identify local and regional issues to support technical studies. With a total Project area of approximately 32,000 hectares, community consultation involved an extensive range of stakeholders from the Wandoan area, as well as the surrounding townships of Taroom and Miles. Potentially affected landowners and key stakeholders were involved in consultation activities from the official commencement of the studies, with continued contact throughout the prefeasibility and EIS phases.

Community consultation established relationships with the community to assist in the identification of issues and concerns, to assess the potential impacts, and to identify appropriate mitigation measures. Throughout the consultation process, community members and key stakeholders have been encouraged to outline their concerns relating to the Project.

The following section outlines the community consultation process undertaken by the Project team in relation to the Wandoan Coal Project. The approach and findings from the Project's related gas pipeline consultation is included in Section 6 of this report due to the separate nature of these discussions.

Through the analysis of the various activities and findings, an evaluation is provided along with recommendations for ongoing community consultation.



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Source: Roads, QLD State Digital Road Network (2004); Towns, Coastline , boundaries, 1:250K Topo, Geoscience Australia (2006)

Figure 1-1 Project Location



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Source: Roads, QLD State Digital Road Network (2004); Towns, creeks 1:250K Topo, Geoscience Australia (2006)

Figure 1-2 Project Area





2. Community consultation scope

2.1 Community consultation process

XCQ began formal consultation with the community and stakeholders in July 2007. PB has supported XCQ in conducting consultation activities throughout the Project's prefeasibility and EIS phases. This has ensured that all issues and concerns raised by the community and stakeholders were incorporated into technical studies and further planning for the Project.

The community consultation process was designed to seek feedback about the Project from the local and regional community and following stakeholders:

- local property owners
- Federal, State and local government authorities, agencies and local elected representatives
- local utilities and service providers
- environmental organisations
- local community organisations
- local industry groups
- indigenous groups/organisations.

A complete list of stakeholders engaged during the consultation process, Project Team representatives, contact dates and the purpose of each contact is included in the Community Consultation Plan in Attachment A.

2.2 Consultation objectives

The broad objectives of the consultation process were to:

- increase community awareness and understanding of the Project and its potential benefits for the region
- ensure the early identification of potential stakeholder issues, assess the potential impacts and implement appropriate strategies to mitigate these issues
- conduct open and transparent public consultation, allowing for an active stakeholder and community engagement process
- facilitate a public consultation and community involvement process that balanced the community's need for information with opportunities for input
- ensure community input assisted in the development of mine planning, mine infrastructure and the EIS
- ensure community members remained informed throughout the life of the Project to build and maintain long-term positive relationships.



3. Consultation approach

The consultation process was designed to obtain input about the Project from both the local communities of Wandoan, Taroom and Miles and the broader Dalby Regional local government area.

This section outline key activities conducted as part of the Project's Community Consultation Plan and summarises how the involvement of the community and other stakeholders has been and will continue to be facilitated. The findings from these activities are discussed in Section 4 of this report. The Project's Community Consultation Plan is included in Attachment A.

3.1 Stakeholder Identification

An internal workshop was held in January 2007 to identify stakeholders and their potential issues associated with the Project. Groups with an interest in regional issues such the environment and the community were considered in the stakeholder identification process. Further to this, representatives involved in the Wandoan community and local government, key opinion leaders and services and facility providers were identified. Throughout the various Project consultation activities additional stakeholders were identified. Activities that assisted in identifying addition stakeholders included a community survey and information workshops held throughout the region. All identified stakeholders were noted in the Project database and included in newsletter mail outs.

Identified stakeholders consulted as part of the engagement process include the following:

- local communities (Wandoan, Taroom, Miles)
- landowners
- non-government organisations
- Indigenous groups
- State government
- shire councils/regional councils
- elected representatives
- government agencies
- employees
- owners/Joint Venture
- unions
- media
- potential employees
- infrastructure providers
- industry bodies.
- customers



- suppliers
- other mining companies/major contractors.

High level stakeholder consultation was conducted by the Proponent, throughout the various phases of the Project.

3.2 **Project information tools**

The following information tools were used to provide information and gather input from community members during the consultation process.

3.2.1 **Project newsletters**

A number of Project newsletters were developed to not only introduce the Wandoan Coal Project, the Wandoan Joint Venture and XCQ to the community, but to provide a continued communication channel for the Project.

Copies of the Project newsletters are included in Attachment B.

Newsletter 1 – June 2007

The first Project newsletter was prepared and distributed in the week of 10 June 2007. The newsletter was distributed by a letterbox drop to approximately 1,770 local residents in Wandoan, Taroom and Miles.

This initial newsletter included:

- an overview of the Project and the Wandoan Joint Venture
- information on the Project studies, including a summary of the planning and approvals process
- an explanation of the strategic significance of the Project and the need for an EIS
- a map of the local study area
- details about the community information workshops, including time, date and location
- community survey form
- Project team contact details.

Newsletter 2 – January 2008

A second newsletter was prepared and distributed by a letterbox drop to approximately 1,770 local residents in Wandoan, Taroom and Miles in the week commencing Monday 21 January 2008. This double-sided A4 newsletter included:

- a general Project update
- information on the Project's technical studies including exploration, flora and fauna, coal quality and resources
- study timeframes
- an overview of the consultation activities conducted in 2007 and feedback from the community workshops In July 2008
- results from the community survey



- information about the Community Reference Group (CRG) and its members
- information on the Project consultants
- Project team contact details.

The newsletter was also distributed to the Project's mailing list, which was updated and maintained throughout the Project's progress. The mailing list was established via contact details received through the Project's survey form, workshop attendance sheets and those who had registered their details and interest through the various information contact points.

Newsletter 3 – March 2008

A third newsletter was distributed in the week of 16 March 2008 by a letterbox drop to approximately 1,770 local residents in the Wandoan, Taroom and Miles communities. The newsletter was also sent to the Project's database mailing list. This single-sided A4 newsletter informed the community of the Community Information Workshops and the XCQ display at the Wandoan Show. This newsletter included:

- information about the community information workshops and dates
- information about the XCQ stand at the Wandoan Show
- an update on the second meeting of the CRG
- an introduction of Wandoan Coal Project Executive General Manager, Mr Reinhold Schmidt
- initial information about the bulk sample operations
- Project team contact details.

Newsletter 4

A fourth newsletter was distributed by a letterbox drop to approximately 1,770 local residents in Wandoan, Taroom and Miles communities in the week commencing 11 August 2008. The A4 double-spread newsletter provided an update on the EIS and its various technical studies. This newsletter included:

- pictures and detailed information about the various air, dust and noise monitors installed throughout the district
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3.2.2 Community Factsheet

A community factsheet was developed to provide specific information regarding the Project and its operations, with an outline of the information given below. The information sheet was distributed at the Wandoan Show in April 2008 and sent to community members who had requested background information about the Project. This double-sided A4 factsheet included:

a general overview of the Project and study area



- information about the Project phases
- a study area map
- information about associated Projects
- Project team contact details
- tear-off feedback form.

Information regarding the Bulk Sample Operations is included in the latter part of this section. A copy of the factsheet is included in Attachment B.

3.2.3 Project advertisements

Since the announcement of the Wandoan Coal Project in June 2007, several advertisements have appeared in local newspapers and community newsletters. The media coverage has included the:

- Window on Wandoan
- Taroom Tidings
- Western Star (Roma)
- The Chinchilla News
- The Chronicle (Toowoomba).

Advertisements were placed to provide information about the Project announcement, community workshops, information displays and bulk sample activities. All advertisements provided dates, times and locations for community involvement activities. Contact details for the Project team were also included to encourage the broader community to be involved in the Project.

A copy of all Project advertisements is included in Attachment C.

3.3 Community survey

A community survey was included as a supplementary attachment within the first newsletter. It was designed to collect demographic information, existing community issues and initial thoughts on the Project. The survey provided important feedback before the first series of workshops in July 2007. A total of 129 community members completed and returned the survey form. This represented a seven percent return of survey forms.

The survey gathered information from the community relating to:

- community values
- the perceived positive and negative features of the Project, including social, environmental and economic impacts
- community understanding of the feasibility studies and the Project
- existing community issues and values
- the formation of a general community profile.

The community survey form is contained in Attachment B, with the first Project newsletter.



3.4 Community information workshops

Community information workshops were held in Wandoan, Taroom and Miles to gain feedback from the various communities about the Project. Initial information provided at the first community information workshops introduced the Project, XCQ and study processes to the community. The open workshops also assisted in establishing two-way communications channels with the community. Subsequent workshops continued to provide Project updates while gathering feedback to inform technical studies.

3.4.1 Workshops in July 2007

Three community information workshops were conducted in early July 2007, with more than 380 people attending the workshops in Wandoan, Taroom and Miles. The Project team delivered information to the community on estimated timeframes, technical studies, the approval process, and further consultation activities. Each workshop presented an opportunity for the collection of initial feedback about the Project, existing community issues and values as well as the perceived potential impacts and benefits of the proposed Project.

General Project information was presented by XCQ personnel, followed by a workshop which allowed participants to work through a variety of questions. These questions related to their personal thoughts about community values, the Project and possible impacts.

The community information sessions were held from 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm at the following locations:

- Wandoan Cultural Community Centre Auditorium on Monday 9 July 2007
- Taroom Town Hall on Tuesday 10 July 2007
- Murilla Shire Council Corbill Function Room and Hall in Miles on Wednesday 11 July 2007.

Newsletters, survey forms, XCQ information and a 'comments' register were available at all community information workshops. The issues raised at these workshops are detailed in Section 4 of this report. Photos 3-1 to 3-4 show the July 2007 workshops in Wandoan, Taroom and Miles.





Photo 3-1: Results from the Wandoan workshop are displayed for participants to review.



Photo 3-2: Taroom residents work through workshop activities at the Taroom Town Hall





Photo 3-3: Wandoan Project Director, Mr Bill McKinstrey, presents at the Miles Workshop

3.4.2 Workshops in April 2008

A second series of community information workshops was held in April 2008 to provide the community with further information and to gain feedback regarding specific aspects of the Project. The workshops in Wandoan, Taroom and Miles attracted 240 people over the three days.

Each workshop presented specific information about mine planning, infrastructure, environment and non-indigenous cultural heritage. Following the Project update, participants were encouraged to move to one of four workstations to provide feedback on the proposed mine planning, mine infrastructure, environment and non-indigenous cultural heritage. Participants spent 15 minutes at each workstation before moving onto the next table.

This provided the Project team with the opportunity to capture targeted feedback on these four topics and to gauge potential impacts and benefits from a community viewpoint. Information from these workshops assisted in informing the related technical studies.

The community information workshops were held from 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm at the following locations:

- Wandoan Cultural Community Centre Auditorium on Tuesday 1 April 2008
- Taroom Town Hall on Wednesday 2 April 2008
- Murilla Shire Council Corbill Function Room and Hall in Miles on Thursday 3 April 2008.



Newsletters, survey forms, XCQ information and a 'comments' register were available at all community information sessions. The issues raised at the workshops are identified in Section 4 of this report. The following photographs shown in Photo 3-4 through to Photo 3-6 show the workshops held in April.



Photo 3-4: Wandoan Project Director Mr Bill McKinstrey discusses the proposed mine infrastructure at the Wandoan workshop in April 2008



Photo 3-5: Wandoan Project Manager Mr Rob Thatcher briefs Taroom workshop participants on the Project to date





Photo 3-6: Wandoan Project Manager Mr Rob Thatcher discusses the proposed mine plans at the Miles workshop

3.5 **Property owner consultation**

3.5.1 Calls to property owners

The PB Project Community Consultation Team contacted potentially affected property owners during late October 2007. These telephone calls offered those property owners potentially affected by the Project with the opportunity to arrange a meeting with members of the PB Project Community Consultation Team to individually discuss potential social impacts associated with the Project and gather feedback about the consultation process. While several property owners declined to meet, they provided feedback on the Project via telephone conversations.

3.5.2 Property owner meetings

Following the Project announcement and initial meetings with XCQ, the PB Project Community Consultation Team members met with property owners in November 2007 to discuss the potential impacts of the Project and their concerns.

Thirty-seven meetings were held with directly affected and indirectly affected property owners. Meetings were also offered to property owners that were initially identified as being affected by the first stage of the Project but whose properties are no longer required at this time. Several of the indirectly affected property owners agreed to meet to provide feedback



about the consultation process and to discuss their concerns about potential impacts from the Project.

These meetings provided the opportunity for property owners to learn more about the prefeasibility studies and EIS process and to obtain further Project information. The one-to-one meetings also provided the Project team with detailed feedback about the consultation process and assisted in informing the Project's Social Impact Assessment report.

The issues raised during these meetings are listed in Section 4 of this report.

3.5.3 **Property owner forum – April 2008**

It was expressed to the PB Project Community Consultation Team members during the property owner meetings that the property owners were generally dissatisfied with the communication from XCQ about the valuation process and the Project generally. As a result of this feedback, XCQ organised a property owner forum, held at the Wandoan Cultural Centre, to provide specific information to those affected by the Project.

Sixty people attended the forum, which provided the opportunity for property owners to hear about the latest Project plans and developments separately from the general community and enable property owners to provide feedback directly to team members. Project team members encouraged attendees to speak directly to the Project Director and Project Manager to discuss any concerns and issues. This allowed property owners to share and discuss issues directly with the Project team rather than in a community workshop environment.

A number of affected property owners also attended the community information workshop which followed the forum.

The issues raised during this forum are listed in Section 4 of this report.

3.6 Meetings with the Community Reference Group

A Community Reference Group (CRG) was formed to represent the interests of local community groups and organisations in Wandoan. The group involved representatives from key local community and special interest groups as well as service providers from the Dawson Valley. A number of representatives were identified and nominated by local community members because of their knowledge of local environmental, economic, cultural and social issues. Other members were invited to be a part of the CRG due to their organisation's role in the local community.

The Community Reference Group included representatives from the following groups:

- Wandoan Chamber of Commerce
- Wandoan Progress Association
- Queensland Fire and Rescue Rural Operations
- Dawson Valley Development Association
- Wildlife Preservation Society of Queensland Upper Dawson Branch
- Wandoan Show Society
- Wandoan Showgrounds Improvement Committee



- Landcare Taroom
- Queensland Police Service
- Queensland Health
- Department of Housing South West Queensland Area Office
- Wandoan State School
- Queensland Ambulance Service
- AgForce
- Taroom Shire Council (now Dalby Regional Council).

The first CRG meeting was held at the Wandoan Cultural Centre on Wednesday 17 October 2007 from 7:00 pm to 9:30 pm. The purpose of the meeting was to introduce the Project team and outline the Proponent's plans for the Wandoan Coal Project. A Charter was discussed and accepted by all representatives at the meeting.

Three meetings were held with the CRG in 2008 prior to the preparation of this document. The meetings on 13 February, 29 May and 10 September 2008 provided the group with an update about the progress of the Project. The meetings also provided the opportunity for the CRG members to discuss any issues raised by their various organisations since the previous meetings.

Information presented and discussed at these meetings included details about the proposed mine planning and infrastructure, the approvals process for the EIS and a visit to the Rolleston Coal Mine.

Four CRG members attended a visit to the Rolleston Coal Mine on 18 and 19 June 2008. The visit provided these members with a first hand experience of a working mine site and its related infrastructure, such as the administration buildings, rail system and accommodation facilities. A number of CRG members also attended a public tour of the Project's bulk sample pit on 1 August 2008.

Feedback provided at all CRG meetings is discussed in Section 4 of this report.

A copy of the Wandoan Coal Project's CRG Charter is included in Attachment D.

3.7 Wandoan Show 2008

An information display was set-up at the Wandoan Show on Monday 20 April and Tuesday 21 April 2008. The purpose of the display was to provide the wider community with information about XCQ and the Project. The display was visited by 140 community members and provided an opportunity for participants to discuss the Project, their concerns and issues with the Project team.

Information presented at the display included:

- general Project information, including information on associated rail and port developments
- maps of the Project study area
- an update on the prefeasibility study



- an update on the EIS process
- an approvals process flow-chart
- bulk sample operations information
- information on the various consultation activities undertaken.

The outcomes of this display are presented in Section 4 of this report.

3.8 Contact points

Various community contact points were established before the announcement of the Project. These contact points will be maintained throughout the life of the Project. All concerns and issues raised via these contact points are discussed in Section 4 of this report.

3.8.1 Freecall information line

A freecall telephone information line was established during the initial stages of the study. This information line is operated during business hours and will be maintained throughout the Project life. As at 9 October 2008, the Project team received 141 calls on this hotline during the prefeasibility and EIS phases of the Project

3.8.2 Project email

The email address <u>aubnewandoan@pb.com.au</u> was established and maintained during the pre-feasibility phase of the Project, with PB receiving 24 emails as of 9 October 2008. Each email was responded to, with individual concerns addressed.

3.8.3 Letters and submissions

The pre-paid PB postal address was used as the mail address for the submission of letters the Project prefeasibility and EIS development phases. In addition to the survey forms received and as discussed above, six letters were received by PB, with XCQ receiving 21 letters, as at 9 October 2008.



4. Community consultation findings

This section outlines the findings of the public consultation and community engagement process. These findings were gathered from the comments received from community members, stakeholders and affected property owners. All issues and concerns identified informed relevant technical studies and were addressed appropriately.

4.1 Community survey

During the initial phase of the pre-feasibility study, PB received approximately 129 survey forms from the community providing responses to the community survey which had been attached to Newsletter 1. Of these, 90 responses were from Wandoan residents, 19 from Taroom residents and 20 from Miles residents. Responses from Gulugaba have been included in the Wandoan survey results.

The percentages used in this section represent the number of times an issue was raised, not the number of participants. In many cases, survey respondents provided more than one comment or answer to a question.

For a number of questions, respondents were able to provide detailed answers. In the following section, the key responses provided have been categorised under each question asked. The first five questions of the survey related to current views held about the Wandoan, Taroom and Miles communities.

Question 1: What do you like about living in your area?

The first question in the survey asked respondents what they liked about living in their area. More than 18% of responses from Wandoan indicated it was due to the quiet and peaceful feeling in the area. Following this, 16% of responses from Wandoan residents indicated the safety and low crime rates of the area were important. Similarly 22% of the responses from Taroom residents indicated safety and low crime rates as the major reason for liking the area. For Miles, one in five responses responses stated that the area's peacefulness as important. This was closely following by the lifestyle offered by Miles and the friendly people in the community.

Figure 4:1 indicates responses identifying what was liked about the communities of Wandoan, Taroom and Miles.



Figure 4-1: What respondents like about their local communities



Question 2: What do you dislike about living in your area?

The community survey also asked community members to outline what they disliked about the area they lived in. One in three responses from Wandoan residents indicated there was nothing that they disliked about the area. This was followed by 28% responses that indicated the lack of services as a problem. This was seen as a similar problem for Taroom and Miles, with 39% and 36% respectively indicating the lack of services as a reason for disliking the area.

The following graph indicates the major issues raised by responding community members.



Figure 4-2: Dislikes of the local area

Question 3: Where do you consider your local community to be?

As noted previously, of the 129 surveys received, 90 of these were from Wandoan residents, 10 from Taroom and 20 from Miles. Responses from Gulugaba have been included in the Wandoan responses.



Question 4: What are the most important issues facing your local community (e.g. access to services, employment)?

This question in the community survey asked respondents to identify important issues facing their local community. Of the 72 responses to this question from Wandoan, more than half indicated poor employment opportunities as a major issue. This was raised by someone in every age group from 18 years and over, and from both male and female respondents. Of the remaining responses, access to services was seen as a major issue. This was a view similarly held by the 21% of responses from Taroom and from 30% of responses from Miles, who indicated access to services and the need for a permanent doctor as an important issue.

The graph below indicates the most important issues facing the responding community members from the Wandoan, Taroom and Miles communities.



Figure 4-3: Important issues facing the local communities



Question 5: What do you think are the most important features of your local community?

When responding to the question relating to the most important local community features, more than 40% of responses from Wandoan indicated the small, friendly and involved community as the most important. This was followed by 17% of Wandoan responses indicating the low crime rate and safety as the most important feature.

Nearly two in every five responses from Taroom residents indicated the shire's stability and prosperity as the most important feature, followed by 33% of responses indicating the friendly community as the most important. This response pattern was similar for Miles with nearly half of the responses indicating the friendly community as the most important feature, while 28% indicated the stability of (the then) Murilla Shire as important. It should be noted that at the time of the survey, there was considerable uncertainty within regional Queensland on the potential impacts that local government amalgamations may have on the future availability of services and even the existence of many towns. The Murilla Shire (which includes Miles) and the southern half of the Taroom Shire (including Wandoan) were amalgamated with the Dalby Regional Council.

Figure 4-4 indicates the combined respondents' responses on the most important features for Wandoan, Taroom and Miles.



Figure 4-4: Important features of the local community



Question 6: When you first heard that XCQ was considering developing a mine site near Wandoan, what were your initial thoughts? (unprompted)

Responses to this question indicated that 25% of Wandoan participants had negative thoughts when they first heard about the Project. Twenty-one percent of responses indicated a positive feeling. Concerns for the environment were indicated by 19% of the Wandoan responses. This was a similar concern for Taroom residents with 35% of responses showing concern regarding possible impacts on the environment, community and lifestyle. For Miles, 50% of responses indicated a mine in the area would be a good decision.

Question 7: What are your thoughts on the Project now?

The survey asked respondents to outline their thoughts on the Project now. In Wandoan, 34% of responses indicated the same negative feelings as when first hearing of the proposed mine. Of the responses from Wandoan, 29% outlined positive thoughts on the mine now. For Taroom, 20% of responses showed concern regarding the possible change to the town, the size and possible impacts of Project to the area. This was in addition to 17% of responses that indicated negative thoughts towards the mine. Of the Taroom responses, 22% indicated some positive thoughts regarding the Project. More than 50% of responses from Miles indicated a positive feeling towards the Project, with only 11% of responses outlining negative thoughts.

Figure 4-5 below outlines thoughts on the Project for respondents from Wandoan, Taroom and Miles.



Figure 4-5: Thoughts regarding the Wandoan Project



Question 8: Please explain what you know about the feasibility studies, EIS and the Project

When asked what knowledge respondents had about the feasibility studies, the EIS and the Project, 57% of the responses from Wandoan indicated that they had very little knowledge about the Project. A further 10% of the responses stated that studies had been done previously so XCQ should just start construction.

For 15% of the Taroom responses, very little knowledge was held in regard to the studies being conducted, this was followed by 5% who indicated that the mine should only be approved if the rail link is also put in place, with another 5% believing the studies will only support the mine.

Alternatively, 27% of responses from Miles indicated a good understanding of the studies, while 45% indicated they had little knowledge. Another 9% indicated that the mine approval would also depend on the approval of the rail project and was likely to be a time-consuming process.

Question 9: What do you think the possible impacts of the mine would be on the community, environment, the local economy, lifestyle, employment opportunities, access to services, variety of services and you personally? (prompted)

Participants were asked a series of prompted questions that examined the possible impacts of the mine. The questions allowed respondents to directly indicate if the Wandoan Coal Project would have a positive or negative impact on their area.

The graph below indicates the overall responses to the possible impacts the mine may have on the local communities.



Figure 4-6: Perceived possible impacts from the Project





Question 10: Overall, I think the mine would be: good for the community, bad for the community or don't know? (prompted)

The graph below indicates the general thoughts from each town from responding community members on whether the mine will be good or bad for their local communities. Both Wandoan and Miles' respondents viewed the mine as being beneficial to the community. However, the response from Wandoan was balanced by responses that indicated it was generally bad or unknown. Responses from Taroom indicated a balanced perception of the Project, with just over 20% indicating it was unknown.



Figure 4-7: Overall thoughts about the Project

4.2 Community information workshops

4.2.1 Workshops in July 2007

Following a general briefing about the Project, participants at the Wandoan, Taroom and Miles public workshops were asked to discuss, in small groups, a series of questions about:

- the Project
- the local community
- the possible impacts of the mine.

Feedback from these discussions is outlined in the Tables 4-1 to 4-3. The number of times that groups raised similar issues or comments is indicated in brackets.

A discussion on the issues raised is provided at the end of Table 4-3.



Table 4-1: Summary of comments and issues raised during discussions, July 2007

Issue: The local community

Question	Wandoan	Taroom	Miles
What do you	What participants like:	What participants like:	What participants like:
like and dislike about living in your	 Safety and security with low to no crime levels (16) 	 Safety and security and it's a good place to raise children (11) 	 Safe community – security and low crime (8)
local area?	 Peaceful/ quiet (8) 	 Country town atmosphere and the 	 Relaxed lifestyle associated with small
	Close-knit community and its familiarity	quietness of the area (7)	town (6)
	(5)	 Supportive and trusting community (4) 	 Feeling of community cohesion and spirit (4)
	 Honesty within community (4) 	 Environment and clean air (3) 	
	 Friendliness of locals (4) 	 Low cost of living (3) 	 Community is friendly, caring, honest (4)
	 Lifestyle and the clean air it offers (4) 	 Lifestyle – healthy and laidback (3) 	 Relaxed lifestyle and pace (3)
	 Good cattle country (2) 	 Central location (2) 	 Good family environment (2)
	 Good place to bring up children (2) 	 Friendly (2) 	 Schools have small class sizes and
	 Community spirit (2) 	 Community spirit (1) 	produce good results (2)
	 Good sporting facilities (2) 	 Recreation activities (1) 	 Environment is clean (2)
	 Only community we know – our home 	 Good grazing country (1) 	 Quiet (2)
	(2)	 Lack of traffic congestion (1) 	 Low cost of living (1)
	 No heavy industry such as mining (2) 	 Land security, many properties in 	 Good selection of sport and
	 Natural landscape and environment (2) 	families for generations (1)	recreational opportunities (1)
	 Accessibility to town (1) 	 Good employment opportunities (1) 	 Personalised service in local shops (1
	 History of the area and the many 	 Good services and facilities for a 	 Small local businesses (1)
	generations of the same family still residing in the area (1)	community this size (1)	 Lack of traffic (1)
	C ()	 No coal mine (1) 	
	 Potential for industry and better 	 No Nathan dam (1) 	

Question Wandoan	Taroom	Miles
 employment (1) Social life and activities (1) Town water filtration upgrade (1) Volunteers (1) Job opportunities for young people (1) Primary production is renewable – mining isn't (1) 	 People share similar interests (1) Plentiful supply of good quality water (1) People with similar interest (1) 150 year town history (1) 	
What participants dislike:	What participants dislike:	What participants dislike:
 Lack of health services, especially health specialists (9) Uncertainty of future (3) Limited opportunities for higher and special education (3) Unemployment (2) Lack of public transport (2) Unavailability of farm labour (1) Burning at dump (1) Fragmentation of the existing 'local' community (1) No unions (1) Low population (1) Poor conditions of the roads (1) Hard lifestyle for the "battlers" (1) 	 Lack of services, especially specialists (3) Condition of the roads (2) Dump burning (1) Distance from health services (1) Lack of services (1) Unemployment (1) Distance to major centres (1) Lack of infrastructure (1) Lack of extra curricular and learning opportunities for local children (1) 	 Lack of services, especially health i.e no dentist (5) Water issues such as the drought and new water charges (3) Distance to larger centres – isolation (3) Few employment opportunities (2) Lack of money (1) Lack of youth activities (1) No traffic lights: poor road conditions (1) Decline in size of local population (1)

Question	Wandoan	Taroom	Miles
What do you	Proposed mine:	Accommodation (1)	 Skill shortage (4)
think are the most important	 impact on community (2) environmental impact (1) 	 Need for banking and commercial facilities (1) 	 Keeping people in the community - including young and elderly people (4)
ssues facing	 loss of grazing and farming land (1) 	 Decline of essential services (1) 	 Water issues including drought (3)
community?	 Change to lifestyle/property values (4) 	 Viability of farm labour and competition against mining wages (1) 	 Community acceptance of mine (2)
	Drought/access to water (3)Employment (3)	 Limited infrastructure (1) 	 Employment issues such as lack of skilled employees (2)
	 Government/ lack of leadership (2) 	 Council amalgamations (1) Increased east of living (1) 	 Poor infrastructure including roads, rai air, housing (2)
	Uncertainty of the future (2)Loss of population, especially youth (2)	 Increased cost of living (1) 	 Labour shortages for local industry – competition with mine wages (2)
	 Forced local councils amalgamations (1) 		 Council amalgamation (1)
	 Need for good road infrastructure (1) 		Low income from farm labour (1)Aging workforce (1)
	 Loss of community spirit/cohesion (1) Loss of safety and security (1) 		 Housing affordability (1)
	 Need for medical services (1) 		
	Survival of local businesses (1)Concern for the cemetery (1)		
	 Unable to move elsewhere, limited land (1) 		
Question	Wandoan	Taroom	Miles
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What do you think the important features in your local area are?	 Prime cattle grazing land (6) History of area, especially Juandah (4) Clean creek system/ Dawson River (3) Country landscape (2) Glebe Weir (1) Waterloo Park (1) Native flora and fauna (1) Pleasant agricultural area (1) 	 Recreational and ecological values of Dawson River and surrounding waterways (5) National parks (1) Leichhardt tree (1) Glebe Weir (1) Brigalow Belt (1) Quality of grazing land (1) 	 Historical museum/village (5) Wildflowers and other native flora (4) Local water systems such as Gurilmundi, Condamine River, Dogwood Creek (3) Caliguel and Chinamans Lagoons (2) Dogwood Creek pathway and crossing Art gallery and library (1) Community spirit (1) Location (1)
Who are the most trusted people in your community?	 Community/ locals (7) Civic leaders - councillors, police officers, the Department of Primary Industries, business people, Teachers (2) Not the councillors (1) Health service staff (1) Norm and Bert (1) 	 Councillors and other civic leaders (1) Community (2) Hard to trust anyone especially all levels of government and big business (1) 	 Gurulmundi Gorges (1) Community (6) Business owners (2) Churches (1) Councillors (1) Long term employed (1) Civic leaders such as the police and other service (1) Real estate agents (1) Service clubs (1) Community leaders (1) Volunteer workers (2)

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Question	Wandoan	Taroom	Miles
What are your local connections with family, friends and	 Local and community connections are vital (2) 	 Great community support (1) Small knit community where people care and look after each other (1) 	 Strong community involvement, henc spirit and cohesion (4)
	 Family with several generations living in the area (2) 		 Close-knit community with strong family/neighbour links (3)
neighbours?	 Help is available from anyone (2) 		 Church and service clubs (1)
	 Strong interaction between neighbours (1) 		 Sports and schools (1) Convice slubs and even even even
	 Community leaders (1) 		 Service clubs and aged care - senior citizens (1)
	 Concern for each other (1) 		
	 Informal gatherings at family and friends places (1) 		
	 Network of family, friends and neighbours (1) 		
	 Road Christmas parties! (1) 		
	 Recreational activities (1) 		
Does your community	 Very safe community – don't lock doors (9) 	 Safe place and ideal for the raising of families (1) 	 Safe and mostly crime free (8) Safety through traditional country
have a reputation for	 Close-knit community (1) 	 No crime (1) 	values of pride and morals (1)
being a safe	 People look out for each other (1) 	 Tight-knit community (1) 	
place?	 Independence (1) 		
	 Importance of neighbours (1) 		
	 Safe – won't be if mine starts (1) 		

Question	Wandoan	Taroom	Miles
What is important about your lifestyle?	 Close, supportive and friendly community (5) Lifestyle and the quietness of the area (3) Community spirit (2) Own boss/freedom (2) Safety and trust (2) Healthy and relaxed occupation (1) 	 Clean air (1) Future for our children such as job opportunities (1) Provision of amenities and facilities (1) Health of river waterway (1) Continuation of a community that is supportive (1) 	 Relaxed lifestyle (5) Community stability and trustworthiness (4) No traffic (3) Familiarity in community (2) Local connections with friends/ neighbours (2) Quiet and safe (2) Strong local business and leadership (1)

Table 4-2: Summary of comments and issues raised during discussions, July 2007

Issue: The Project

Question	Wandoan	Taroom	Miles
Vhat were your hitial thoughts bout a botential mine?	 Negative (9) Generate money and employment opportunities in the area (6) Bring change (5) Dust and health implications (3) Disruption of lifestyle (3) Inevitable progress and development (2) Environmental impacts and pollution (2) Shocked (2) Doubtful of benefit to community (2) Unsure of future (2) Farmers forced to sell rather than 'leaseback' (2) Increase in crime and drugs (1) Loss of farmland (1) Don't want to live in a mining town (1) Increased traffic (1) Small business will be better off (1) Increased pressure on water supplies (1) 	 Social and environmental impacts (4) Hesitant about progress and questioned benefits to the community (4) Financial gain and prosperity (4) Employment opportunities (3) Mine would increase crime rates with population growth (2) Impact on property owners – lack of rights and issues of compensation (3) Increase in rentals/shortage of housing (1) Stress on existing facilities (1) Dealing with construction crews (1) Transit workforce (1) 	 Generate employment opportunities (6) Good – positive opportunities for area (6) Negative impact on economy (3) Improved infrastructure and local service (3) Increase in prices (2) Impact on landowners – loss of land, compensation (2) Will local businesses benefit? (2) Benefit to developers - greed (2) Will go ahead whether or not community like it (1) Makes region more sustainable - future prosperity and diversity (1) Generate growth in area (1) Will it go ahead (1) Bring progress/development/change (1) Impact on lifestyle (1)

Question	Wandoan	Taroom	Miles
			 Environmental impact with regard coal as a non-renewable energy source(1)
			 What happens after mining ceases? (1)
Has the information you have heard tonight changed your opinion about the Project?	 Has not changed mind (10) Added more concerns (5) No new information presented (3) Did not change our thoughts but now more informed in some areas (1) Information too vague (1) 	 Opinions unchanged (3) Information has altered opinion (2) Added more concern (1) Information tonight was helpful (1) 	 Did not change opinion (3) Information presented was informative (3) Strengthened our opinion (1) Added concern, especially about size of Project (2) Xstrata telling us what is going to
	 Yes (1) 		happen rather than a consultation process (1)Other (2)
What do you expect XCQ to do if they develop a mine?	 Employ people from local area (10) Invest capital into the community such as support local services and improve/provide more infrastructure (9) Help link the town and mining people 	 Employment opportunities for locals (6) Provide traineeship and apprenticeships for youth (3) Coord paighbour (1) 	 Employment opportunities for locals (9) Provide traineeship and apprenticeships for youth (3) Competition against local
	 Help link the town and mining people - employees of mine to be part of community (5) Maintain strong relationship with community – be a good neighbour (4) 	 Good neighbour (1) Support local business (1) Do whatever they want (1) Respect local grazing (1) 	 Competition against local businesses for employment (3) Attract more services and facilities to the area (2) Be an important member of the
	 Support community groups through funding (3) Will employ transient workers rather than locals (2) 		 Less dependence on transient workers (2)

Question	Wandoan	Taroom	Miles
	 Develop town planning scheme to avoid ad hoc development (1) 		 Be a good neighbour (2)
	 Shop locally (2) 		
	 Force locals out (2) 		 Follow through on Project
	 Increase competition for limited availability of rural workers (1) 		implementation – ensure they 'walk the walk' and not just 'talk the talk'
	 'Fly in – fly out' (1) 		(1)
	 Help retain younger population (1) 		 Contribute to non-profit community organisations (1)
	 Bring increased crime due to the employment of people from outside the town (1) 		 Maintain a responsible corporate entity (1)
	 Ignore community opinion (1) 		 Source inputs from local rather than external businesses (1)
	 Protect existing infrastructure on acquired holdings until mining is definite (1) 		
	 Supply more accommodation for families in Wandoan (1) 		

Table 4-3: Summary of comments and issues raised during discussions, July 2007

Topic: The possible impacts of t

Question	Wandoan	Taroom	Miles
What do you think the impact of the Project will be on the community?	 Loss of families, especially through property resumption (6) Change in community profile – farming to mining town (5) More employment opportunities for locals (4) Change in social values i.e. decrease safety (3) Increased stress and uncertainty within community (3) Create a safe town (3) Increase property and rental prices (3) Fragmentation of community – divide between farmers and miners (2) Better facilities/services (2) Increase population (2) Able to retain youth through better employment opportunities (1) Ruin the community and landscape (2) Transient population (1) 	 Upgrade and improvements to current facilities (i.e. waste disposal) (3) Increased cost of living (3) Increase population (2) More traffic (1) Change in population profile - influx of undesirable citizens (2) Shift in employment (1) 	 Increased population (4) Increased capital/profit for community investment (4) Business growth and increased economic activity (3) Increased employment opportunities, especially for the young (3) Competition between local labour wages and attractiveness of mining wages (3) Better infrastructure/services in community (2) Increased demand on local facilities (1) Change (1) Loss of local residents (2) Increased crime (1) Loss of lifestyle (1) Socio-economic differentiation in community i.e. wealth for miners (2) Housing shortage (1)

Question	Wandoan	Taroom	Miles
What do you think the impact of the Project will be on the environment?	 Water issues such reduced water quality, reduced down stream flows, impact on community supply, lowering of the artesian basin (11) Dust and noise (9) Impact on flora and fauna – loss of vegetation especially (4) Environment can never return to original state (3) Visual impact (1) Ruin valuable cattle and farming country (1) 	 Impact on/changes to environment (3) Impact of water extraction on water resources (1) Dust (1) Spread of noxious weeds (1) Land structure after mining ceases (1) 	 Demands on and allocation of water (5) Dust and air quality (2) Noise from mining operation and transportation (2) Contribution to global warming (2) Not concerned – there will be adequate measures in place to mitigate environmental impacts (2) Hopefully minimal impact (2) Erosion (1) Loss of local amenity (1)
What do you think the impact of the Project will be on the local economy?	 Competition – unable to maintain local labour against mining wages (5) Benefit local services i.e. viability of banks (4) Generation of employment and capital – financial benefits (4) Increase cost of housing and property (4) Increases business opportunities (2) Increase infrastructure and number of shops (2) Impact if mine fails to support local business 	 Local economic growth (4) Land values (2) Transient workers – little capital generation in town (1) Housing market changes Increase cost of living (1) Increased employment opportunities (1) 	 Benefit local business (9) Boost to local economy through growth(6) Competition between mine for employees – loss of local staff (6) Decreased availability/affordability of housing (5) Increase in employment/employment stability(2) Transient population – money spent elsewhere (2) Decreased affordability/cost of living (1) Socio-economic differentiation –

Question	Wandoan	Taroom	Miles
	 Increased cost of living (1) 		miners vs. non-miners (1)
	 Greater supply of housing (1) 		 Loss of production from resumed
	 Increase in employment unlikely due to outsourcing (1) 		properties (1)
	 Serves to help state economy more so than the local economy (1) 		
What do you think the	 Generally negative change in 	 Negative impact (2) 	 Generally will improve (3)
impact of the Project will be on your	lifestyle (5)	 Disturb tranquillity/peace (1) 	 Lifestyle not as relaxed/quiet (2)
lifestyle?	 Change in social activities/friends (5) 	 Will have minimal impact (1) 	 Busier and longer working hours (2)
	 Impacts associated with property resumption (3) 		 Improvement in local infrastructure (2)
	 Crime and safety concerns (3) 		 Disrupt family life (2)
	 Impact of transient population on 		 Increased cost of living (1)
	community (3)		 Decreased safety (1)
	 Improve lifestyle through increase in services (2) 		 More money (1)
	 Looking to leave (2) 		
	 Greater availability of employment (1) 		
	 Loss of livelihood with the loss of grazing land (1) 		
	 Negative environmental changes (1) 		

Question	Wandoan	Taroom	Miles
What do you think the impact of the Project will be on local services?	 Increase in number of services, particularly health services (6) Upgrade and improvement of existing services (3) More variety in shops (1) Excessive use of roads – damage on local roads (1) Distance to town centre for rural residents (1) Increased population – viability for services (i.e. schools) Services to stay the same (1) 	 Advantage of more health facilities, especially availability of doctors (5) General improvement in local services/facilities (4) Infrastructure improvements (2) Sponsorship to improve local sporting facilities (1) Doubtful will improve services (1) 	 Attract/improve services (6) Increase level of facilities and services (2) Xstrata should be focus on using local services (2) Increased pressure on existing services (2)
What do you think the impact of the Project will be on safety?	 Greater traffic – decreased road safety (7) Increased crime rate (3) Increased population, decrease in safety (2) Need for greater security measures (2) No safety (1) 	 Decreased safety with increased level of trucks (2) Increase in unknown people in area (1) Better road infrastructure (1) Increase in crime/drugs (1) Will see minor improvement (1) Will improve (1) 	 Decreased road safety (6) Personal safety (1) Increased crime associated with increased population (2) Should not be a problem with Xstrata and government involvement in Project (2) Increased transient population (negative) (1)



Workshop summaries

Participants at the July 2007 workshops were asked to work through a series of questions in small groups. The answers from these workshops (shown in Tables 4-1 to 4-3) provided XCQ and the PB Project Community Consultation Team with an insight into the community values in Wandoan, Taroom and Miles as well as their thoughts on the Project and any potential impacts. The issues raised in the Tables are discussed further in the following sections.

The local community

In the first series of questions, workshop participants were asked to answer questions in respect to their local community. When providing answers about what they liked about the local area, safety and security rated as the most valued aspect of Wandoan, Taroom and Miles. This was followed closely by respondents of Wandoan and Taroom who listed the close-knit community and country town atmosphere as the reason for liking the local area. Miles residents listed the relaxed lifestyle as their second reason for residing in the town. A trusting, caring and friendly community was listed at every workshop as the third most important value that contributed to the local communities.

When asked to outline what they disliked about the area they lived in, the major aspect for all towns was the lack of services, in particular health related fields. This was outlined nine times by Wandoan workshop participants, and was still recorded as the main dislike for Taroom and Miles when compared with other data. Following this commonality, all three communities recorded different dislikes. For Wandoan, it was the uncertainty about the town's future while Taroom participants indicated the condition of the roads as an issue, and Miles participants equally indicated water and isolation issues.

For Wandoan participants, the proposed mine was listed as the most important issue currently facing the community. This was in line with the number of responses that indicated a change to lifestyle and property values as their greatest concern. A number of issues were equally listed for Taroom which included accommodation, banking facilities, decline of essential services, viability of farm labour versus mining wages, and council amalgamations. Issues for Miles participants varied greatly with skills shortages and loss of young people in the community noted as the greatest concerns. Water issues, community acceptance of the mine, and poor infrastructure were also listed.

When listing the towns' most important features, Wandoan participants valued the prime cattle grazing land as the most important, while the recreational and ecological aspects of the Dawson River were the most valued for Taroom. The historical village at Miles was listed as the most important feature to that community.

About the Project

Twenty percent of Wandoan participants indicated negative feelings when asked about their initial thoughts about the Project. However 14% of Wandoan respondents who indicated it was a positive opportunity for the community to generate money and employment in the area. For Taroom, the majority of responses focused on environmental and social impacts, the positive opportunities for financial gains, and some hesitations recorded regarding the community's progress that may occur should the mine open. Responses from Miles varied



greatly from impacts on property owners, the environment and lifestyles, through to improved infrastructure, greater services and benefits to the local businesses.

When asked if the workshop presentation had changed their opinion of the Project, 48% of the responses from Wandoan had said it had not, with five responses saying that their concerns had increased. This was similar to the responses from Taroom and Miles participants, with a respondent from each town also adding that the presentation had added more concern.

All workshop respondents believed that the Proponent should employ people from the community and support local businesses should the mine be developed. The improvement of services and infrastructure, should the mine be developed, also rated highly as a community benefit. Respondents from Taroom and Miles indicated opportunities for the provision of traineeships and apprenticeships for the local youth would enable them to stay within their communities.

Possible impacts from the mine

When discussing possible impacts of the Project, six of the 37 Wandoan participants indicated the greatest impact would be the loss of families from the community due to property purchases.

This is in contrast to participants from Miles who indicated the impacts would be positive and beneficial for the community. These benefits included an increase in population, increased capital and community investment in the town, an increase in business growth and greater employment opportunities for the younger residents.

This was similar for Taroom respondents, with three of the 12 responses indicating positive impacts such as upgrades and improvements to the town's facilities. This was followed by some perceived negative impacts such as an expected increase in the cost of living and a change in the mix of people moving to the town.

When discussing environmental impacts, water was seen as one of the major concerns for Wandoan residents. This issue was also noted as being one of many concerns for Miles and Taroom residents. Thirty-one percent of the Wandoan participants also indicated dust and noise as a major environmental concern. Many requested that mitigation measures for these impacts be addressed in some way during the study.

Taroom and Miles respondents saw the economic benefits of the mine as a positive impact whilst Wandoan respondents felt it would provide unfair competition for local employers who would be unable to compete with mine wages.

Wandoan and Taroom workshop participants viewed the impacts on the community lifestyle as negative, while those in Miles indicated they believed it would generally improve. All agreed local services would improve should the mine go ahead. However, they all felt road safety would suffer as more people moved to the area and local traffic increased.



4.2.2 Workshops in April 2008

The community information workshops in April 2008 provided the wider community with an update on the Project and the opportunity to ask questions of the Project team. The presentation also provided information on the then proposed bulk sample operations and explained the related consultation activities (see Section 5 of this report).

The workshop format involved participants moving to various work stations to discuss particular Project aspects. With Project team members at each workstation participants focused on:

- mine planning
- mine infrastructure
- the environment
- non-indigenous cultural heritage.

During and after a brief presentation on each technical topic, participants asked questions and provided feedback, which was recorded by the Project Consultation team and used to inform the technical studies related to each topic.

Feedback from the workshop discussions is outlined in the following sections. Attachment E of this report includes typed notes from the community information workshops.

Table 4-4: Summary of comments and questions raised during discussions on Mine Planning – April 2008

Mine planning

The Project team presented various mine plans to participants and discussed potential operations. Key considerations, such as the mine's proximity to Wandoan and the possible affects of dust, noise and ground vibration, were also discussed.

Wandoan	Taroom	Miles
Key issues raised included:	Key issues raised included:	Key issues raised included:
 the need for worlds' best practice in water storage 	 washdown processes 	 future plans for additional leases
 the potential for creek diversions 	the potential need for a tailings dam	 proposed drilling and blasting plans
 planning for Grosmont Road closure and possible 	 rail infrastructure and direction of coal haulage 	 expected amount of overburden
timings	the location of rail in relation to the Wandoan	 explanation of low power factor
 upgrades to the Jackson-Wandoan Road and additional travel distance 	cemetery	 clean coal power and the probability of this
road base substance	 the proximity of Grosmont School to the mine 	technology being used
 the location of the proposed conveyor cuts across 	the location of the mine's northern boundary	 sourcing of contractors and their role with the Project
Mud Creek	 likelihood of coal to the north of current mine boundary 	 the use of CSM water for coal washing
 flooding in mining area 	impact of mine on sub-artesian water and concern	the use of CSM water from Spring Gully's reverse
 use of other rock uncovered in mining process 	regarding a prolonged drought	osmosis plant
 the value of coking coal versus thermal coal 	 the potential impact on near-neighbour bores 	 the amount of water in the lower coal seams
 development of a buffer zone around pits especially the proposed pit near the Wandoan township 	 XCQ's responsibilities if surrounding bores and water levels are affected 	 the amount of gas in coal seams
		 the required workforce and sourcing of employees
blasting and nequency and its impact on wandoan	the water source decision-making process	process for deciding on the proximity of a pit to
 the location of and planning for the accommodation village 	 cumulative long-term impacts of various large operations in the area 	Wandoan and mitigation of possible impacts
 Native Title restrictions and implications for further 	 whether the proposed use of CSM water via 	impacts on the community
housing developments in Wandoan	western pipeline would compete with proposed applications by local landholders for part of the	 the EIS process
 the potential to release land reserves for house blocks 	12ML	 the true consideration of community views in relation to the Project

Wandoan	Taroom	Miles
 land availability near the airport XCQ requirements to contribute to town infrastructure 	 sources for information about other proposed Projects in the area proposed accommodation sites and size once mine 	 the distance of the accommodation village from Wandoan coal washing process and use of wastewater
	 proposed accommodation sites and size once mine infrastructure is built process for choosing the accommodation site and the ability of workers to integrate with Wandoan. 	 coal washing process and use of wastewater the rehabilitation process and use of land after mining examples of successful mine rehabilitation works noise impacts from proposed rail infrastructure the movement of coal from area to the north possible impact of mine on the Wandoan cemetery the process for choosing an accommodation site and its on-site location versus town integration. no economic impacts for region only beneficial in the long term positive economic flow on effects from large mining operations it is important that workers and families have the opportunity to establish themselves in the community the availability of land for XCQ to provide housing for employees rostering schedule for local workers the potential use of local businesses for accommodation village catering plans for the south-east corner of the MDL the use of buffer zones
highway and town from pitsthe mine pits should be left as dams for local		 use of progressive rehabilitation
sporting and recreational activities		 the potential resumption of properties surrounding

Wandoan	Taroom Miles
 approval process and implications if the Project 	the MDL boundary
does not proceed.	 expected overburden
	 thickness of coal seams
	 proposed timing and staging mining
	 possibility of further leases being developed once mining is completed
	 coal quality
	 the government's involvement in infrastructure costs
	 the state government will benefit from mine royalties
	 expected start up costs for rail
	 impacts on creeks through MDLs
	 process for creek diversions and timeframes
	 XCQ support for medical facilities and personnel
	 procedures for onsite emergencies
	 expected benefits for the local community
	 employment for local people
	 the affect on local businesses with the loss of employees to the mines
	 training
	 use of local businesses for services
	 whether the accommodation village will have an alcohol licence
	 XCQ's expectation of Project being approved.



Table 4-5: Summary of comments and questions raised during discussions on Mine Infrastructure – April 2008

Mine infrastructure

The Project team discussed various aspects of the mine infrastructure with workshop participants and provided plans of proposed locations. Key issues such as required utilities and potential impacts were also discussed.

Wandoan	Taroom	Miles	
Key issues raised included:	Key issues raised included:	Key issues raised included:	
 impact on telephone services 	 the impact on the Project due to Council amalgamations 	 the current water treatment and sewerage facilities are inadequate 	
 impacts on water supplies and availability upgrade of sewerage treatment plant facilities 	 a new Council representative for Project's Community Reference Group 	 concern regarding the distance for sewage to be moved from the accommodation village to town tractment facilities 	
 the need to include Council in planning for the sewerage plant 	 expected timeframe for land to be rehabilitated and returned to its original use 	treatment facilitiesthe upgrade of water treatment and sewerage	
 responsibility of road building and maintenance XCQ would be responsible for new roads in MDL area 	 proposed raising of Glebe Weir and use of water for Taroom township 	 facilities required for maximum capacity the process for building an accommodation village and housing in town 	
 lack of consultation with community when planning new roads 	 sample pit activities and the number of pits being planned the use of population estimates when planning for 	 the use of contractors to building the accommodation village 	
 the location of roads near feedlots 	accommodation and development in the region	 increased interest in housing developments and rentals in the region 	
 proposed road form when the rail line meets Leichhardt Highway to enter the mine site 	the potential for Woleebee Creek to be divertedwhere expected workforce will be sourced from	 the proposed use of building contractors for rail infrastructure if it is approved 	
 location of rail and Leichhardt Highway crossing lack of information regarding rail infrastructure 	 expected timeframes for construction of infrastructure 	 impact of coal price on Project progression and approval 	
along Nathan Road	 the possibility of an airport near Taroom 	 proposed commitment date for approval 	
 form of new local roads – bitumen or dirt 	 the legality of starting sample pit operations before the Project is approved. 	 distance of accommodation village from Wandoan 	
 XCQ's responsibility in relation to the rail and mine site 		 proposed transport from town to village 	
 the potential for other large operations to start if the alignment is approved 		 reasoning for accommodation village not being placed in the Wandoan township 	

Wandoan	Taroom Miles
 impact on local businesses with the loss of affected families from the Wandoan community 	predicted mine life
 the lack of available land in Wandoan 	 probability of accommodation village having to move if mining moves west
 the lack of information being made available to the community 	 expected number of draglines when operating at capacity
 there is a preference for the airport to be near Wandoan so the town benefits 	 the responsibility for building and maintaining roads in region
 it is not appropriate that Taroom would benefit from on eimport 	 process for purchasing and moving equipment
an airport	 impacts of equipment movement on regional roads
 XCQ should look at a regional airport to service all areas and operations 	 expected timeframe for final rail alignment and approval process
 timeframe for road diversions and infrastructure development 	proposed road from when the rail line meets Leichhardt Highway to enter the mine site
 concerns about impact on roads from sample pit haulage 	 expected rail type
the alignment of the proposed water pipeline along	 expected power use and placement of feeder line
Nathan Road and the need to use the rail corridor where possible	 XCQ expectations for Coolumboola substation as a power source
 likelihood of mining occurring on eastern side of Wandoan 	 availability of land being released by Queensland Rail
 the potential for weeds to spread from rail infrastructure 	 XCQ's expectations for a large population increase in Wandoan
 a washdown plant is required in Wandoan 	 location of engineering resources
 inadequate water supply for Wandoan if the mine was approved and the population increased 	 about the potential impact on rail workers in Miles if rail line is approved
 there are inadequate water facilities to support population increases 	 the government needs to provide money for a second and third rail option to cope with further
 effects of blasting on Wandoan cemetery 	growth in the region
 effects of blasting on bore casing in nearby 	 spending on a rail upgrade will be saved on road

Wandoan	Taroom	Miles
properties		maintenance
 recruitment processes 		 the rail would be a positive move for the region and would remove trucks from local roads
 availability of a mother's shift during the day 		
 establishment of Community Benefit Fund 		 expected sourcing of mine equipment
 impact of creek diversions 		 the cost effectiveness of purchasing a dragline from Canada
 the possible upgrade of Nathan Road due to rail construction 		 the truck movements through Taroom need to be addressed
 relevant studies conducted for the airport and proximity to Wandoan 		 expected timeframe of dragline arrival and construction
 expected timing of closure of Grosmont Road 		 direction of coal seams in the area.
the use of subcontractors on the mine site		
 expected use of town facilities by mine employees 		
 mine rostering (seven days on, seven days off) 		
 XCQ's policy on married couples working on site 		
 the expected number of families moving to the area for work. 		

Table 4-6: Summary of comments and questions raised during discussions on Environment – April 2008

Environment

Participants at the workshop discussed a variety of environment issues and concerns with the Project team. These discussions included the flora and fauna studies, water, community views and the existing social environment.

Wandoan	Taroom	Miles
Key issues raised included:	Key issues raised included:	Key issues raised included:
 Key issues raised included: The proximity of the mine to the Wandoan township the location of other coal deposits in region concerns regarding wind blowing coal dust into town the southern boundary is very close to an existing feedlot the use of buffers and tree barriers the community needs to be provided with maps of mine planning and environmental impacts Landcare needs to be involved in environmental planning the process for mining area becoming a mining lease technical studies being conducted concerns about impacts on fauna in region - kangaroos, koalas, scrub turkeys, brolgas, bats, wedge tail eagles (including nest areas) and rats in Woleebee Creek and Zebra finches. flooding is quite common especially around Woleebee Creek impact on farm bores and the Great Artesian Basin 	 Key issues raised included: it is important that the EIS is completed properly and the community provides input water impacts need to be examined closely as they are a main concern. CSM water is a concern should evaporation ponds flood on-site accommodation may stifle spending in townships, especially with fly-in/fly-out. 	 Key issues raised included: the cost of using CSM water concern regarding coal dust contaminating water in Wandoan township the need for water reuse proximity of mine to Wandoan is a concern the process for creek diversions true land productivity once rehabilitation occurs waste management planning findings from flora and fauna studies water management plans for dams and the Tarong model should not be used the need to take photographic records of the region for benchmarking the rehabilitation process onsite plans for tailing dam rehabilitation of mine should coal not continue to be viable proposed plans for Glebe Weir and recreational possibilities plans for Nathan Dam mine life expectancy and closure planning



Wandoan	Taroom	Miles
 impacts from runoff from mine into creek and possible impact on downstream users 		 the re-use of water on site.
 sedimentation of dams 		
 coal mining's contribution to extreme weather events 		
 the need for information on other companies exploring in the area 		
 the impacts of dust and noise on cattle 		
 the community should be informed of endangered species in the area 		
Brigalow protection		
 concerns about the spread of parthenium weed, this issue needs to be controlled on both mine-site and in rail easements 		
 the need for a washdown facility in Wandoan 		
 carbon footprint and emissions to be considered at the customers' end 		
 coal quality and suitability for IGCC and CTC. 		
 impacts on Wandoan cemetery from blasting and infrastructure construction 		
 plan for town's sustainability post-mining and the life of the coal reserve 		
 social impacts 		
 scepticism on the growth of Wandoan 		
the need to attract community-minded workers.		

Table 4-7: Summary of comments and questions raised during discussions on Non-Indigenous Cultural Heritage – April 2008

European history

Participants at the workshop provided a large amount of feedback about the European history of the area. These discussions included the initial soldier-settler blocks, previous land uses and buildings of significance.

Wando	an	Taroom	Miles
Key issu	ues raised included:	No information provided	Key issues raised included:
	need to include the historical society in ropean History reporting		 the need to record history from the region overall to promote social history for future tourism purposes
■ pro	tection of heritage sites		 the historical society is available to gather and collate information
the	re is petrified wood throughout the region		
	need to record history of area – pictorial if		 XCQ to assist in preserving the history of the area
-			 XCQ to move buildings of significance from mine area
■ His	torical areas include:		there is a need to think about what Wandoan will be
•	the shearing shed on 'Wongalea'		after mining is finished
•	the surveyor marks on trees		the possibility of developing a Wandoan heritage
•	the sheep holding yards on 'Yarrabee'		centre
•	Sundown Creek – washdown area for sheep		 the need to record information about Grosmont
•	various burial sites around region		State School.
•	originally dairy farms – there are many old posts still in the area		
•	Booral - Original homestead property 1900		
•	the butcher shop		
•	Booral – Juandah survey trees.		
•	XCQ to pay for copies of microfilm from the Department of Natural Resources to ensure region's history is captured		
•	washpool posts		

Wand	ban	Taroom	Miles
•	shepherds' huts and boundary huts throughout region		
•	the Chinese well near Woleebee Creek – was washed away in flood.		



Workshop summaries

The workshops held in April 2008 were designed to provide the community with information relating to specific aspects of the Project, thereby allowing the Project team to gather feedback and input from the community relating to four key areas – mine planning, mine infrastructure, the environment and non-indigenous cultural heritage.

The feedback obtained at the Wandoan, Taroom and Miles workshops was collated and informed various technical studies, associated with the EIS and mine planning. The issues raised in Tables 4-4 to 4-7 are discussed further in the following sections.

Mine planning

The main issues highlighted by residents in Wandoan, Taroom and Miles in relation to mine planning were impacts on to the environment, land use and the community.

Community members in Wandoan and Miles questioned the potential environmental impact on planned creek diversions and potential impacts on creeks through out the MDLs. Residents from the study area and the region indicated they would like further information on the process for creek diversions, the proposed mine life and the legality of the proponent moving creeks. The use of a proposed conveyor across Mud Creek was also discussed at the workshop.

Discussions were held regarding the need for the international best practice in water storage during construction and operation as concerns were raised about the impact of the mine on sub-artesian water and the potential risks of a prolonged Queensland drought. Wandoan residents also expressed concern regarding the potential risk of changed flood courses due to mining.

Taroom participants highlighted the impact of the mining operations on their bore water supplies and requested that XCQ outline its responsibilities and actions if surrounding bores and water levels are impacted by the mining process. Workshop participants requested the community be involved in the water-source decision making process. The need for a strict washdown process was highlighted to ensure the prevention of the spread of parthenium weed by mine subcontractors.

One participant indicated that the proposed use of CSM water via the western pipeline would be competing with a proposed application for use by local landholders. Miles workshop attendees questioned the use of CSM water for washing coal and the possible use of water from Origin's Spring Gully reverse osmosis plant. The main concerns raised were the wastage in coal washing and how this could be addressed.

Miles workshop participants questioned the probability of producing clean coal and the amount of water and gas likely to be present in the various coal seams. Wandoan residents also requested further information on the value of coking coal versus thermal coal.

Wandoan indicated a strong preference for the development of a buffer zone around pits, particularly the proposed pit near Wandoan. It was suggested that a 500 metre buffer zone would be needed to shield the highway and town from the pits, as the blasting frequency and dust was a concern to the nearby community. Concerns regarding noise impacts from the proposed rail infrastructure were also raised.



Progressive land rehabilitation, post-mining was also important. Workshop participants indicated a preference for the land to be returned to its original purpose post-mine. Participants also noted that strategic town planning and the release of land for housing was important.

Employment issues were raised mainly at the Wandoan and Miles workshops. These groups expressed concern regarding the potential loss of local employees to the mining industry. Residents questioned the sourcing of local and external employees, the required skills and training available for new mining-related job opportunities and the use of local businesses for services.

Both Wandoan and Miles workshop groups emphasised the importance of XCQ contributing to and supporting local services in the Project area and region. Participants indicated XCQ should support local schools by providing community funding and support for medical facilities and personnel. This was particularly important for onsite emergencies. Short and long-term economic impacts and benefits for the region were also raised.

Road planning was a major point of discussion at the Wandoan workshop with a general expectation that XCQ would contribute to the upgrade of the Jackson Wandoan Road and the Leichhardt Highway. Many indicated they would like to see the proposed plans for the closure of Grosmont Road and, in turn, the proximity of the mine to the Grosmont State School. The management of road closures, construction and maintenance were also discussed. Some participants also questioned the expected length of the new roads and an increase in travel times for school buses.

Mine infrastructure

Wandoan workshop participants queried the impact on local utilities and services as well as the impact on local businesses with the loss of directly affected families from the community. Participants requested further information on the expected increase in population and expected use of town facilities by mine employees.

Wandoan and Miles participants requested information on the proposed rail alignment infrastructure and direction of coal haulage. Estimated coal loads, the impact of the transportation on the community and the location of the railway in relation to the Wandoan cemetery were raised.

Representatives from Wandoan and Miles claimed that current water supply and sewerage treatment sewerage facilities for the region were inadequate and needed to be upgraded for any population increase. There were also concerns raised regarding the distance for sewerage to be moved from the accommodation village to the town's treatment facility. It was advised that the Council needed to be involved in the planning for the proposed sewerage plant.

The effects of blasting were of great concern to Wandoan participants particularly in relation to its impact on the bore casing of nearby properties. The effect of blasting on the Wandoan cemetery was also questioned.

Weed management was also of importance to Wandoan participants, not only for the mine site but also rail infrastructure. It was suggested that a washdown facility be constructed in Wandoan to minimise the spread of weeds.



In relation to roads, participants requested that XCQ specify its level of responsibility and involvement in the construction and maintenance of roads and railways in the region. It was established that XCQ would be responsible for its own roads in the MLAs area.

The location of the airport was discussed. Wandoan workshop participants indicated that they would prefer the airport be located near Wandoan. However, Taroom residents advocated the possibility of the airport being constructed near Taroom. It was suggested that XCQ should consider a regional airport to service all areas and operations.

Wandoan and Miles workshop groups showed interest in the proposed accommodation village. This was in addition to the development of housing in Wandoan itself. Many also questioned the reasons for the village not being based in Wandoan. Participants raised the possibility of the accommodation village having to be relocated if mining activities move west and the proposed mode of transport should employees travel from the village to town.

The environment

Both Wandoan and Taroom workshop groups emphasised the importance of the EIS being completed properly and the need for the community to be involved in the process.

Several concerns were raised by Wandoan community members in relation to the environmental and health impacts of wind blowing dust into the township. Participants indicated they were concerned about the potential impact of dust and noise pollution on cattle surrounding the mining area.

Wandoan and Miles workshop participants highlighted concerns about the impact of mining processes on flora and fauna in the region and requested to view the findings from the relevant technical studies. There was also a request that the community be informed of endangered species in the region so they can actively protect the local environment.

The use of buffers and tree barriers around the mine site was also recommended by community members to minimise impacts on properties and stock.

A major concern for each community was the impact of the mine on water supplies. They indicated a high level of expectation for XCQ to examine these impacts closely.

The process for creek diversions was discussed including impacts from mining runoff and the potential effect on downstream users.

Wandoan participants noted concerns about the social impact of the mining industry on the area. There was also scepticism about the actual expected growth of Wandoan and the town's sustainability past the life of the coal reserve. Participants noted that there needed to be community-minded employees working within the mines who could integrate effectively with the community. Wandoan workshop participants requested information on other mining explorations occurring in the area.

The environmental focus at the Miles workshop was on the importance of rehabilitation during the operations and after the closure of the mine. Community members suggested that photographic records should be taken of the region as part of the land rehabilitation documentation process.





The overall impact on the environment is of concern to all communities within the region, particularly in regard to the potential for the mine to increase extreme weather events. Many highlighted the need to assess emissions at the customers' end of the coal supply chain and how XCQ will assist in managing this.

Non-indigenous cultural heritage

A large amount of historical information was provided by participants at the Wandoan workshop. There is an expectation for XCQ to capture and record the history of the Wandoan area for future generations.

Participants requested XCQ to preserve non-indigenous cultural heritage within the area and move buildings of cultural and historical significance from the proposed mining areas.

Historical information noted during the workshops included the location of shepherd huts, various burial sites, the location of diary farms and the original Booral homestead.

Other matters of cultural and historical importance raised were the location or once locations of shearing sheds, sheep holding yards and a Chinese well.

The various sites of survey trees along Juandah Creek were also discussed, along with the need for XCQ to capture vital historical information about Grosmont State School and its role in the district.

Notes from these workshops are included in Attachment F of this report.

4.3 **Property owner contact**

4.3.1 **Property owner meetings**

One-to-one meetings were held directly affected and indirectly affected property owners during the pre-feasibility consultation process in 2007. Twenty meetings were initially conducted by XCQ in relation to the valuation and negotiation process, with PB's Community Consultation Team members conducting 37 follow-up meetings to discuss thoughts and opinions about the Project and related consultation processes.

These property owners lived within and surrounding the initial MLA areas. Of those property owners who did not want to meet directly, many provided feedback during telephone calls.

The meetings were generally held at the property owner's residence, with the tone of the meetings informal and open to help property owners provide open and honest feedback about the Project.

The key issues that were raised during these meetings included:

- concerns relating to the consultation process
- impacts on lifestyle
- loss of families from the area
- uncertainty about the future
- loss of local history



- valuation and compensation processes
- loss of good agricultural land
- environmental concerns such as dust, noise and water issues
- visual impacts
- impacts on flora and fauna.

The following table outlines issues and concerns raised during discussions with property owners and the Project team and the number of times raised.

Table 4-8: Issues and concerns

Comments and Issues	Number of times raised
Project	
Valuation negotiations/process	22
Lack of communication and follow-up	14
Engagement process	14
Project uncertainty	13
Availability and lack of information	11
Project timing	7
EIS process	6
Property concerns	
Ability to purchase a similar property in the area.	16
Adequate compensation	6
Decrease in local property values and ability to resell	4
The option to lease land back from Xstrata Coal.	1
Impact on the community	
Change to community atmosphere and rural lifestyle	16
Loss of sporting clubs and community groups	15
Loss of families and social networks	14
Decline of school student numbers and impact on Grosmont and Wandoan State Schools	12
Loss of agricultural land	8
Proximity to mine	8
Re-routing of and changes to local roads	8
Uncertainty for family's well-being and future	8
Loss of soldier settlers blocks and the family/town history	7
Decreased safety	6
Impacts of a transient mining population	6
Possible loss of influential community members	6
Change to services	5
Change in community values	4
Proximity of the mine and impact on health	1

Comments and Issues	Number of times raised
Impacts on lifestyle	
Impact on children	5
Family stress	4
Feelings of hopelessness and loss of connection to the district	4
Cost of moving	2
Security	2
Impact to business and the local economy	
Impact to family income	9
Change to local businesses	4
The ability to compete with mining wages	2
Employment opportunities for local people	1
Environmental	
Water	13
Environmental concerns - general	6
Coal dust	6
Landscape	5
Noise	4
Land	4
Aesthetics and town amenity	2
Vegetation	2
Fauna	1
Cultural heritage	1
Benefits to the community	
Improvement in services, particularly medical	3
Hopes the mining company will provide services for the town	1

Further detail on the major issues and concerns raised during the one-to-one meetings are outlined below.

Consultation process

Property owners raised issues relating to the chosen consultation process. The concerns included the extended period of time between the first community meeting and the private property owner meetings. Eleven property owners stated the availability and lack of information was causing distress within the Wandoan community. In addition 13 property owners raised concerns relating to Project uncertainty. Some stated the lack of information and follow-up from XCQ regarding the valuations showed the Proponent's true attitude towards the community.

Six property owners also had concerns relating to the lack of property owner representation on the Community Reference Group.



Seven property owners questioned the Project's progress and in particular the timing of the construction phase from commencement to finish. Six property owners also questioned the EIS process and requested further information about the submission process.

Valuation and negotiation process

The most common issue of concern for the community was the Project's valuation and negotiation process. This issue was raised 22 times by property owners and was the basis of most concerns during the one-to-one meetings.

Issues raised by the property owners relating to the valuation process included fears about how the process might work and what the valuations would be. Some stressed that a local valuer should not be used as this would put them in an awkward situation and also made their business local knowledge. XCQ did not use a local valuer to conduct negotiations.

Some property owners stated they feared that the yet to be made valuations might not reflect the efforts many had put into establishing and improving their properties.

The process to be used by XCQ to value and negotiate with property owners was also questioned, many owners said they felt the pressure from community innuendo and secrecy. Some felt that an open valuation process would have stopped conflict in the community and allayed concerns between property owners.

Concerns as to whether they would be able to lease back properties at a fair and reasonable price was also highlighted as an issue by property owners. Many indicated they would be happy to continue working their properties until mining started if this was an option. XCQ has since entered into many lease-back arrangements with these landowners.

Many felt they were being pushed off their properties into a market they could not afford due to the compensation they believed might be offered.

It was indicated that from what they had heard locally about some compensation packages already negotiated that most would have to leave the region to buy property of similar quality elsewhere.

Impacts on the community and township

Many affected property owners were uncertain as to the final impacts the proposed mine would have on Wandoan's social amenities, its aesthetic values, town safety and community divisions.

Wandoan currently has a number of sporting clubs and organisations that create a social and recreational link for community members. Thirteen affected property owners were concerned that sporting clubs may be affected as a result of highly-involved club members leaving the district.

A number of property owners raised concerns about the Project's potential impact on the Wandoan community. Fifteen property owners questioned the impacts that could be incurred by businesses due to the inability to compete with mining wages.

Concerns were also raised by 28 property owners who suggested that the mine may create a sense of division in the community as it would change from an agricultural town to a mining town. Two property owners indicated that mining employees should be made to live locally rather than the town have a transient population.



A large number of property owners were concerned that the loss of existing landholders and their families from the community would impact on local schools and possibly affect teaching numbers and social networks for their children. The majority of affected property owners were also involved in various community groups and sporting clubs, which many felt would be impacted should these families leave the area.

Ten property owners felt changes to local roads would make it difficult to access services, friends and family due to longer travel distances. The proximity of the mine in relation to the township of Wandoan was raised eight times by property owners with one property owner questioning the potential implications the mining may have on the community's health generally.

Many property owners noted that the mine would have both positive and negative affects on Wandoan and that all could be handled correctly if XCQ communicated clearly with the community.

Impact on lifestyle and family

A number of affected families have inherited their land. Six affected properties were originally soldier settlement blocks and therefore have strong links with the local history of the area. These families hold concerns for the loss of their connection to the land and district as it holds their memories and livelihoods. Eighteen property owners indicated concerns about the potential change in their family's lifestyle and the impacts that this could have on their families, friends and social networks.

Many property owners have family living in local towns, including parents and older relatives who were reliant upon them in some way. It was indicated by 17 property owners that the loss of their properties could result in them having to leave the region to purchase elsewhere causing concern for their remaining relatives. All of these property owners also indicated concerns about their inability to plan for the future and the loss of quality agricultural land. In addition, the potential cost of relocating to another area has caused stress for affected property owners.

The general impact on lifestyles and families within Wandoan was of concern to four property owners with all citing the affects on their children. These property owners expressed concern about the pressure being placed on families residing in the affected properties, which were generating feelings of hopelessness and a loss of connection to the district.

Four property owners cited their uncertainty of the future for their family and land as a major cause of stress within the family home.

Wandoan's generally low crime rate and the potential change from a close knit rural community to a transient mining community was also of concern to two property owners who identified the potential impact to the area's security.

Environmental issues

A number of environmental issues were raised during the property owner meeting. These included:

- air quality
- water quality



- impacts on community bores and local creeks
- land rehabilitation process and eventual land use
- noise impacts
- mine lighting
- visual impacts
- erosion
- spread of weeds
- flooding
- loss of flora and fauna.

The major concern in relation to environmental issues was the impacts to the region's water sources. This was raised 13 times by property owners. Property owners held concerns for the source and use of water for the mine. Given the majority of property owners rely on bores as their main water source for their properties, the use of water from the Great Artesian Basin (GAB) was of concern. Property owners hoped that the Proponent would look at alternative water sources to ensure the aquifers were not affected.

Property owners communicated a lack of confidence in the ability of the Proponent to successfully rehabilitate the land to the property owner's expectations. Concerns were also expressed with regard to the rehabilitation of land in years to come once the mine has closed.

The potential impact from coal dust was raised four times by property owners with questions regarding the potential health risks the dust may pose to the community.

Due to the close proximity of the mine to Wandoan, noise was also deemed as a potential impact on the community.

Benefits to the community

Property owners indicated that should the Project proceed it was hoped the community would benefit economically by establishing more varied service provisions across the region. The possibilities for improved services such as medical facilities were welcomed by three property owners.

One property owner commented that they would like to see the Proponent provide better services for the region.

4.3.2 Property owner forum

A property owner forum was held in April 2008 to provide affected property owners with a separate Project update. The forum was attended by 60 people and was followed by supper to provide the opportunity for property owners to discuss the Project with the Project Director and Project Manager.

Issues raised at the property owner forum mainly related to the valuation and negotiation process, along with general information about the Project, mine planning, environmental issues and social impacts.



All valuation and negotiation process questions were discussed openly where possible. At the forum XCQ acknowledged the need for the process to be accelerated to ease the concerns of those property owners wanting to move on and purchase elsewhere.

A number of affected property owners also attended the community information workshop which followed the forum, as discussed in Section 3.4.3 above.

4.4 Meetings with the Community Reference Group

4.4.1 October 2007 CRG meeting

The first Community Reference Group meeting, commenced with a briefing about the Project. This briefing included:

- general information about the Project
- a description of the approvals process
- general timing for the Project
- a description of the studies being conducted as part of the Project
- a description of the community consultation process.

Throughout the meeting, the CRG representatives were encouraged to ask questions of the Project team members. These questions related to:

- the size of the Project compared to the Rolleston Coal Mine
- concerns with the property owner consultation and purchase process
- property owner uncertainty when planning for the future
- where the mine's boundary was in relation to the proximity of the Wandoan township
- the rehabilitation process for the mine site
- the accommodation facility and whether alcohol would be served at the mess
- mine construction and if it would be on a 24-hour rotational process
- a possible fatigue management process for workers
- possibility of increased traffic on local roads due to workers travelling
- official timelines for property owner notification of land requirement
- cultural heritage and the importance of non-indigenous cultural heritage including the region's soldier settler blocks
- public access to the EIS
- proposed advertising of the EIS report
- proposed water supply for the mine including the Great Artesian Basin, local rivers and salt water from the coal seams
- the affect on coal should salt water from the coal seam be used in the washing process
- construction timings
- groundwater permits



impacts on properties.

Throughout the meeting, CRG representatives made several observations relating to the Project. These included:

- the type of workers being attracted to the area
- the need for the upgrade of services' infrastructure in the Wandoan township to deal with an increase in population
- the proposed power supply for the mine and a possible power station
- the possible protection of riparian areas around creeks
- concerns that the surrounding towns would benefit from the Project rather than Wandoan itself.

4.4.2 February 2008 CRG meeting

The second CRG meeting held on Wednesday 13 February 2008 commenced with an informal barbeque before a Project update. The update included:

- a briefing on the Project timing
- information on proposed mine infrastructure and planning
- information on the bulk sample operations
- information on the approvals process
- an update on the EIS technical studies.

Throughout the CRG meeting, participants raised a number of issues and provided feedback from their prospective organisations. These issues related to:

- changes to the Initial Advice Statement
- potential water sources and town water use
- granting of an export licence
- proposed mine infrastructure and fuel storage facilities
- employment levels and possible workforces
- proximity of the cemetery to the mine site
- purchasing of a property east of the highway
- the location of the accommodation facilities
- the number of construction staff required to build the accommodation facilities and mine infrastructure
- possibility of building a CSM gas power station on the site
- the possibility for weir sites at Juandah and Woleebee Creeks
- property owner and environmental impacts if a water pipeline was placed in the Nathan Road road reserve from Glebe Weir to the mine site
- use of CSM water for washdown facilities
- proposed railway alignment and easement width for railway



- port facilities at Wiggins Island
- drilling work currently being undertaken
- rail connection between Miles and Wandoan
- potential for Wandoan township to access to water from Glebe Weir or mine use only
- possibility of Nathan Dam being built
- possible impacts on Project progress should a company takeover occur
- fire prevention plans
- the need to manage the spread of weeds and the possibility for a washdown facility in Wandoan
- the benefits of using local supplies for mine site needs
- the need for upgrades to medical facilities in Wandoan to accommodate a population increase
- environmental rehabilitation plans need to be put in place before mining begins
- the provision of school-based apprenticeship programs for local students.

4.4.3 May 2008 CRG meeting

The third CRG meeting was held on Wednesday 29 May 2008. Due to the recent Council amalgamations a representative from the Dalby Regional Council officially joined the CRG as a member. A Project update was provided updating members on:

- the progress of the EIS
- the role of new Project team members
- drilling operations
- valuations and negotiations taking place
- proposed mine infrastructure and plans
- proposed water sources
- bulk sample operations.

Each member provided feedback from their represented organisation. This feedback was noted and assisted in future planning for the proposed Project.

Comments and feedback noted during the meeting included:

- the possible location of an airport
- the upgrade of the water supply and facilities in Wandoan
- property owner preference for mine-related infrastructure such as gas and water pipelines to be incorporated into existing easements such as the rail corridor
- long-term relationships between schools and the Prononent for apprenticeships and scholarships programs
- the need for fire-response trailers on site
- concerns about the impact of coal dust on the township





- the preference for CSM water to be used on site rather than other sources such as the Great Artesian Basin
- the length of time taken for some property owners to received valuations
- the need for town planning to be done correctly
- concerns regarding the lack of information about the proposed rail line
- apprehension about the type of workers the mine may attract
- the need for a buffer zone to be establish for the township and near neighbours
- the need to maintain roads during bulk sample haulage
- the need for washdown facilities in Wandoan
- strategic road planning.

4.4.4 Rolleston Coal Mine CRG visit

On Wednesday 18 June 2008 four CRG members travelled to Rolleston Coal Mine with a Project team member to visit the site and its related infrastructure. All members of the group had been invited to attend.

The CRG members that attended included representatives from:

- Queensland Ambulance Service
- Wandoan State School
- Wandoan Showgrounds Improvement Committee
- Dawson Valley Development Association.

The trip provided the CRG members with the opportunity to view the mine and the accommodation facilities first-hand, discuss the previous experiences of the Project with Rolleston and Springsure residents and develop an understanding of how the mining operations would work on a day-to-day basis. The group also visited Springsure to view XCQ housing in the township.

4.4.5 September 2008 CRG Meeting

The fourth CRG meeting was held on Wednesday 10 May 2008. The meeting began with a Project update and discussion of previous items.

Feebdack was provided by each organisation representative, with all concerns and issues noted to.

Information and feedback noted during the meeting included:

- request for information about wildlife corridors
- concerns relating to the proposed Surat Basin Rail Project
- blasting and impacts on bores
- location of proposed airstrip
- the need for vehicle washdown facilities
- the establishment of a Project office in Wandoan


- concerns regarding the potential bus in/out component to nearby towns
- proposed accommodation camp sites for related Projects
- development of school programs for Wandoan State School
- concerns relating to use of Coal Seam Methane Water on mine site and potential contamination impacts
- compensation concerns
- expected release date of the draft EIS document.

Throughout each meeting, CRG members made continued observations about the Project and their concerns that other towns would benefit from it, while Wandoan would not. All agreed that if the Project was to proceed CRG members would like Wandoan to be a priority for the Proponent in planning and funding initiatives.

Minutes from all CRG meetings are included in Attachment G of this report.

4.5 Summary of feedback via contact method

During the consultation process, feedback received from the community was entered into PB's Wandoan Coal Project database. This feedback also included comments recorded during information calls, emails, written submissions and faxes.

 Table 4-9:
 Summary of feedback by contact method

Contact method	Number of enquiries
Freecall information number	101
Written submissions	6
Emails	21

4.6 Summary of issues raised via contact method

Table 4-10 provides a summary of issues raised by community members who contacted the Project Community Consultation Team. Property owner issues and concerns were also noted when Project team members conducted access calls for technical studies. This information was also included in the PB Project database. It is important to note than some participants commented on several issues.

Table 4-10:	Issues raised via Project information tools
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Issue	Number of times raised
Concerns regarding property impacts	26
Potential business services for mine operations	18
General community information	13
Interested in selling property	7
Potential job opportunities	6
Impacts on lifestyle	3
Property loss and relocation	2

Issue	Number of times raised
Health concerns	2
Project timing	2
PB's role on Project	2
Valuation process	1

In addition to the above issues, other information requested through these contact points related to:

- general Project information
- workshop/consultation information
- newsletter requests
- potential employment enquiries.





5. Bulk sample operations consultation

The consultation process for the bulk sample operations began in April 2008. The purpose of consultation was to provide information and create awareness about the planned site operations. It was also necessary to inform community members, particularly local school students, about the operations and to promote safety awareness in relation to road haulage of the coal.

The consultation activities provided XCQ and its contractors with an understanding of community issues associated with operations at the bulk sample pit and road haulage. This ensured that procedures for various aspects of the on-site operations were managed appropriately.

The Project information line was staffed 24-hours a day throughout bulk sample operations to ensure all community enquiries and concerns were addressed in a timely manner.

5.1.1 Bulk sample operations information sheet

A double-sided A4 information sheet was distributed to 970 residents and businesses in Wandoan and Taroom. The information sheet was not distributed in Miles as the haulage was not occurring on the town's roads. However, general information was included in the Project newsletter that Miles' residents did receive. The information sheet was also distributed at the April 2008 community information workshops, the Wandoan Show and related bulk sample operations consultation activities.

This information sheet included:

- information about the establishment of the bulk sample pit
- a description of planned operations and reasoning for the bulk sample pit
- planned coal haulage processes including the chosen route
- the chosen route and a map
- safety management planning
- specific consultation activities conducted in relation to the operations
- Project contact details.

A copy of this information sheet is included in Attachment H.

5.1.2 Advertisements

The start of bulk sample operations and coal haulage was advertised in various newspapers to inform the community about site activities and the chosen haulage route. The advertisements appeared in the following newspapers:

- The Roma Western Star Tuesday 6 May 2008
- The Blackwater Herald Tuesday 6 May 2008
- Central Queensland News Wednesday 7 May 2008
- The Chinchilla News Thursday 8 May 2008



• The Morning Bulletin – Saturday 3 May 2008.

A copy of this advertisement is included in Attachment H.

5.1.3 Council briefings

As part of the community consultation strategy, the Project Community Consultation Team met with the local governments surrounding the bulk sample activities and haulage route to provide an update on the Project, outline the purpose of the bulk sample operations, and discuss the transport management plans for the coal haulage. The Project team met with the following former local governments in February 2008:

- Taroom Shire Council
- Banana Shire Council
- Duaringa Shire Council.

Following the amalgamation of some Queensland local governments in March 2008, a presentation was also made to the Dalby Regional Council (due to the southern part of Taroom Shire local government area, which included Wandoan being transferred to form part of that local government area). The presentation was held on 3 April 2008 at the Dalby Regional Council Chambers in Miles.

Key issues raised during these meetings related to:

- road impacts and maintenance responsibilities
- the need to engage with local schools and organisations
- questions and advice on local routes
- responsibilities and appropriateness of local and state roads
- safety programs
- timeframes
- the need for the Council to remain informed throughout the bulk sample operations.

5.1.4 Meetings with near-neighbours

Property owners surrounding the bulk sample pit site were contacted and meetings were held with these owners during the week commencing Monday 23 March 2008. Meetings were held at the three property owners' residences, and representatives from XCQ, haulage contractors Ostwald Bros. and PB attended each meeting. The meetings provided an opportunity for representatives to outline the planned activities and expected timeframes. Property owners also asked questions and outlined any concerns they held relating to the operations. Issues and concerns discussed at these meetings related to noise, working hours, property access and the haulage route. All raised concerns were addressed and noted for future discussion if required.



5.1.5 Heavy vehicles school program

The amount of coal being removed and transported from the bulk sample pit along the Leichhardt Highway between Wandoan and Taroom warranted the development and implementation of a school safety program. This program was developed to ensure local children were aware of the road haulage and safety around heavy transport vehicles.

A program promoting the importance of safety around these coal haulage vehicles was presented to students in Preparatory through to Year 10 at schools in Wandoan, Grosmont and Taroom including:

- Wandoan State School (Wednesday 30 April 2008)
- Grosmont State School (Wednesday 30 April 2008)
- Taroom State School (Thursday 1 May 2008)
- St Mary's School, Taroom (Thursday 1 May 2008).

A coal haulage truck was used during the program to ensure students could experience firsthand the size of the truck and the need to remain a safe distance from trucks. The program included information on:

- the size and weight of trucks
- the time and length required for the trucks to stop
- distances to stand from the trucks during travel
- line of sight
- general road rules.

An activity sheet was provided to all students which required them to interact with the truck driver and ask questions. This sheet, included in Attachment H of this report, featured a truck and was designed to be coloured-in and referred to at a later date. This was to maintain safety awareness for students as the planned haulage took place over the five month period.





Photo 5-1: Students from Grosmont State School look over the truck during the schools safety program

5.1.6 Bulk sample public tours

A community tour of the bulk sample site was held on 1 August 2008. The tour was advertised in local papers and community bulletins with community members registering for the tour. One hundred and thirty people from throughout the region attended the tour which provided the opportunity for all to view the pit and rehabilitation areas. Tour participants also viewed coal being crushed, trucking operations and asked questions of the Project team. This community event was then followed by a public barbecue at the local bowls club.



6. Gas pipeline consultation

In July 2008 the Project team commenced consultation for a natural gas pipeline, a supporting piece of mine infrastructure. The 31km underground pipeline is proposed to run from the existing Santos Scotia-Peat gas pipeline to the eastern side of the proposed Wandoan Coal Project lease area. It is expected to adjoin the proposed Surat Basin Rail corridor which is anticipated to follow the eastern side of Nathan Road into the MLA.

The consultation process for the proposed gas pipeline was designed to provide stakeholders and potentially affected property owners with a two-way information exchange that proactively encouraged input and feedback. The process identified a range of consultation activities which included:

- contacting all potentially affected property owners to introduce the proposed gas pipeline and to provide an opportunity to exchange information with the consultation team
- conducting one-to-one meetings with potentially affected property owners
- attending meetings with elected representatives and key stakeholders
- maintaining community contact points including the Project freecall information number and project email address.

6.1 Consultation approach

6.1.1 Contacting property owners

Contact with potentially affected property owners was initiated with an introductory letter announcing details of the proposed gas pipeline and the consultation process being conducted. The letter outlined the opportunity for property owners to provide input into the EIS and proposed gas pipeline corridor. It also highlighted how the gas pipeline would be integrated with other Projects in the area, where practicable. The letter noted that Project team members would telephone property owners to organise a one-to-one meeting to discuss the proposed pipeline. This letter was distributed by PB on 8 August 2008.

The Project team identified 10 directly affected property owners, two of which included the WJV and the Queensland Government. Telephone contact was made with eight of the property owners and one property lessee. During these calls meetings were organised with property owners and the Project team. Project team members encouraged property owners to meet to discuss any potential concerns or impacts.

Information discussed at the meetings is included in Section 4, Consultation Findings.

6.1.2 Property owner meetings

Consultation with potentially affected property owners were held in August 2008. One-to-one meetings were conducted with the majority of property owners to introduce the initial pipeline corridor, discuss general pipeline design, timing, potential construction details and easement requirements.

PB conducted eight one-to-one meetings with property owners. Meetings were not held with the Queensland Government due to ongoing contact with XCQ.



The meetings were held at the property owner's residence, with the tone of the meetings informal and open to encourage property owners to express and discuss any issues and concerns. This process ensured that problems were dealt with quickly and on an individual basis.

The format of these informal meetings included the Project team providing an overview of the proposed gas pipeline and its association with the Wandoan Coal Project, basic design plans and any potential implications the pipeline could have on individual properties.

A duplicate book was used to record meeting notes of each meeting and copies of the notes were distributed to property owners following the meetings. The meeting notes were signed by the property owner and a Project team member to confirm that the meeting was held and certain Project information had been discussed. Information collated during these meeting was inputted into the Project database to be used for Social Impact and consultation reporting purposes. All telephone discussions were recorded on the Project's 'Record of Consultation' forms.

6.1.3 Meetings with key stakeholders

As part of the engagement process XCQ directly contacted key stakeholders, which included Santos and the Dalby Regional Council. XCQ's Project Director and Community Relations Manager met with Dalby Regional Council to discuss the proposed pipeline in June 2008. Items discussed at these meetings included:

- the proposed route of the gas pipeline
- the opportunity to co-locate with other project corridors in the area,
- the proposed consultation process
- the overarching Wandoan Coal Project.

Telephone calls were also made to Santos in July 2008 in the lead up to the commencement of property owner consultation. Issues discussed during these conversations included:

- the overarching Wandoan Coal Project
- Santos' involvement in the proposed gas pipeline
- the proposed route of the gas pipeline
- the proposed consultation process.

6.1.4 Communication tools

As the proposed pipeline is a part of the overarching Wandoan Coal Project, no specific pipeline communication materials were developed. The Project's freecall information number, Project email and postal address were included on all information materials provided to property owners. These contact points were continually monitored throughout the consultation period and any community contacts, issues or concerns noted and recorded on the consultation database.

All telephone conversations with the community were recorded, including contact details, on the project's consultation meeting copy books or 'Record of Consultation' forms. All documents were recorded in hard copy files. A copy of the XCQ duplicate form and 'Record of Consultation' form is attached in Attachment A.



6.2 Community Consultation findings

This section summarises the findings from the consultation process. All information gathered during one-to-one meetings and telephone conversations were collated to inform further technical studies.

6.2.1 Property owner meetings

A range of issues were raised with the Project team one-to-one meeting. It is important to note that a number of issues were discussed, with usually more than one issue raised during the meetings.

The most common issues identified during the consultation period, including the number of times raised are:

- location of corridor, maintenance and access (16)
- impacts on business (13)
- concerns regarding Project process (9)
- proposed pipeline depths (8)
- concerns about the impact of the pipeline on property values (8)
- related projects (8)
- compensation and valuation process (6)
- cultivation concerns (3)
- environmental concerns (2).

Further detail on the major issues and concerns raised during the one-to-one meetings are outlined below.

Location of corridor, maintenance and access

Location of corridor

Six of the eight property owners were happy with the proposed alignment and appreciated the linking of projects to minimise impacts. While all property owners were not supportive of losing more agricultural land the majority understood the reasoning for the corridor following the proposed Surat Basin Rail corridor. All indicated the communication between the various projects in the region was appreciated and teams should continue to work together to ensure impacts to property owners were minimised.

Where the proposed gas pipeline dissects a property it was suggested that the gas pipeline be run along the properties boundary fence to minimise impacts on the cultivation area and business generally. The property owner indicated they would be happy to work with the WJV to develop a corridor that would lessen property owner impacts and still be suitable for the WJV's purpose.

The majority of property owners understood the need for the proposed corridor. It was requested that the WJV consult all parties during the planning and construction phases of the gas pipeline to ensure on-farm activities were not impacted.



Restrictions

All property owners raised concerns about the ownership of the corridor and user rights. While the proposed co-use of the corridor was understood, property owners questioned the restrictions that could be placed on their day-to-day operations. Many were concerned about the placement of signage along the corridor and its possible interference when planting or ploughing. Property owners questioned the proposed testing and release points and how they would be managed to ensure stock did not damage these points. Fencing of the test points was deemed necessary, with an expectation that XCQ would maintain this fencing to ensure no damage by stock or to their stock.

Two property owners noted the potential impacts on pastures and paddocks should maintenance be required. Access for maintenance was also of concern. Property owners stated they would expect appropriate notice be given before maintenance work was carried out in the corridor and that their roads, crops and stock should be treated with respect at all times.

Access

Given the proposed pipeline corridor traverses the majority of entrances to affected properties, all owners requested appropriate access be maintained throughout the construction phase of the pipeline. Due to several property owners' regularly transporting stock via B-Double trucks from the affected properties the need for appropriate access to be provided at all times was highlighted.

Impacts on business

Three property owners raised concerns regarding the impact of the pipeline on their day-today business operations. All recognised that while the proposed gas pipeline would be underground, concerns remained as to the impact during and after construction. This was in relation to loss of land during construction and the true impact after the soil and earth had been disturbed. The majority of property owners used the affected area for cultivation purposes and held concerns for the land not producing at previous levels of quality before construction. Many indicated that the loss of quality, due to construction could potentially impact pasture production and in turn their business.

The loss of land, although deemed co-use, was also of concern by all property owners. This was in relation to grazing land, the types of pasture that could be grown across the corridor and the arrangement of paddocks for stud cattle. All indicated it would impact on the day-today management of their businesses not only during construction but future planning for their properties

Consultation process

Property owners raised concerns regarding the consultation process with affected property owners. The concerns related to:

- the lack of information currently available for the gas pipeline
- consultation fatigue
- the need for property owners' involvement in the decision making process
- their lack of trust of the proponent



• the potential treatment of affected property owners in the future.

Two property owners raised concerns about the lack of information available about the gas pipeline. Both property owners felt more detailed information needed to be provided to ensure all impacts are identified and mitigated.

Proposed pipeline depths

The proposed depth for the gas pipeline, 750 mm, was of a major issue for all property owners. Given the majority of the proposed corridor is currently used for cultivation purposes the planned pipe depth would, it was claimed, inhibit farming activities. It was also stated by several property owners that one good downpour of rain would remove topsoil and expose the pipe. Property owners requested that the pipe be placed in a trench of an appropriate depth to ensure farming activities, including blade-ploughing, could continue. All property owners were tolerant of the gas pipeline being constructed as long as it was buried at an appropriate depth and would not impact on their day-to-day use of the corridor area.

Property values

Property owners raised concerns about the possible impact on the value of their properties. These concerns were also a result of cumulative impacts from other proposed projects such as the Surat Basin Rail corridor. While many appreciated that the gas pipeline corridor was adjoining the rail corridor to minimise impacts many indicated it was another concern they would have to deal with.

Related projects

While the gas pipeline was of concern to all property owners, its potential impact was somewhat overshadowed by the impact of the proposed Surat Basin Rail corridor. All felt the gas pipeline was only adding to the impacts that would be created by the rail corridor. Property owner concerns in relation to the rail corridor were:

- potential impact on property values
- concern about proposed level railway crossings and their placement
- proximity of rail corridor to existing houses and stockyards
- noise impacts.

All property owners raised concerns about the rail project during the one-to-one meetings and concerns were noted for feedback to the Surat Basin Rail Project team.

Compensation and valuation process

Issues raised by five potentially affected property owners related to the valuation process and the appropriateness of compensation that may be offered. Many indicated an initial oneoff payment would not be adequate should maintenance of the pipeline be required following construction. Two property owners highlighted maintenance, if required, would be at a cost to property owners for disruption to crops or paddock use. Property owners indicated an expectation for fair and appropriate compensation, should the gas pipeline be approved.



Cultivation concerns

A variety of farming concerns were raised during property owner meetings. Concerns about the loss of cultivation land were highlighted by four property owners. The main concerns raised by property owners related to:

- ability to re-establish pastures after the topsoil has been disturbed
- the need for soil rehabilitation
- the affects of construction timing on seasonal farming activities (planting and harvesting)
- the corridor crossing existing pastures
- impact on contour banks.

The negative affects of construction on agricultural land was raised as a major issue by land owners. This was for both cultivated and grazing land. Many property owners had established contour banks and water run-off measures to limit the disturbance of top soil during wet weather. The existing proposal would disturb contour banks during construction of the pipeline. Many indicated that the proponents' intention to rehabilitate disturbed land and contour banks would not reflect the effort or construction methods used by property owners.

Concerns about damage to existing crops during construction were also discussed. One property owner raised the opportunity for discussions with the WJV to ensure construction occurs before planting or after harvest.

Environmental concerns

Several environmental impacts were raised by a property owner who was disappointed that the government could 'pick and choose' when vegetation impacts were of importance to certain projects or regions. The property owner noted that there were different sets of rules for different parties.

The transference of weeds, particularly parthenium, during technical studies and construction was raised by one property owner. Given Wandoan is classified as a parthenium-free area, this property owner indicated that the WJV should be proactively managing the movement of weed on their vehicles through the regular use of washdown facilities.

One property owner was concerned about noise and dust during construction. This property owner also highlighted the potential for noise to scare stock during construction and asked to be consulted before works began to ensure prized stock are kept away from the area.

6.3 Summary of feedback via contact method

During the consultation period, feedback received from the community was entered into PB's consultation database. This feedback included comments recorded during one-to-one meetings and telephone calls. A total of eight calls were received by the Project team in response to the request for one-to-one meetings, with four follow up phone calls regarding environmental technical studies. A total of eight one-to-one meetings were held with property owners during the gas pipeline consultation period.





7. Conclusion

The consultation process for the Wandoan Coal Project and its related infrastructure was developed with the aim of facilitating an open and transparent two-way communication process between potentially affected property owners, stakeholders, the broader community and the Project team. This process helped the Proponent to identify potential issues and understand how the proposed mine may impact people, the communities and their surroundings. The broader community were also provided with an opportunity to provide feedback that would be incorporated into the prefeasibility study.

The community consultation process enabled the Project team to gather information that includes:

- affected property owner's attitudes, issues and concerns about the Project
- general community's attitudes on the existing social environment and the Project
- community, environmental and heritage information to assist in informing technical studies.

The key activities undertaken as part of the consultation process include:

- community workshops
- contacting and meeting with directly and indirectly affected property owners
- establishment of the Community Reference Group
- property owner forum
- Wandoan Show information display
- heavy vehicles school program
- supporting infrastructure consultation
- community Reference Group visit to Rolleston Coal Mine
- developing Project specific communication materials
- establishing and staffing community contact points.

During the consultation period more than 952 contacts were made with the Community Consultation Project Team via the Project contact points, the community survey and the public information workshops. The majority of contacts were made by phone and enquiries related predominantly to the Project's process and workshop information. Other caller enquiries included requests for meetings and to register concerns.

As part of the consultation process, property owners and the community were presented with Project information and encouraged to provide feedback relating to any potential impacts the Project may have on their personal circumstances, the community and the region. Directly affected property owners' concerns mostly related to their personal circumstances, while the general community's were more overarching in nature.



These issues related to:

- property purchases
- the valuation and negotiation process
- Project timing
- the consultation process
- impacts to business
- Ioss of lifestyle
- Ioss of history
- affects on the community
- loss of employees from local businesses to the mining industry
- loss of agricultural land
- environmental impacts.

Information gathered from the Wandoan, Taroom and Miles communities through the workshops and community survey provided a broad understanding of the issues and concerns raised. These included:

- property impacts
- safety
- impact on lifestyles and the community
- employment opportunities and loss of local employees to mining industry
- environmental impacts
- Project timing
- the potential loss of valuable community members due to property resumptions
- lack of adequate facilities
- impacts to water supplies
- the need for a buffer to protect remaining properties and Wandoan township
- dust, noise and visual impacts.

Overall information provided during the consultation process indicated that while many in the communities could see the opportunities the Project would bring to the towns, the majority of concerns were about the impacts the Wandoan township may endure. All communities valued the peacefulness and country spirit that the region offers and have obvious concerns that this may be compromised should the Project proceed. While there are a large number of concerns, many have indicated that positive opportunities for individuals and the community will be created should the Project be approved. These benefits included greater employment and training opportunities for residents, business opportunities, more support for community groups, improved infrastructure and services and business benefits.



8. Recommendations

Given the affect of the Project and its proximity to the township of Wandoan, PB recommends that WJV continue to provide regular information to the residents regarding the status of the Project as it progresses.

It is recommended that WJV continue to provide focussed consultation with directly affected property owners to ensure this specific group does not feel isolated from the general community, given that public information workshops have occurred and a Community Reference Group has been established to provide a community viewpoint. It would also be advisable to establish a local contact for the community that can be the face of XCQ for not only reactive enquiries but also promotional purposes such as school information days and Landcare meetings.

PB also recommends that WJV continue providing information to the surrounding townships of Taroom and Miles, as it will assist in the management of the region's expectations.

PB recommends the following consultation activities for the release of the EIS:

- continue to conduct one-to-one meetings with affected property owners as required;
- conduct another series of community information workshops following the release of the EIS involving technical team members to facilitate discussion about flora and fauna findings and proposed water sources;
- conduct Community Reference Group meetings to present and discuss impacts and mitigation strategies as described in the EIS;
- continue discussions with local service providers;
- conduct a follow-up survey to measure possible changes to community opinion after the release of the EIS; and
- maintain community contact points.

It is important that the timing of these activities is considered in relation to the making of Project decisions and progress of the studies. This will ensure the information being received by the community is relevant, timely and will assist in the overall understanding of the Project.



Attachment A

Community Consultation Plan and Stakeholder list



Attachment A – Stakeholder list

Tier 1 Stakeholders

- Landholders/neighbours
- Local residents/communities (Wandoan)
- Employees/staff and contractors (including exploration)
- Taroom Shire Council, and Dalby Regional Council
- Xstrata Coal Queensland

Tier 2 Stakeholders

- Other local shires (previously Banana Shire Council, Murilla Shire Council)
- Hospitals and emergency services (Police, Fire and Rescue)
- State and Australian Government Agencies (Housing, Main Roads, DNRW, DME, EPA, DPI, DEW, Queensland Health)
- IMAN #2 Traditional Owners and Guarng Land Council
- Xstrata Coal
- Local businesses and Chamber of Commerce
- State schools (Taroom, Wandoan, Grossmont)
- Local community groups (CWA, religious groups)
- Surat Basin Rail and Queensland Rail
- Conservation groups (QCC, Local Conservation Groups, MCG, EDO)
- Landcare Taroom
- Suppliers and consultants
- Ergon Power Provider
- Central Queensland Ports Authority (CQPA)
- Dawson Valley Development Association
- Petroleum companies (Arrow, Origin, Santos, Queensland Gas Corp (Govt))
- State Government local members and Ministers
- Federal Government local members

Tier 3 Stakeholders

- Xstrata Plc
- Potential customers
- Industry organisations (QRC, MCA, CQMRG)
- Shareholders and Joint Venture partners
- Federal Ministers



- Political parties (Coalition, Australian Labor Party, Greens)
- Research and educational institutes (ACARP, SMI, CMLR)
- Unions.



Attachment B

Newsletters, information sheet and community survey

Wandoan Coal Project



Community Factsheet



The following provides general information about the proposed Wandoan Coal Project. Xstrata Coal Queensland (XCQ), a subsidiary of Xstrata Coal, is managing the development and approvals process for the Project.

The Project

The Project covers approximately 25,000 hectares of exploration tenure in the Wandoan/Taroom District.

It is anticipated that the proposed Project will comprise:

- an open-cut coal mine using a combination of truck and excavator, dozer and dragline mining equipment
- coal handling and preparation plant, workshops, fuel and washdown facilities and offices
- an initial production rate of approximately 30 Mtpa run of mine (ROM) coal and an expected life of over 30 years
- thermal coal production for export markets and possibly domestic markets.

Project study area

The first stage of the Project will include feasibility studies and the preparation of an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS). The feasibility studies will assist XCQ to identify and assess potential social, economic and environmental impacts and benefits at local, regional and state levels. This will enable the company to determine whether the Project is feasible, and if so, XCQ will seek approval from the Coordinator-General to develop a mine. (see detailed study area map over the page).

Project phases

Significant project status

The Project is considered to be of strategic value to the region and has been declared to be a significant project by the Coordinator-General. This means that the approvals process will be coordinated on behalf of the Coordinator-General through the Department of Infrastructure and Planning.

Xstrata Coal values your feedback

Please provide your comments and thoughts below. Please fold the completed form with the reply paid detail to the front and post back to us.

Thank you for your feedback.

If you would like to be added to our mailing list for this Project, please provide your contact details below. All details will be maintained in strict confidence.

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Local study area

Associated projects

Railway

XCQ is a member of the Surat Basin Rail Joint Venture which is investigating the construction of a new rail connection between the existing Moura-Gladstone line at Banana and Wandoan.

Power

XCQ is investigating several options for the supply of power for the Project. Options include:

- the development of an 80km 132kV dual circuit transmission line from Miles to Wandoan
- the development of an onsite, gas-fired power station.

Water supply

Various water supply sources will be investigated. These sources may include the following:

- Raising the Glebe Weir
- Coal seam methane gas water

Formulating the EIS

The EIS will address the impacts and benefits of the project on social, environmental and economic aspects at local, regional and state levels. The EIS will provide detailed mitigation measures, land use impacts, and environmental management planning (relating to the construction and operation of a mine). The EIS will also include plans for rehabilitation and decommissioning of the project.

Contact the Project Team

The project team invite you to contact them with your comments and queries through any of the following community contact points:

Freecall telephone hotline **1800 052 797** (operating during working hours)

Email aubnewandoan@pb.com.au

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The flora team have also been conducting habitat assessments, including plant species surveys, "significant" weed identification and cross checking regional ecosystem maps that relate to the site.



Ecology team out in the field during flora and fauna surveys

Timeframes

We understand that the community is particularly interested in the timeframes for the project. The following provides an indication of when studies, the approvals process and proposed mine development is expected to occur:

Community Consultation

Community Workshops

The community workshops held in Wandoan, Taroom and Miles in July were a success with over 400 people attending across the three days. This was the first time the community and project team met. It also provided an important opportunity for them to discuss the project, its potential impacts and existing community issues.



Participants at the Wandoan workshop

	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
Mine						
Concept Study complete						
Pre-Feasibility			Coordinator Genera	Report		
Feasibility						
Construction						Commence Mining
Rail						
Stage 1 Alignment		۰Loo	dge EIS			
Stage 2 Design & EIS Prep			Coordina	tor General Report		
Stage 3 EIS Process & Bankability						
Stage 4 Financial Close						• 1st Rail
Construction						
Upgrade QR Banana-Gladstone						
Wiggins Island Port						
Concept Confirmation						
Detailed Engineering						
Construction					•	• 1st Rail
Commission - Shipments						

During the workshops, the project team presented information on the following:

- Xstrata Coal and XCQ projects and operations
- the current project status
- project timeframes
- technical studies
- related projects such as rail and power
- the approvals processes
- ongoing consultation activities.

During the workshops, participants were asked to work in groups to provide the project team with information about:

- community values associated with the area
- important issues facing the community
- important features of the local area
- local lifestyles and important local connections with family and friends
- community thoughts on the potential mine
- community expectations of XCQ
- possible impacts and benefits of the project.

Participants were also asked to outline how they thought the project would affect the local community, environment, economy, lifestyles, services and safety.

The key issues raised during the three workshops have highlighted the value placed on safety, community-spirit and the relaxed country lifestyle enjoyed by the local and regional community. Concern over access to services and employment were consistent across the workshops.

The project team appreciates the time, effort and thought that the participants put into discussing and sharing their views, and a further information community meeting is planned for around Easter 2008.

It is important to note that this is just a sample of the issues raised and further detail will be provided in the EIS.

Community	Environment	Economy	Lifestyles	Services	Safety
 Key issues included: potential loss of families from the area population changes more community investment 	 Key issues included: water issues dust and noise impacts on cattle country 	 Key issues included: more competition difficulty for local small businesses to maintain labour force local economic growth and improved services 	 Issues include: a mix of lifestyles changes in friends and social activities local lifestyles may not be as quiet and relaxed 	 Issues include: an improvement in local facilities more services improvement to health services 	 Issues include: more traffic which can reduce safety increased crime through an increased population more unknown people in the area

Key issues raised during community workshops

Community Survey

The project team would also like to thank the community members who completed the community feedback form distributed as part of the first project newsletter. The team had received over 120 completed feedback forms by the end of October. The feedback provided useful information on how respondents felt the project might affect local lifestyles, the environment and the economy.

The following graph provides a summary of survey responses from each town when asked to explain their initial thoughts of the project.



Survey feedback will be used in the social impact assessment section of the EIS and feasibility studies.

Community Reference Group

The first CRG meeting was held in October 2007. The CRG and its members will play an integral role in the project's consultation process by:

- being a forum for the discussion and exchange of information on topics relating to the feasibility of the project
- assisting the project team to identify local addressed as part of the pre-feasibility study, feasibility study and EIS process
- acting as a two-way communication link between the project, the community and stakeholders.

CRG members were chosen to represent the full breadth of the community and, in selecting the group, the project team focused on those representatives who demonstrated active connections to community networks or organisations within the Wandoan area. The CRG members are:

- Leesa Rathbone (Wandoan Show Society)
- Louise Oakman (Wandoan Showgrounds Improvement Committee)
- Roxanne Blackley (Landcare Taroom)
- Chris Guteridge (Queensland Police Service)
- Marion Randall (Queensland Health)
- Wendy Masters (Department of Housing -South West Queensland Area Office)
- Ben Gaske (Wandoan State School)
- Evan Thelander (Queensland Ambulance Service)
- Helen Devlin (Wandoan Chamber of Commerce)
- Graeme O'Mara (Wandoan Progress Association)
- Neil Goodman (Queensland Fire and Rescue Area 5)
- Jo Mitchell (Dawson Valley Development Association)
- Adam Clark (Wildlife Preservation Society of
- Anthea Patch (AgForce)
- Cr Cecilia Donohoe (Taroom Shire Council)
- Cr Bill Blackley (Taroom Shire Council).

Notes from the meeting are available by contacting the project team using the details listed on the back page or by visiting the Council office at Taroom.

The Project Team

XCQ are currently working with a number of consultants and local people as part of the overall project and property negotiations process. We have a number of new people working on the project and some existing team members who have changed roles.

Parsons Brinckerhoff (PB) is an engineering and environment company which is conducting feasibility studies, environmental assessments and mine planning. Recently the PB consultation and social impact assessment team met with affected property owners to discuss project impacts and the local social environment. Generally PB's role relates to broader community engagement and gathering study information. Please contact the PB team to discuss any aspect of the project or the EIS process. Details are listed below.

Wally Kearnan, Tim Cavanagh and Russell Brown (Taylor Byrne, registered valuers) will be involved in land valuations and negotiations in conjunction with the project manager, Rob Thatcher. Wally, Tim and Russell plan to meet with all affected property owners to continue the process. If you would like to discuss this further please contact Wally or Russell on (07) 3840 3000.

Contact the Project Team

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this year. The website will include details of the mine development process, the studies currently underway, the approvals process and community

Wandoan Coal Project

community newsletter 2 january 2008

Dear Resident



Xstrata Coal Queensland's (XCQ) prefeasability investigations for the "Wandoan Coal Project" are progressing well.

Your community has provided the project team with lots of information, advice and views

throughout the initial stages of our consultation process. This feedback has helped us to understand issues and Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) process.

It was great to see so many Wandoan, Taroom and Miles residents attending the community workshops last July. We also received over 120 completed feedback forms. These forms were distributed as part of our first newsletter. Our thanks goes to everyone for their participation to date.

The community, and affected property owners, are very important to XCQ. As the project involves a number of changes for the community, we want to make sure your concerns and issues are addressed. Your feedback on the project and the processes we are running will help us to review and, if necessary, change how we go about our work. One of the best ways you can find out is to ring the project team directly. Contact details are listed on the back page of this newsletter.

Recently, as part of the consultation process, we formed a Community Reference Group. The group, which includes local community representatives, met for the first time in October. You will find a list of group representatives in this newsletter, as well as information on the issues discussed during the group's first meeting. Thanks to those community members and organisations

XCQ encourages community members to continue their involvement in the EIS process. I look forward to meeting with you and working through the issues raised to date.

Regards Bill McKinstrey Wandoan Project Director



Continuing Technical Studies

Exploration, Coal Quality and Resources

Drilling and geology has been an important part of the project investigations. Currently four drill rigs are operating. These drilling activities assist the project team to understand coal quality, mine planning and operations. Rain in recent months has resulted in the periodic suspension of the drilling program, it is expected that this work will continue throughout 2008.



Drillers extracting a core sample of coal from a drill rig

Flora and Fauna

Ecological assessments for the EIS are continuing. The fauna team have been accessing the project area to identify potential wildlife habitats and conduct fauna surveys. The surveys have included bat trapping, bird and mammal call response and spotlighting.



Wandoan Coal Project

community newsletter 3 March 2008

Dear Resident



Xstrata Coal Queensland's (XCQ) Wandoan Coal Project studies are progressing well and 2008 promises to be a very busy year for all involved. The project team continued its work over the New Year break, planning activities for the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) process and ongoing community consultation.

This is our second newsletter for the year and the team is also working to develop a dedicated project website.

In 2007, consultation activities provided opportunities for community comment and participation. Information was gathered on potential issues and community attitudes towards the project. The project team hopes to build on previous consultation, and I encourage every member of the community to get involved in the next series of workshops, which will be held in April. We hope to update everyone on the project including the EIS process, the upcoming sample pit and the next steps in our study process. We will also start working on solutions for some of the issues your community has raised.

It is anticipated that a small sample pit operation will also commence in April. The sample pit will provide XCQ with information on coal quality, washability and combustion trials to determine the viability of the Wandoan Coal Project.

An upcoming information sheet will provide you with further details about the sample pit. Please contact the project team if you have any questions or concerns about its operation. The project team is committed to working with the community to manage any issues associated with the sample pit and its operation.

Regards Bill McKinstrey Wandoan Coal Project Director

Community Workshops

The next round of community workshops will start in early April. The workshops are a vital part of the EIS process.

The communities of Wandoan, Taroom and Miles have already provided the project team with information regarding potential issues associated with the project. Workshops will now focus on finding solutions and ways to manage potential impacts and issues.

XCQ has developed draft plans for the potential mine infrastructure and road changes. This planning and the sample pit operations will be discussed at the workshops and the project team will gather your feedback.

The workshops will also provide the opportunity to find out more about the Terms of Reference and EIS, which are due for release this year. European Cultural Heritage specialists will be attending each workshop to discuss the local area's history.

We invite you to attend any or all of the workshop sessions at the following venues and times:

Place	Venue	Date	Time
Wandoan	Wandoan Cultural Community Centre Auditorium	1 April 2008	7pm — 9pm
Taroom	Taroom Town Hall	2 April 2008	7pm — 9pm
Miles	Murilla Shire Council — Columboola Function Room	3 April 2008	7pm — 9pm

Should you be unable to attend but still have issues you would like to discuss, please contact the project team using the details on the back page of this newsletter.

XCQ and the project team will be holding a display at the Wandoan Show on Monday 21 April and Tuesday 22 April. The display will contain further information about the project and provide another opportunity to meet with the project team.

Community Reference Group

The second Community Reference Group (CRG) meeting, the first for 2008, was held in February. A barbecue was held for members to meet those attending from different parts of the region.

During the meeting CRG members were provided with an update of the project and the opportunity to raise new issues or ask questions.

Issues discussed at the meeting included:

- impacts on flora and fauna
- the potential use of coal seam gas water
- Glebe Weir studies
- local employment
- the mine site accommodation village and housing in Wandoan
- the proposed rail corridor
- property owner involvement
- impacts on schools and student numbers
- on-site fire prevention facilities
- weed management
- community health
- economic benefits
- community safety.

A visit to the Rolleston coal mine site is being planned to provide the opportunity for members to view the mine and accommodation village. This visit is expected to occur in May.

Notes from the meeting are available from the Council office at Taroom or by contacting the project team.

Please contact any of the CRG members if you have any issues you would like raised at the next meeting.

Project Team



Reinhold Schmidt has recently joined the Wandoan Coal Project team as Executive General Manager.

Reinhold will oversee the project, working closely with Project Director Bill McKinstrey.



Sample Pit Operations

It is anticipated that sample pit operations will commence in April. Coal extracted from this pit will be tested for quality, washability and combustion trials. Information gathered from these trials will assist XCQ in assessing the feasibility of the project.

Further information regarding these operations will be released in coming weeks. An information sheet will be distributed to households in the local area before operations commence. Information will also be available at the community workshops.

Contact the Project Team

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A project-specific website is currently being developed. The website will include details of the mine development process, the studies currently under way, the approvals process and community consultation activities.

The Wandoan Joint Venture

The Wandoan Project is proposed to be developed by the Wandoan Joint Venture (WJV). The joint venture partners are Xstrata Coal Queensland Pty Ltd (75%), ICRA (Itochu) Pty Ltd (12.5%) and Sumisho Coal Australia Pty Ltd (12.5%).

The WJV has lodged three mining lease applications in May 2007, covering approximately 32,000 hectares of exploration tenure west of the town of Wandoan.

Project Studies

The first stage of the Wandoan Project will include feasibility studies and the preparation of an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS). These studies will assist XCQ to identify and assess potential social, economic and environmental impacts and benefits on a local, regional and state basis. This will enable the Company to determine whether the Project is feasible and seek mining approval from the Queensland Government.

Project Phases

The following flow chart provides a summary of the planning process XCQ will follow in seeking approval for the proposed Project.

Project Phases Ve are Commencement of community Draft "Terms of Reference" for the Environmental Impact Statement released for stakeholder comment Final "Terms of Reference" issued by Coordinator-General Preparation of the EIS Lodgement of the EIS with the Coordinator-General Public Exhibition of the EIS and period for accepting submissions Assessment of EIS and submissions Submit supplementary EIS if required Coordinator-General provides an assessment report and nominates the conditions of approval XCQ to determine whether the Project is feasible.

Significant Project Status

The Wandoan Project is considered to be of strategic significance to the region and has been declared by the Coordinator-General to be a significant project, for which an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) is required. This means that the approvals process is coordinated on behalf of the Coordinator-General through the Department of Infrastructure. The Department of Infrastructure also provides assistance during the approvals process by facilitating interactions with Government agencies on project-related issues.

Community Consultation

XCQ has engaged consultants PB to assist with the preparation of feasibility studies and to prepare the EIS. PB will also be assisting with the community consultation and social impact assessment process.

The initial stage of the Project will focus on collecting information for the various feasibility studies and for the EIS. The project team will be collecting information and reporting back to the community on the key findings of the studies.

XCQ proposes to conduct the following technical studies over the next six months to complete the EIS and feasibility studies:

- exploration, coal quality and resources
- mine planning
- coal handling and preparation
- site and regional infrastructure
- water and power supply
- environment
- dust and noise
- cultural heritage and native title
- social and community issues.

Some of these studies will require access to private properties located within the project study area.



Geologist Geoff Hokin working on site



Local study area

How You Can Be Involved

XCQ and PB will be conducting a range of activities to provide the community with the opportunity to provide input and feedback throughout the life of the Wandoan Project. A key part of this will be the establishment of a Community Reference Group. This group will be formed to assist XCQ in gathering and identifying issues and concerns to be addressed as part of the EIS process. A number of organisations will be involved in this group and we encourage local members of the community to also participate. Details of how the group will be established will be provided at the upcoming workshops.



Exploration drilling carried out since 2003 on the Wandoan study area

Community Survey

The project team is interested in finding out about the local community and their thoughts on the proposed mine development. A community survey has been attached to this newsletter for you to complete in your own time.

XCQ value your privacy and confidentiality. The information you provide will be collected for use only by the project team. See the final page of this newsletter for further instructions on returning this survey to the project team.

While the survey information you provide will be invaluable, we would also like to meet you at the local workshops held in early July. The workshops are the first opportunity for you to discuss your thoughts and ideas with the project team.

Please bring your completed survey along to the workshops, or post it to the project team by the end of July.



Comm	unitv	Survey

 $\frac{1}{2}$ Thank you for taking the time to fill in the survey. Please tear off the back page of the information newsletter, fill in the survey, and fold and tape or staple your survey ensuring that the reply paid panel is facing outward. You will not need to provide a stamp. 1. What do you like about living in your area? 5. What do you think are the most important features of your local community?

- 2. What do you dislike about living in your area?
- 3. Where do you consider your local community to be?
 - □ Wandoan
 - □ Taroom
 - □ Miles
 - □ other
- 4. What are the most important issues facing your local community (e.g. access to services, employment)?
- 7. What are your thoughts on the project now?

6. When you first heard that XCQ was considering

your initial thoughts?

developing a mine site near Wandoan, what were

8. Please explain what you know about the feasibility studies, EIS and the Project.

9 What do you think the possible impacts of the mine would be on the following, please tick the box and provide any additional comments.

	Very Positive	Positive	Neutral	Negative	Very negative	Don't know	Comments
Community							
Environment							
The local economy							
Lifestyle							
Employment opportunities							
Access to services							
Variety of services							
You personally							

10. Overall, I think the mine would be (please check one)

 \Box Good for the community

□ Bad for the community

🗆 Don't know

The following questions will help XCQ and PB to develop a profile of the community that participated in the survey. Please circle the answer that applies to you.

11. Are you: 🗆 male 🗆 female

12. How old are you?
□ 18-30 □ 31-45 □ 46-60 □ 61 yrs or older

13. How long have you lived in the area?
□ less that 1 yr □ 1–5 yrs □ 5–10 yrs
□ 10–20 yrs □ more than 20 yrs

14.	What is you employment status? Are you currently:
	□ employed for wages □ self-employed
	\Box out of work for more than 1 year
	\Box out of work for less than 1 year \Box a student
	□ retired □ unable to work
	□ other

15. What is your current marital status?
□ single □ never married □ married □ separated
□ unmarried couple □ divorced □ widowed

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no children
children that are:

younger than 5 yrs

5–12 yrs old

13–17 yrs old

young adult

17. What are your housing arrangements?
□ own home □ rent □ caravan
□ other ______

18. How did you complete this survey?
as an individual a couple
family
other

How would you like to receive future information about the Wandoan Project?

□ newsletter

🗆 email

□ website

□ other

Other comments

Thank you for participating.

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Coal and Climate Change

Climate change is a reality and requires a global response. If we are to meet the increasing global energy demands fuelled by the rapid social and economic progress of both the developed and developing world, we will need all forms of power generation – coal, oil, gas, renewables and nuclear.

As the world's largest exporter of thermal coal, Xstrata Coal has both a right and a responsibility to proactively engage with Government, industry, the scientific community and environmental groups to help find a sustainable and financially viable solution to the issue of climate change.

We can lead by example to both developed and developing nations by demonstrating what can be achieved through financial, scientific and political investment in the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions and the development of zero-emission technology.

Although action is already being taken, much more needs to be done to first stabilise and then reduce carbon dioxide emissions from the use of coal and other fossil fuels. For this reason, Xstrata Coal is committing millions of dollars to various initiatives across the globe to realise the deep cuts in greenhouse gas emissions that are not only required, but achievable.



12MW gas-fired power station using methane extracted from XCQ's Oaky Creek Mine, QLD

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Wandoan water reservoir

Community Information Workshops

XCQ will be holding a number of community information workshops in early July and we encourage you to attend and participate in the discussions. The workshops will provide information such as project timeframes, technical studies, the project approval process and future consultation activities. The project team will also be gathering information from workshop participants' initial feedback about the project, consultation process, and community values, as well as the potential impacts and benefits of the proposed mine.

Project workshops will be held from 7pm–9pm on:

- Monday 9 July Wandoan Wandoan Cultural Communit Centre Auditorium
- Tuesday 10 July Taroom Taroom Town Hall
- Wednesday 11 July Miles Murilla Shire Council Corbill Function Room and Hall

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Wandoan Project

community newsletter 1 june 2007

Dear Resident



Kstrata Coal has commenced nvestigations into the feasibility and potential benefits and mpacts of an open cut coal mine n the Wandoan area.

The 'Wandoan Project' is considered to be of strategic

mportance to the region and is proposed to be developed by the Wandoan Joint Venture.

n the coming months, Xstrata Coal looks forward to working with the communities surrounding the Wandoan Project, as well as other stakeholders, to discuss the Project and its potential benefits for the region.

This initial newsletter provides information on the Wandoan Project, the Wandoan Joint Venture, the studies being conducted by Xstrata Coal and our upcoming consultation activities.

To introduce ourselves, Xstrata Coal is the world's largest exporter of thermal coal and the fifth largest producer of hard coking coal. Headquartered in Australia, Xstrata Coal has interests in over 30 operating coal mines throughout Australia, South Africa and Colombia, and is part of Xstrata plc, a major global diversified mining group.

Xstrata Coal Queensland (XCQ) has operations across the State, producing both thermal and coking coal, mostly for export. Local operations include the Rolleston open cut, Oaky Creek underground operations near Emerald, and the Newlands and Collinsville operations and Abbott Point coal ship loading terminal.

This newsletter is the first step in our ongoing consultation process and I hope to see you at the community information workshops in early July, to help ensure you have an opportunity to meet the Project team and discuss the Wandoan Project.

I look forward to working with you

Kind regards

Bill McKinstrey Wandoan Project Director



Locality plan

Wandoan Project

Situated west of the Wandoan township, it is proposed the Wandoan Project will comprise:

- an open-cut coal mine using a combination of truck and excavator, dozer and dragline mining equipment
- coal handling and preparation plant, workshops, fuel and washdown facilities and offi ces
- initial production in excess of 20 Mtpa run of mine (ROM) coal and an expected life of over 30 years
- produce thermal coal for export markets and possibly domestic markets.

XCQ is participating in a Joint Venture to investigate the construction of a new rail connection between Wandoan and the existing Moura-Gladstone line at Banana, called the Surat Basin Rail.





Attachment C

Advertisements

Wandoan Coal Project Sample Pit and Truck Haulage



Operations and truck haulage for the Wandoan Coal Project sample pit commenced in April 2008. The sample pit is located on existing Xstrata Coal Queensland (XCQ) property in the proposed Mine Development Lease area. During sample pit operations, XCQ's contractor, Ostwald Bros., will transport approximately 50,000 tonnes of coal to the Oaky Creek Coal Mine for coal quality, washability testing and combustion trials.

Road Haulage Safety

During the sample pit operations, you may notice a small increase in the number of trucks travelling between Wandoan and Tieri.

For your information and safety, XCQ would like to advise you of the details of this road haulage:

- trucks will operate 24 hours a day, seven days a week
- it is expected that up to eight trucks will be used
- trucks to be used will be AB Triple combinations
- all trucks will be tracked and monitored by satellite at all times
- all trailers will be covered
- operations should be finished by the end of August if there are no unforeseen delays.

XCQ and Ostwald Bros will make every effort to maintain your safety throughout the haulage contract operations. If you would like to find out more about the road haulage route or if you have any issues you would like to discuss please contact the project team on the freecall information line **1800 052 797**.

Wandoan Project Community Information Workshops



You are invited to attend one of three community information workshops to find out more about the Wandoan Project.

Xstrata Coal Queensland (XCQ) is investigating the feasibility of developing an open-cut coal mine near Wandoan.

The first stage of the project will include an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) to help XCQ and the Queensland Government identify any impacts of a potential mine on the natural, economic and social environment.

XCQ is keen to meet local residents and business owners to find out more about the area. Your input will assist XCQ, and its consultant PB, to understand the issues that are important to the area and the project.

The workshops will:

- introduce you to XCQ and the project team
- provide information on the proposed project
- outline the community consultation process including the establishment of a community reference group
- provide you with the opportunity to discuss your local area, issues and thoughts on the project.

Community information workshops will be held from 7pm–9pm on:

Monday 9 July (Wandoan) Wandoan Cultural Community Centre Auditorium **Tuesday 10 July (Taroom)** Taroom Town Hall **Wednesday 11 July (Miles)** Murilla Shire Council Columboola Function Room and Hall

If you are interested in being involved, or wish to know more about the community reference group, please contact the project team using the details listed below.

For more information please contact the free call telephone hotline on 1800 052 797.

Wandoan Project Community Information Workshops



You are invited to attend one of three community information workshops regarding the Wandoan Coal Project.

Xstrata Coal Queensland (XCQ) is continuing investigations into the feasibility of developing an open-cut coal mine near Wandoan. Studies for an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) are being conducted to identify any impacts of a potential mine on the natural, economic and social environment.

XCQ is keen to meet local residents and business owners to provide an update on the project. The workshops will:

- provide an information update on the proposed project
- provide information on the planned activities at the site's sample pit
- outline upcoming community consultation activities
- provide you with the opportunity to discuss your local area, potential impacts and thoughts about the project.

Community information workshops will be held from 7pm–9pm on:

Tuesday 1 April 2008 at Wandoan Cultural Community Centre Auditorium Wednesday 2 April 2008 at Taroom Town Hall **Thursday 3 April 2008** at Murilla Shire Council – Columboola Function Room, Miles

For more information please contact the freecall information line on 1800 052 797.



Attachment D

Community Reference Group Charter

Community Reference Group

Charter – October 2007

Wandoan Project

Preamble

Xstrata Coal Queensland (XCQ) is forming a Community Reference Group (CRG) for the Wandoan Project. The CRG will be appointed for the period which includes the pre-feasibility, feasibility study and the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS).

Aims

- To create a forum for discussion and exchange of information on topics related to the feasibility of the Wandoan Project.
- To assist the project team (i.e. XCQ and PB) to identify local issues related to the project that can be addressed as part of the pre-feasibility, feasibility study and EIS process.
- To act as a two-way communication link between the project team and the community and stakeholders.

The CRG will:

- meet to provide community input to the study
- consider and comment on a range of information that will be presented to the CRG in relation to the studies being conducted
- advise the project team of current and emerging issues relating to the project from the community's perspective
- identify, communicate, represent and consider the broad range of needs and interests of the local community and other stakeholders affected by the project
- assist the project team to keep the local community and key interest groups informed of the project by disseminating information via existing community networks.

Role of CRG

The role of the CRG is consultative (rather than decision-making) and all input from the group will be considered by the project team. The project team will consider this community input in the light of overall strategic objectives for the project, as well as statutory and other government approval requirements.

In line with the general scope outlined above, the following summarises the main functions of the CRG:

- to represent the broad range of local community and stakeholder interests
- to identify and communicate community and stakeholder concerns about the project
- to seek information from the project team about the project
- to disseminate information on the project to the local community
- to consider the broad range of community views, interests and issues related to the project's studies.

The guiding principle of the CRG will be to place the interests of the community and the surrounding environment above any personal interest or gain. The committee will strive to ensure a balance between the interests of the community including the environment and those of the Wandoan Project is achieved.

The CRG will respect the guiding principles of Xstrata Coal:

- XCQ has an absolute commitment to HSEC
- XCQ is passionate in delivering outcomes
- XCQ does what they say
- XCQ behaves with honesty and integrity
- XCQ is commercially astute
- XCQ takes personal responsibility and accountability
- XCQ aspires to be the best.

The mandate of the Committee is to be reviewed on a yearly basis.

Membership of CRG

In order for the CRG to operate effectively, membership of the group will attempt to represent the full breadth of the community. However, membership of the group is not unlimited and numbers will be decided by XCQ once interest in the group has been determined. Membership of the CRG is voluntary.

In selecting the group, the project team has focussed on those representatives that demonstrate active connections to community networks or organisations.

Meetings will be facilitated by Xstrata and attended by PB and will be restricted to members only. The project team may arrange for guest speakers from time to time to provide specialist advice or information.

The group will be chaired by Xstrata and a review of memberships will occur once prefeasibility studies have been finalised.

Members

The members of the CRG as at October 8, 2007 are listed below. They shall represent the local community as a whole, as well as the interests of any particular group or organisation to which they belong.

Technical experts

The CRG may request to a technical expert attending the meeting as needed and agreed to by the Chairperson.

Responsibilities of CRG participants

The project team agrees to:

- work within the framework of the charter for the CRG
- allow all members of the CRG to present their views
- report on study progress and seek feedback from the CRG
- distribute advice and issues raised by the CRG to relevant project personnel
- provide feedback on how the advice provided by the CRG has been actioned
- respond within agreed timeframes to requests for information
- ensure that CRG members are provided with adequate information and technical support to assist them to contribute to CRG discussions.

Members of the CRG agree to:

- work within the framework of the charter for the CRG
- recognise the wide range of issues that must be considered in their deliberations (e.g. technical, social, environmental, Government policy)
- consider and respect the views of other CRG members and those they represent
- provide timely comments and recommendations to the project team that accurately represent current community opinion
- attend meetings and actively participate in discussions
- canvass and report a broad range of community views and issues
- provide feedback from CRG meetings to the local community, interested groups and businesses
- add value to the process by working cooperatively to achieve the best possible project and community outcomes
- maintain confidentiality, where requested, to protect the progress of the project and to minimise the impact on individual community members.

Timing and location of meetings

The CRG shall determine the frequency of its meetings. It is suggested that the Committee meet at least quarterly.

Meetings will be conducted in Wandoan or other locations as nominated from time to time.

At least two weeks' notice must be given to all members of any meeting of the CRG (except extraordinary meetings where one weeks' notice can be given).

Meeting proceedings

The Chairperson shall convene and chair meetings of the CRG. The CRG is an advisory group and it is not a requirement that consensus be reached amongst members on issues discussed. Meetings of the Committee should follow standard "good practice" for community meetings.

The Chairperson shall determine the agenda items. Any member may propose a matter for inclusion on the agenda, either before or during a meeting, providing the matter is within the purpose of the CRG. The Chairperson should ensure that issues of concern raised by community representatives on behalf of the Community, XCQ or other stakeholders are properly considered. Late items may be deferred to a following meeting.

Agenda items would normally include:

- a) Apologies
- b) Confirmation of the Minutes of the previous meeting
- c) Business arising from previous Minutes:
 - response to issues raised or provision of additional information requested.
- d) Reports and overview of activities:
 - project update
 - monitoring and environmental performance
 - report on information provided to the broader community and any feedback.
- e) General business and new business raised
- f) Next meeting.

Meetings of the CRG

The CRG meetings will be facilitated by XCQ and attended by PB and will be as informal as possible to encourage open discussion/information exchange.

If a member does not attend two meetings without prior notice, they will be asked if they intend to continue their involvement. If a member decides, or is in a position, to not continue their involvement, they will not be automatically replaced unless their withdrawal would impact on the ability of the group to represent all of the key project issues/groups/community sectors/geographic localities.

CRG members will receive at least two weeks notice before each meeting. The agenda, and any supporting material that members should consider in preparation for the meeting, will be distributed at least one week before each meeting.

The project team will be responsible for compiling and distributing agendas for CRG meetings. However, CRG members may nominate issues for discussion at any CRG meeting. These will be considered for inclusion on the agenda for the following CRG meeting.

Notes from the CRG

Notes from CRG meetings and any actions and responsibilities arising from discussions will be documented and distributed to CRG members within two weeks of each meeting.

The CRG will meet at key stages in the project process. It is anticipated that there will be four meetings of the CRG over the next 12 months.

Media liaison

In relation to liaison with the media, CRG members need to:

- respect every other member's right to express an opinion within the CRG meetings, and expectation not to have those opinions repeated out of context in the media
- understand that the media have a high level of interest in the project, and that they play an important role in providing information to the broader community
- respect that no member of the CRG can speak to the media on behalf of the CRG, or on behalf of any other member of the CRG, without the prior consent of the entire CRG
- respect the project team's need to know when the media are pursuing a story about the project, or seeking CRG member comment in relation to the project.

Dispute resolution

The CRG is encouraged to discuss all matters that may be the subject of substantial disagreement between its members. The Chairperson carries a particular responsibility in respect of dispute resolution, in respect of both disputes between members of the CRG and also between the CRG and XCQ.

A dispute resolution process will be agreed to by the CRG.


Attachment E

Community Information Workshop July 2007



Wandoan Project

Community Workshop — Small Group Discussion Worksheet

There is a lot to discuss in our workshop this evening, so we suggest that you spend the following time on each activity:

- Task 1 15 minutes
- Task 2 15 minutes
- Task 3 15 minutes

Towards the end of the workshop, we will invite each group to put their butcher's paper up around the room for other groups to view and discuss.

Task 1. Your local community (15 minutes)

It is important for the study team to understand why your local community is important to you. This will help us to determine the impacts of the proposed mine on the community.

Take 15 minutes to discuss your local community as a group. We are particularly interested in:

- what you like and dislike about living in your local area
- what you think are the most important issues facing your community
- what the important features in your local area are (e.g. areas of beauty, areas with an historical connection, areas that are special to the community)
- who are the most trusted people in your community
- local connections with family, friends and neighbours (e.g. if you need help can you get it, do you visit family, friends and neighbours)
- does your community have a reputation for being a safe place
- what is important about your lifestyle.

The scribe should record key points from your discussion on the butcher's paper provided.

Task 2. About the project (15 minutes)

Now that you have had a briefing about the project, we are interested to find out what your thoughts are.

Take 15 minutes to discuss the project as a group. We are particularly interested in:

- your initial thoughts about a potential coal mine
- whether the information you have heard tonight has changed your opinion about the project
- what you expect XCQ to do if they develop a mine (e.g. where do you expect the workforce will come from, will XCQ be a good neighbour and community member).

The scribe should record key points from your discussion on the butcher's paper provided.

Task 3. Possible impacts (15 minutes)

Now that you have discussed the project, we would like to consider the possible impacts and benefits of the project. Please don't think that this will be your only opportunity to discuss the possible impacts of the project — there will be more community briefings later in the Project when you will be able to discuss your concerns in more detail.

Take 15 minutes to generally discuss the possible impacts and benefits of the project. We are particularly interested in what you think the impact of the project will be on:

- the community
- the environment
- the local economy
- your lifestyle
- local services
- safety.

When discussing the environment, take time to think about issues relating to noise, air quality, local plants and animals, land use and visual impacts.

The scribe should record key points from your discussion on the butcher's paper provided. Over a Century of Engineering Excellence

Task 1 - Your Local Community

It is important for the study team to understand why your local community is important to you. This will help us to determine the impacts of the Project on the community.

What you like and dislike about living in your local area:

a lot of government and private money have been spent on environmental works in the area e.g.. Riparian fencing, soil health, water quality monitoring banking - nil burning of dump Close-knit community Close-knit community close-knit community community minded community spirit country lifestyle - trustworthy citizens - great school country living Dawson Valley is probably the best beef producing country in the State dislike the split-up of existing 'local' community dislike the uncertainty of the future don't need to lock doors Easy access to town Employment is a problem familiarity Free and easy lifestyle friendly friendly friendly people friendly town further education opportunities good cattle country Good place to bring up children Good school but only to year 10 Good sporting facilities great sporting facilities and opportunity to be involved great to raise family / children health services Historic areas - many generations of the same family honest locals honesty and integrity of our community it's the only community we know - we can't compare job opportunities for young people know everybody lack of banks Lack of doctors lack of higher and special education Lack of public transport lack of services lack of services and full time medical service Lack of some facilities like tradesmen Leave your house and car unlocked Lifestyle - safe, friendly, quiet low crime rate Low crime rate low crime rate (don't have to lock house etc) natural landscape No big business

No crime No drugs No hospital no miners - no shearers No railway no blocks No unions Not enough medical facilities - doctors, dentists, x-rays not many people our home Peaceful - no noise from machinery Primary production is renewable (mining isn't) quiet quiet quiet and friendly quiet and honest quiet and peaceful quiet rural community roads rosters and social life of town Rural lifestyle, healthy living, clean air Safe safe safe safe and quiet Safe for kid to roam the town Safe place to live safety safety for our kids That there is no heavy industry That there is potential for industry and better jobs town water filtration upgraded trust and support Trusting and safe community Unavailability of farm labour uncertainty - will it or won't it uncertainty of our futures unemployment volunteers we are all BATTLERS! Wonderful, peaceful, no dust, no noisy machinery What you think are the most important issues facing your community: access to water change change of land and real estate values change of lifestyle drought drought has had significant impact on family businesses, local organisations and schools Employment for all to encourage young people to remain in the area employment for workers on properties - how can we compete with mining wages environmental impact Forced local council amalgamations Future of landholders affected by MLA good grazing and farming land will be lost and this will have big flow on impacts e.g.. School and saleyards good road infrastructure government growth/employment Husband ??????

Lack of leadership loss of community soul/spirit loss of feeling of safety and security loss of population medical services population drift, difficult to keep our youth here Proposed mine Social impact on community survival of businesses The concern of the cemetery The township will change They can't move elsewhere, limited land uncertainty of the future where to next? What the important features in your local area are: Best cattle country in Australia Cattle grazing areas Clean creeks **Dawson River** Excellent cattle country and grain growing Glebe Weir - used by many Wandoan families Juandah - History Juandah Homestead and other historic sites native flora and fauna Old historical properties **Overall landscape** pleasant agricultural area Prime cattle country pristine river system Scenic country Soldier settlement area some of the best cattle country top cattle fattening and grain growing Waterloo Park Yes - Rely on neighbours Who are the most trusted people in your community: all local people community as a whole Councillors, Police officer, DPI, Business people Health service staff Norm and Bert Not the Councillors our community as a whole is trustworthy present population Teachers, police, Ambulance and some councillors Us - we are Wandoan community Yes Local connections with family, friends and neighbours: community connects are of importance community leaders Concern for each other family - three generations help is available from anyone large interaction between neighbours especially when help is needed local connections are vital Lots of families have several generations living in the area Many informal gatherings at family and friends places

Neighbours are always willing to help each other Network of family, friends and neighbours Road Christmas parties! Tennis, skiing, riding, camping Does your community have a reputation for being a safe place Animals, freed from interference, independence Close-knit community Neighbours people look out for each other safe community Very safe - don't lock the house up every time you leave home Very safe - members feel comfortable very safe community very safe community We are safe now yes it is a safe place yes! Yes! Yes! yes our community is a safe place - it won't be if a mine starts What is important about your lifestyle: 50 odd families being displaced. Where are we all going to go? In town? No blocks available a settled lifestyle and want it to stay this way all of the above close Community spirit - look out for each other - rally together in times of need. Easy community to get along with all freedom, safety friendly and caring Healthy relaxed occupation Lifestyle - Quietness Our lifestyle - close to town on acres Own boss Positive community spirit quiet and peaceful Very friendly community we look out for each We will miss the friendly trusting neighbours Other comments: hopeful of benefits to some local business to offset impacts on others concern at acquisition of land not in initial mine development (more than the 10,000ha mine area) could be valuable employment and training dislocation and disruption with access to town - school buses etc isolation of out of towners adverse impacts on population - dependent on businesses in the immediate and medium term regardless of whether the development happens. code of conduct set up with local police station fostering community spirit programs for new workers work with community groups to help attract and retain people skills attraction and retention - it is worth Xstrata's while to help create and maintain a vibrant community so that valued employees come and want to stay in Wandoan Bank? Please get Beattie to Build the Nathan Dam Grazing rights - object to the purchase of extra land that will then be used for grazing

Task 2 - About the Project

Now that you have had a briefing about the project, we are interested to find out what your thoughts are:

Your initial thoughts about a potential coal mine: about time Bring money into the area (+) brings great change Cant' come quick enough can't stop progress Coal dust Development (+) Disruption to landholders of many generations losing land and lifestyle Disruption to local farmers Disruption to our way of life don't want to live in a mining town Dust and the impact on humans and animals Employment opportunities (for youth) Environmental damage Existing small business will be better off Health implications how much pollution its taking too long minimal benefit to our community? More doubtful than previously Negative thoughts x 8 No leaseback option post-acquisition (-) not impresses at the thought of a coal Opportunity (+) Service industries will gain shock horror Shocked by the extra acquisition plans (-) That it would create employment that there would be an increase in crime and drugs the legality of forced sale as opposed to allowing farmers to lease their properties back and ultimately take them back over The sooner the better (The best thing since the old pub burnt down) This started in 1972 re the power station and left us unsettled. Now more unsure of our future Top farming country is going to be destroyed and the reclamation claims are doubtful traffic and the roads unsure of future Water supplies We'll believe it when we see it Would bring more facilities to town Whether the information you have heard tonight has changed your opinion about the project: added more concerns change structure of the town Did not change our thoughts but now more informed in some areas Hasn't changed our mind Information too vague no no No No direct answers as yet. No - nothing rock-solid Not at all - more positive

not changed our opinion nothing new revealed opinion not changed by tonight some concern for desirability of new residents the project is much bigger than we thought we have been given no more information than we already had we will lose a lot of people will government services i.e. police, medical, education etc match population increase yes, mining company has proven record in rural areas What you expect XCQ to do if they develop a mine: At the start you will do what is needed to keep the community on your good side, after that it will die down Bring work force from local area Cash into the community could help financially with local school and supporting local sporting clubs Dig coal - employ lots of locals Drive a town planning and a small holding plan process (no ad hoc). **Employ locals** expect mine to purchase local and support business Expect staff and employees to become part of the community Expect XCQ to be a good neighbour and give financially to local projects and businesses Farmers and the Council won't be able to employ rural works due to competition in wages Fly in - Fly out Funding for sporting and cultural Help link the town and mining people Help town develop - business and community organisations help younger people stay in town Hopefully locals will be employed first If a mine goes ahead, the workforce will come from outside the community. There will only be increased crime from brining "ferals" in looking for the "big" money. It won't matter what the locals want or think as you will proceed if all the IAS are viable. The amount of money that will give you a financial return will be the deciding factor more public services most of us will have moved on and will not be here to see how the town ends up no realistic expectation to provide employment to locals other employees to consider living in town priority should be given to local workforce Protect and maintain the existing infrastructure on acquired holdings until mining happens shop locally, first so far positive input into town Source requirements from local businesses Sporting facilities may be improved Supply family accommodation in Wandoan Support of our local health services support the local town The majority of the workforce will be fly-in fly-out They won't be our neighbour if we are gone Town workforce should have a fair percentage of locals Wandoan is a great community to belong to we expect as much as possible will be purchased local (e.g.. Butcher/food) we expect that locals will be offered jobs. we expect XCQ to support local community groups (\$) We expect Xstrata to be a good neighbour and contribute to the infrastructure needed for our town we hope the majority of the workforce would come from locals

We hope the workforce will become part of the community and include local people. Workforce - 1st priority train the locals for jobs XCQ initially should seek as much work force locally as possible. Yet to be determined if they will be a good neighbour and community member

Task 3 - Possible impacts

We would like you to consider the possible impacts and benefits of the project:

The impact of the project on the community: At the end of the life of the mine, what will we be left with? Banks Change in disposable income Change in social values change the community and force people out of the district Change the mix from a farming community to a mining community Employment for some of the locals if they are interested in sitting on machinery fragmentation of community (-) Having a safe town where we don't have to lock our houses or our cars Increase in population could mean more tradespeople and medical services Inflated house and property Prices It will change the make up of the community knowing our children are safe playing in our local parts etc unsupervised land grab by Xstrata cattle company Loss of crucial families from resumption area (-) loss of family history - inheritance lost loss of locals - 50 families gone and the flow on effect loss of long term, community minded people More children in our schools hopefully more local employment may make the town more viable no longer trusting and safe Our children will have a choice to stay and work here rather than have to leave rental accommodation - rent increase forcing existing community workers out Ruin the community as we know it ruination of a lot of valuable country safety and crime significant change/reduction as properties change hand and new population moves in smaller proportion of country people some people may have to give up their homes and properties which have been in their families for generations Standard and prices of houses in town stress on farmers selling early Taroom Shire Council should exist independently with such a project ahead the locals are the most important people in the community transient population two separate communites - miners = rich, graziers = poor Uncertainty What will happen to our sporting facilities? Will impact on different people in different ways the environment: BIG HOLE - reclamation claims are doubtful change the environment - it will never be the same Could have negative environmental impacts Dust Dust and Noise Dust and Noise environmental noise and dust a problem!! Extra concerned about our water supply as a Primary producer Farmers downstream will have reduced flows heard nothing positive but a lot of 'ifs' Impact on environment (both plant and animal) is questionable

Increased traffic Koalas disappearing Lighting (24 hour operation) loss of vegetation More dust and noise Mostly good Need Albert's water truck - 0427 275 170 Noise Noise - blasting noise and dust pollution rehabilitation of the mine site will never restore to its original state Ruin Valuable cattle and farming country The environment will get noisier and dirtier unknown - noise & polution Upset wildlife Visual water - quality of stream and shallow aquifer (-) water - use of potable artesian water for coal washing etc (-) water availability and decreased water flow Water usage and extraction for mine competing with community use waterways - underground water What will happen to existing bores, livestock, domestic, intensive What will happen to the creeks? Will reclamation of the land work? Worry about lowering of artesian basin Wreck it. Coal dust in grazing paddocks Wreck the landscape the local economy: Banks benefit - commercial services bank etc benefit - government services benefit - increases business opportunities if mine supports the community benefit - Infrastructure Changing from local community running primary production to a multi-national running our properties council won't be able to compete for wages Drive up the cost of housing and land. employment and financial benefits Hopefully the workforce will spend money in the community Hopefully XCQ will put the local interest first i.e. businesses, employment, future of our children and introduce desperately needed services. housing for low income families housing too expensive impact - if mine fails to support local business inflation - how to find workers for grazing properties if mines offering high wages living expenses out of normal wage reach local services may benefit More accommodation and housing More money spent in our town More shops No Our town will expand Positive for the local economy Property prices will be inflated - Can you find another property to purchase? Retail and services will benefit rural employees harder to source Sawmill won't be able to compete for wages and accommodation

School to year 12? School!!! short term it will decimate it Some local people will gain employment - most will be outsourced Very little. Not much economy in Rolleston will help the state economy more than the local economy XCQ may not be good neighbours your lifestyle: Big change to friends community lifestyle will be changed forever Crime and safety concerns don't have to leave the community to find employment Families leave what will that do for others left? Good grazing land disappearing for a time If our property goes what lifestyle? Lifestyle - no lifestyle here if moved elsewhere Lifestyle will change may increase services such as doctor/retirement home More choices for us to be able to get out More men for singles More social activities negative community spirit change with new and transient population negative environmental changes potential benefit with change to services Safety - children growing up Some forced to leave the community some transients may not be good neighbours Unsure - not the same as now We have the greatest lifestyle now! What about family heritage for those who lose their properties? won't be a small country community local services:

distances to town services for rural residents e.g. shops mail etc (-)

emergency response - or lack thereof

Extra police and ambulances

Health - a doctor who speaks English

Hopefully a positive impact on local services

Hopefully local services will be upgraded and improved (Fire, ambulance etc)

Hopefully will improve

local services - gain a doctor etc

Local services will have to improve

more police needed and additional medical services

overload on local services (Dr, water, dump sewerage, banking)

Road damage on local roads (-)

Schools - more children for the school

Shops - greater variety and bigger turnover

Should get better - more tradesmen etc

Stay the same

SWER Power lines - even worse for voltage, wattage and reliability (-)

Will we need more police here, with the influx to our community?

safety:

Being able to trust all the locals being well know it will terrorists Crime crime rate expected to increase as in other mining towns crime/drugs Increase in population means an increase in risk More accidents More traffic and more planning needed No safety Road changes - school bus safety with extra traffic Road safety Safety - may become less safe serious increase of large transport traffic (-) traffic We will have to be more security minded will have to lock up everything. House, car , kid, wife etc

Task 1 - Your Local Community

It is important for the study team to understand why your local community is important to you. This will help us to determine the impacts of the Project on the community.

What you like and dislike about living in your local area:

Central location clean air clean environment community spirit cost of living i.e.. Food and rent cheap dislike dump burning Dislike lack of specialist services dislike nothing dislike the cost of living? dislike the distance from health services dislike the lack of services dislike the unsafe roads dislike unemployment dislikes condition of roads dislikes distance to major centres Entertainment - fishing, shooting, camping, weir/skiing Environment family friendly good employment opportunities Good grazing country good place to bring up family good services and facilities for a community this size healthy lifestyle lack of extra curricular and learning opportunities for local children lack of infrastructure lack of services (limited) This includes health, government, employment opportunities for young people lack of traffic congestion laid back lifestyle land security, many properties in families for generations lifestvle\ like nice quite small town, no crime rate, good to b ring up children Like safe and caring community like the country town atmosphere like the low crime rate like the peace and quiet like the security Locality low cost of living, rent, real estate etc low crime low crime rate lower land valuations no coal mine no medical specialist no Nathan dam people of similar interests plentiful supply of good quality water quiet Quiet and friendly community relaxed pace

safe and secure

safe environment safe for children and property safe, low crime rate small friendly town supportive community the people town with a long (150Yr) history, many families have been in the area for a lot of that time trusted members in the community trusting community without travel 4/6 hours What you think are the most important issues facing your community: Accommodation, provision and cost banking and commercial facilities decline of essential services e.g. dental, transport, power, communications Labour on farms, rate of wages to compete against mining wages = extra cost for struggling bank accounts limited infrastructure Qld Governments dictatory attitude to council amalgamations The impact will be the cost of living going up if working in the mines you can afford it however for the older retirees it isn't real fair on them. This might need council involvement for exemptions What the important features in your local area are: National parks Dawson River Dawson River and tributaries most import feature in district. Leichhardt Tree Glebe weir Natural waterways Brigalow Belt, native and endangered quality of grazing land River The river. Families often go fishing and camping Who are the most trusted people in your community: Councillors and other civic leaders Freedom of activities Generally low pressure community Hard to trust anyone especially all levels of government and big business - continual changing of "goals" and "policies" - hidden agendas - nothing can be done until the major decisions are already made the whole community Local connections with family, friends and neighbours: great community support Taroom is a small knit community and most people care and look after each other. Does your community have a reputation for being a safe place Community does have a reputation or being a safe place and ideal for the raising of families Hardly any major crime tight knit community can always turn to a neighbour or family Verv!!! What is important about your lifestyle: clean air is important to lifestyle Future for our children - job opportunities Having the amenities, hospital, doctor, good school, good sporting facilities Keep the river pristine

Trust in the fact that present community is supportive and generally trustworthy

Task 2 - About the Project

Now that you have had a briefing about the project, we are interested to find out what your thoughts are:

Your initial thoughts about a potential coal mine:

Compensation or labour resources (as a potential negative)

- concern over impacts Environmental and Social
- Concerned about crime rate increasing with population growth
- cynical about processes
- Employment opportunities
- Employment opportunities
- Financial gain by community
- hopefully bring work to the area and prosperity to town and people
- Impact to the Environment
- Impacted area of the operation?? Why so big??
- increase in rentals/shortage of housing
- Initial thoughts dealing with construction crews and related issues
- Introduction of drugs with higher incomes
- lack of land owner rights
- mainly economically advantage to the shire
- progress with reservations
- Rights given to industry with vegetation and water that have been restricted to land holders (It's
- amazing what money can buy)
- stress on existing facilities
- Transit workforce
- Unhappy about initial potential
- What benefits and support for our community?

Whether the information you have heard tonight has changed your opinion about the project:

- Has not changed opinion has provided more confidence of project proceeding Information has altered my opinion
 - Information tonight was very helpful.
 - No change
 - No one at table had strong options either way (before and after)
 - Opinions unchanged
 - we can see that Xstrata is going to work well with the community and plan the project well Weren't aware of enormity of operation

What you expect XCQ to do if they develop a mine:

- Employment opportunities Traineeship and apprenticeships for local school children good Neighbour - Had better be!! good neighbour if consultative with community Good to see Xstrata spend money on a local training ground - apprentices etc for kids leaving school to
- go into employment
- Jobs!
- like to see a good percentage of the locals employed by the mine
- Opportunities for locals (apprenticeships, scholarships)
- Support local business
- That they will do what they have to do so that they can do what they want to do.
- What are the policies of Xstrata grazing operation??
- Workforce local and elsewhere
- workforce local 1st preference
- Would like XCQ to give employment priority to locals

Task 3 - Possible impacts

We would like you to consider the possible impacts and benefits of the project:

The impact of the project on the community:

Provision of an adequate waste disposal facility (i.e. upgrade/improvements to current facility) Fear of influx of undesirable citizens increased cost of living increased population - might be borderline to put in Yr 11 and 12 either at Wandoan or Taroom increased population in the local communities that may impact positively on schools and community groups lack of affordability lack of housing major impact on the community - more people - more traffic more activity in townships population? Schooling facilities - years 10 and 11 in Wandoan shift work - impact on family and communities the environment: As long as the river doesn't run dry will be fine Coal dust suppression/mitigation Environment changes but not huge Impact to the Environment Land structure after regeneration Not clear on the environmental impact of washings tailings Spread of noxious weeds (wash down equipment) the local economy: changing land valuation with mine next door Concern over land valuations Expectations of work force moving in to the ar4ea only for shifts - spending minimum money in town, living in Xstrata owned accommodation with little inflow to towns Housing market and rents Huge injection into local economy but will adversely affect local employers Local economic growth Major boost to local economy shopping facilities to improve - local community and increase economy stable/increased employment will effect cost of living in the towns, shops and services will benefit anyway your lifestyle: Could affect the tranquillity of our current lifestyle Lifestyle may decrease Negative impact on lifestyle shouldn't affect our lifestyle too much local services: Advantages of more doctors and possibly teachers in area

- doctors and health staff
- Hospital will require upgrade impact on emergency services local
- improvement to water and sewerage lines
- Infrastructure i.e. improvements to highway and electricity supply
- Local services should improve
- might improve the local services
- overwhelm current health capability
- Positive impact on services
- Sponsorship to sporting field improvements
- Upgrade of current services

will it bring better health and education services?

safety:

Concerns over safety with great increase of unknown people in the area Highway safety might need upgrade - more trucks? impact on road infrastructure Minor impact on safety road upgrade to cope with increased heavy traffic Safety in community may be jeopardised to some extent - e.g. crime and drugs Safety standards should improve with larger projects

Task 1 - Your Local Community

It is important for the study team to understand why your local community is important to you. This will help us to determine the impacts of the Project on the community.

What you like and dislike about living in your local area: cleaner environment community cohesion community spirit cost of living reasonably low dislike the lack of services e.g.. Medical, dental distance to larger centres (-) easy lifestyle environment few employment opportunities Friendly, caring, welcoming friendly, crime free, community minded district good family environment good place to bring up kids good school results for a diverse range of students good selection of sport and recreational opportunities honestv Lack of health facilities - doctor, dentist lack of money lack of opportunities lack of rain lack of rain lack of services e.g.. Specific health lack of traffic lack of youth activities Lifestyle Lifestyle - go home for lunch - not having to commute to work like living here - quiet and safe living costs are not inflated more relaxed lifestyle new water charges no dentist no traffic lights: quiet country living people personalised service in local shops poor road conditions quiet relaxed lifestyle relaxed lifestyle and pace Rural isolation from medical, dental, tafes, universities and specialised services safe community safe community safe lifestyle Safe place to live safer safety Schools have a disadvantage of rural isolation security sense of community small local businesses small personalised community small schools with good class sizes

small town - knowing your neighbour
the size of local population is shrinking
What you think are the most important issues facing your community:
aging workforce
communication awareness - projects and information
community acceptance of mine
council amalgamation
drought
economy - lack of skilled employees and people who are prepared to work
employment
farm based income low
infrastructure - roads, rail, air, housing
Keeping people in the community - including young and elderly people

labour shortages for local industry due to mines offering wages that local industry can't compete with

lack of water liveability (keeping people local!) local housing affordability loss of traditional workforce poor infrastructure retention of youth shared labour market skill shortage skill shortage skills shortage trustworthy and skilled tradies water What the important features in your local area are: All water systems - Gurilmundi, Condamine River Art Gallery and library caliguel lagoon Chinamans lagoon community spirit Condamine river and Condamine Bell Dogwood Creek dogwood Creek pathway dogwood crossing **Dogwood River** fauna Good location - close but not too close to bigger towns and cities Gurulmundi Wildflowers and gorges Historical museum Historical village historical village historical village Leichhardt Corridor Museum and local sites River trees Waterlilies Wildflowers Wildflowers Who are the most trusted people in your community: basically we trust the vast majority of people business owners business people community minded people Council, churches

councillors	
long term employed	
long term residents	
long term residents	
me, myself and I	
Most - even your neighbour	
police/services/family	
Real estate agents	
Service clubs	
the community as a whole	
The most trusted are our community leaders - teachers, doctors and police	
Volunteer workers	
Volunteers	
Local connections with family, friends and neighbours:	
church - service clubs - sports - school	
community itself	
currently a close-knit community with strong family links	
Family, service clubs and aged care, senior citizens	
neighbours/family/community centre/medical visiting and resident	
open, friendly community	
Our community has a reputation of being a safe place	
strong community spirit	
yes	
yes - we visit family, friends, neighbours	
Does your community have a reputation for being a safe place	
Country pride and morals and upbringing	
safe and mostly crime free	
safe place to live	
We are a safe community	
Yes	
Yes	
Yes	
Yes	
Yes - low crime rate	
What is important about your lifestyle:	
balance	
community stability and trustworthiness	
ease of travel - relaxed lifestyle	
easy lifestyle	
elderly people	
everybody knows someone	
family and long term friends	
Freedom of choice	
I know a large number of people in my town	
Lack of hustle and bustle of city life	
laid back - easy	
low itinerant population turnover	
Maintain local connections with family friends and neighbours	
No major traffic	
No Traffic - road rage	
Quiet and safe, cheap living rates etc	
Safety	
Strong local business, government, spirit, connectedness, schools, identity	

Task 2 - About the Project

Now that you have had a briefing about the project, we are interested to find out what your thoughts are:

Your initial thoughts about a potential coal mine:

Bring progress in local infrastructure Coal based energy vs. renewable energy in regard to cost, efficiency and environmental effect concerns about landholders getting fair price for their land concerns for the current landowners in Wandoan who lose their land, lifestyle and their business difficulty of local employers keeping staff (wages) downside - some threat to relaxed lifestyle? downside - two socioeconomic levels (have and have nots) economic benefits economic fallout Go ahead - must use resources for community good (responsibly) good for those seeking employment in mining and services Good opportunities good potential for employment Great great opportunity for employment great opportunity for improved infrastructure greed growth in area hopefully it will be positive for our area How much money will stay in the community and not "fly in fly out" improved infrastructure improvement in local services inflated price of land It seems like it is going ahead whether we like it or not local business will benefit makes region more sustainable - future prosperity and diversity mine will generally be good for area if the company puts back into the local community positives for employment potential new services prices locals out of town succession planning after mine ceases to return to local farming Terrific will it go ahead will local business / contractors be used as preferred suppliers (Buy Local!) Will local training be supplied to high school students Whether the information you have heard tonight has changed your opinion about the project: 32,000ha is a large amount of valuable country and the 50 landowners nee to be compensated well Curiosity about XCQ's pastoral holdings and how that operates did not change opinion on project (opinion a good one) information presented was informative It almost seems that this has been Xstrata telling us what is going to happen rather than a consultation process need to keep informed as you advised no - all positive No great to get time lines opinion not changed by information presented by we are more informed

Still good (bigger than originally thought)

Strengthened our opinion

The project is further away than we thought

We like Rolleston example and hope it will repeat here

What you expect XCQ to do if they develop a mine:

Apprenticeships for youth - giving them a reason to stay or return after education are workers employed by Xstrata or by contractors to Xstrata (possible difference in attitude to skill acquisition) Attract more services and facilities to the area - dentist, better roads Be a partner in local community Concern that big mining companies "talk the talk" but don't "walk the walk" contribute to non-profit community organisations Future for young people to stay in the area and gain employment great neighbour Hope for a responsible corporate entity Hope for local employment hope workforce is made up of as many locals as possible whether they are contractors or full time employees Hope workforce majority will come from local area Hopes that a large percentage of locals will be used for labour force How can local companies tender for work Local business can not match wages packages Local business will suffer loss of employees - how will they be replaced? Locals to make up biggest proportion of workforce Need tow work together to improve liveability of region and our towns priority to local employment priority to source inputs from local businesses Reduce fly in/fly out - Creates harmony and social interaction within the community Should be a good neighbour and community member judging by other projects Skills - training offered to local workers WCQ we will benefit the community We have high expectations of XCQ to support the local community and be a good neighbour and community member workforce imported - family base work force good for community. Fly in fly out will do nothing for community Workforce sourced locally Yes - we would want locals trained to jobs

Task 3 - Possible impacts

We would like you to consider the possible impacts and benefits of the project:

The impact of the project on the community:

- business growth and economic activity
- certain percentage of profits from venture need to be invested in local community
- community projects
- community to welcome/cater to impacts of increased population
- demand on local facilities
- employment opportunities
- expectations of better infrastructure
- increased population
- increased population
- increased wages for local business staff (to compete with mine)
- integration of newcomers into community
- job prospects for young folk
- looking after older people handling change
- loss of local residents
- more jobs and opportunity to upskill
- more money for community organisations in form of grants and sponsorship
- positive
- Positive local employment will grow community and have multiplier effect
- positive for employment opportunities
- Possibility in the increase in crime
- possible housing shortages
- possible increase in health services
- possible loss of some lifestyle
- problems caused by different levels of income
- Put pressure on small business to keep up with workers
- sporting
- Stimulate growth and capital property values
- The company needs to keep local community e.g. employment agencies informed of available job opportunities
- Wage competition across region
- We hope Xstrata becomes part of the community
- wealth for miners

the environment:

- air quality power production, trucking, dust
- competition for water
- concern about contribution it will make to global warming
- concern for fair water allocations in the area
- demands on water for town and industry
- dust
- erosion
- global warming
- Hopefully Nil
- increased traffic
- local impact in terms of environmental amenity small
- minimal impact if done properly!
- noise and transportation from mining operations
- The environment has been taken into consideration and we believe she will be left in its natural state or at least as close as possible.
- water use and recycling
- we believe measures proposed will address the major issues

the local economy:

A boost to the local economy Accommodation facilities (motels etc) could be stretched denying tourist access but this could be an opportunity affordability of living for non mining workers Boom!! Business carry more stock and range of products business houses should benefit Business needs to be competitive businesses need to embrace the growth buy local policy Buy locally Buy shares in the local Pub!! Cost increases to food, fuel etc Create more employment economic fall out - local business will benefit employment stability expectations that the company will provide training opportunities to locals fly in / fly out camps are of no benefit to community good for local economy Have's and have-nots' (those working for mine and assoc. and those who don't) High salaries flow on to local business e.g. maintaining local workforce housing affordability housing affordability and availability How to cope with housing/accommodation issues?

Impact on local government jobs - can't compete with mine for \$ - provide incentives for them to stay

Improve small business increased business inflation local business and employers will be competing with the mine for employees local businesses - cost structures (wages) Local staff losses loss of production from resumed properties loss trades - people to local industry mine money being spent outside the community e.g. - Moranbah money goes to Mackay offset by growth opportunities Small business can invest in their business Stress on housing availability and affordability

your lifestyle:

? Families busier Cost of living will increase - across the board Improve our incomes improved lifestyle due to increased economy Improvement in local infrastructure to cater Infrastructure - sport - entertainment improves larger town - strangers? less unemployment for youth - more opportunities longer working hours make more spend more not as relaxed opportunities for youth Shift work disruptions there will be positives and negatives

local services:

attract more/better services and facilities

focus on using local services and suppliers - needs good relationship between company and community

government to reinvest in rail, roads, health, community services, safety, police, education improved services do to increased economy

increased services and businesses

Initial pressures, which will improve with refocus

Issue of volunteer burn out

local services will improve

more use of resources

new and improved as demand requires e.g.. Tafe services, dentist

Should improve

Xstrata can help - buy local!

safety:

concerns about safety e.g.. Roads and infrastructure

Concerns for personal safety with influx of many miners

crime due to increased population

fly in - fly out - driver fatigue on way home

Higher traffic and rail flows

increased traffic volume

increased traffic volume

increased transient population (negative)

Inevitable increased crime with increased population

road safety - increased traffic

Should not be a problem in Government invest and keeps pace with development

We believe XCQ have a good record and experience to ensure the safety of all concerned



Attachment F

Community Information Workshop April 2008 April Workshop Minutes – Miles 3rd April

European Cultural Heritage

- Overall history tourism document social history.
- Historical society to gather all info collate
- Xstrata to fund. Xstrata to diversity the interpretation of tourism on history
- Movement of dwellings from mine area. Local/state/federal significance.
- What will Wandoan become after the mine in 50 years.
- Wandoan heritage centre.
- Need a more modern interpretation approach
- Grosmont School closure?

Environment

- Coal seam gas water cost?
- Dust from the mine contaminating people roof water run-off in Wandoan.
- Water reuse
- Township closure to mine.
- Creek diversion, are we and how?
- Land productivity, is it the same?
- Waste, is there a plan do we.
- Has there been any significant findings flora/fauna?
- Rehabilitation are we do we
- Water management plans (dams)
- Don't use Tarong model (dams)
- Photo's records benchmarking
- Wash-plant tailings onsite?
- If the coal is not viable and the mine stops will be rehabilitated?
- Glebe weir recreation facilities
- Nathan dam
- 30 years what happens to land?
- Re-use of water. Do we, how much.

Infrastructure – Rob Thatcher

- Current water treatment and sewerage facilities are not that great.
- Seems to be long way for sewage to be moves from Accommodation Village to town
- If the facilities are upgraded, will XCQ be looking to the future for greater capacity needs.
- XC planning on building on accommodation in Wandoan and the Accommodation Village
- Will Xstrata be looking to build the Accommodation Village themselves?
- Real-estate is receiving a lot of enquires about opportunities for building and renting out accommodation.
- Who will build proposed rail way if it's approved?
- Local resident did raise rail with Anna Bligh

- Local resident did raise rail with Anna Bligh at the opening of Kogan Creek, She said it's defiantly on their radar – missing link from Toowoomba.
- Will coal price impact on project progressing?
- What is the commitment date for approval at this point?
- How far is the Accommodation Village from Wandoan?
- What transportation will be in place running between Accommodation Village and Wandoan?
- Why aren't the Accommodation Village in town to support Wandoan?
- What's the mine predicted lifespan?
- If mining moves west, would location of Accommodation Village change?
- How many drag-lines will be in full operation?
- Does estimated growth figures for Wandoan include contractors etc of only XCQ employees?
- Who will be responsible for the maintenance of the roads you build?
- Who will build the roads?
- Where will equipment infrastructure be brought from?
- If coming from Brisbane will regional roads also be looked at?
- Is there a preference for railway line will it be used for moving equipment?
- Are the two other options for rail done away with?
- Where the line crosses the road between here and Wandoan how will it be incorporated?
- At this stage what type of line do you think will be built?
- Will the northern route be available for other uses?
- Which side of town will the feeder line (Ergon) come in from?
- Coolumboola substation for power?
- Is a lot of the available land in Wandoan owned by the rail companies?
- There were thoughts that Wandoan may grow larger than you are predicting what do you think?
- Where will the engineering resources come from?
- Will the proposed rail line impact on rail workers at Miles?
- \$ dollars and Federals need to provide for second and third rail options?
- Able to upgrade form one rail option to the next?
- Spend on rail upgrade will be saved on not spending on road maintenance
- Good thing to get big trucks off the road
- Six cattle rail trucks have tipped off in the last 2 months
- Where will equipment come from, Gladstone or Brisbane?
- Is it cost effective and value for money to bring a dragline from Canada?
- Trucks going through Taroom are dangerous
- At what intervals will the draglines come in?
- Who owns the eastern side of Wandoan township?
- What direction is coal in area north south?

Mine Planning

Table 4

- Planning for future leases?
- Drill and blast?
- What is the depth of the burden?
- What is low power factor?
- What is the most important issue that could get the project approved or not?
- What are the chances of clean coal happening?
- How will contractors be sourced and how will they support the project?
- Spring gully is not as salty as other CSM water?
- Much water in lower coal seams?
- Is there much gas in coal seams?
- Where will the workforce be sourced from?

Table 1

- How do you decide if a pit is too close to Wandoan
 - o The community?
 - The EIS process
 - Community views taken into account
- Distance of Wandoan to Accommodation Village and CHPP
- Coal washing process what happens to the water?
- Is the mined area any use after rehabilitation
- Examples of mines where rehabilitation has happened and completed well.
- Noise railway
- Coal produced in this area has to go north
- Wandoan cemetery impacted
- Why not put the Accommodation Village in Wandoan?
 - No economic impacts only benefits.
- Will be flow on from large mining operation economic
- Important that families have and opportunity to establish in the area.
- Does Xstrata have the property for housing development?
- What are the opportunities for a local person to work five days/week? Lifestyle?
- Accommodation Village Catering

Table 2

- South East corner of MDL, what will happen there?
- Buffer zones
- Is rehabilitation progressive?
- Property resumption which properties will be resumed around the edge?
- Overburden depths
- How thick is the seam/s?
- Will you go with all three MDI's?
- After the 30 years of mining will other MDL's be attached?
- What is the coal quality?
- Government involvement in infrastructure costs?
 - o Government will benefit royalties also assist upfront.

• Start up costs for rail.

Table 3

- What happens to the creeks through the MDL's?
- Do creek diversions stay that way?
- How will medical support be encouraged by Xstrata?
- What will happen will emergencies onsite?
- What benefits will local people have from the mine?
 Employment for local people
- Traditionally mining take people away from existing industry/business
- Training
- Big companies bring everything in containers.
 - Can you get things locally small things/products to help local shops?
- Wet mess?
- Is Xstrata coal confident that the mine will happen?

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Mine Infrastructure

- With change of council do we need to look at adding new councillor to the CRG?
- How long distributed land can be returned to its original purpose?
- Raising of Glebe weir will it only provide water for the mine or for the town purpose?
- Will this sample pit and haulage be the only one?
- Do the population estimates include the multiplier effect or mine only?
- How will Weeleebee Creek be relocated for mine and will it be redirected? Interested to see how this will occur
- Where will workforce come from?

Mine Planning

- What happens during the wash down process. Explained tailings etc
- Will trains cart coal south from Wandoan?
- Will coal be running past town?
- Will the rail line come out near the cemetery?
- Where is Grosmont Scholl in relation to the mine site?
- Where does the northern boundary line lay?
- Is there coal north of this boundary line?

Infrastructure

- When does work on this infrastructure start?
- Is there an airport going to be in Banana Shire?
- Can you cart this sample pit coal before you are given permission for the mine to be developed?

Environment

- Very Important the EIS is done property and we can provide input.
- Main concern is water the impact for this needs to be examined closely.
- Gas water is a concern if flooding pushers water out of evaporation ponds – like what happened in the north QLD area.
- My understanding is that coal seam water eventually decreases and the gas increases.
- On site accommodation may stifle spending in town especially with fly/in out.

Water

- Sub-Artesian water what are we going to do in 10 years down the track if our bore runs dry?
- What happens to near neighbour bores if water levels are affected?
- Who makes final decision on what source is used?
- We want to be mindful and aware that each company is going to be looking after themselves, which could have a large overall impact.
- On water from West you do realise that you are going to compete with the landholders out there, they have been applying for part of the 12ML

• Where can we find out about the other proposed projects that are planned for the area?

Accommodation

- Will it be scaled back when mine infrastructure is built.
- Why is accommodation on site and not in town?

European History Talk with Terry

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Yellow post it comments:

- Moving tables for workshop did not work
- The need for wash down facilities in Wandoan to reduce seed transport
- Provide local Landcare/DCCA office in Wandoan map layers to help with roads, mining areas for landholders Landcare has mapping equipment/resources.
- Where is the sustainability planning (for the use of coal resource for Australia?
- The need to work closely with community groups to help provide information to landholders. Eg. Landcare/DCCA
- Endangered bird Star Finch?
- Wandoan Ck and Wooleebee Ck regularly join in flood have great flood area and back into each other and surrounding inputting gullies/creeks.
- Why have property owner received compensation and not other owners!
- Landcare can provide bulk/cheap native trees for vegetation strips.
- Mine central Queensland until it's gone (or close) then move here.
- What guarantee dose the community have that mine staff will adhere to the EIS in the operation of the mine. I have actual knowledge that the guide lines are ignored have a son who works in the environmental field who tells me that it is very hard to get staff to adhere to or respect environmental outcomes.

Environment – Helen D'Arcy

• Town close to mine: significant to mining (in Surat & else where?) -in terms of wind (westerly)

600metre from boundary fence impacts to feedlot (Amber Downs – Paradise Rd)

- Tree barriers? Outside mine area?
- Need for printed maps
 - To Landcare to grow
- When does mining area become mining lease?
 - General induction
- What studies being done in area?
 - \circ $\;$ Interest in findings, kangaroo, rats in Wolelbee Ck and Elseniere
 - Also koalas, scrub turkeys, brolgas, wedge tail eagles (including nest areas)
- Comment of flooding of creeks (island around Woleebee
- Farm bores to GAB
- Buffer zones
- Runoff spoil dumps to downstream users

 Sedimentation of dams
- Comment on extreme weather events
- Other company exploring in the area

- Amber Downs, Pecos Valley Rd
 - o Concerns adjacent to mine
 - o Impacts of dust noise to cattle
- Bats: best time to survey in spring (Bauhinia flowering) brolgas plain turkeys on big dam on, Carmony Downs. Plain Turkeys – 30 (portion 34/35)
 - Eastlyne and Tamara (John Erbank)
 - Resting place for brolgas
 - o 2 eagle families
 - o The odd jabaru
 - Zebra finches live in wild honey suckle
- Any endangered species (frog etc)?
 - o Brigalow
 - Studies being conducted now
- Spread of parthinium weed control on both mine and rail
- New wash down facility (council Landcare proposal)
- What is needlewood? On Carmody Downs
- Carbon footprint: looking at emissions at the customers end?
 o Yes scope 1,2&3.
- Coal quality queries: suitability for IGCC and CTC.
- Grave sites/cemetery impacts from blasting/infrastructure.
- Plan for sustainability past coal preserved
- Social concerns:
 - Persons not budging
 - Scepticism on growth of Wandoan
 - Community minded new people families (participate in Lions, etc)
- Rail alignment

Non-indigenous cultural heritage – Terry Bonhomme Wandoan - Juandah

Historical Society - heritage site

Woollebee Creek to Summer Hill– prettified wood Shearing shed 'Wongalea' how old? Ryals Rd. Surveyor marks on trees. Sheep holding yards – 'Yarrabee' property & 100 yrs at creek Sundown Creek – wash down area for sheep

Burials

- Erlich/reserve wash pool and post. Sheep Elsbar Neil Goodland own it Theodore
- 'Avalon' dairy pre war # 1 Mr Brabbit posts remain. Petrified wood.

Booral

- Original homestead property 1900
- Butcher shop
- Petrified wood tourists interests palm
- Economic benefit of area part of character well known.

Portion 53

- Miles museum collected from
 - 'Cambrai' Joy Baker petrifies tree. All in mine area.
- Isolate the resource?'
- Booral Juandah survey trees.
- DNR hands dept archives Xstrata to pay to get copies of the microfilm
- Wyndeyrs 1st settlers wash pool posts

(map drawn on sheet)

- Shepherds huts, Boundary huts
- Ostertion Juandah
- Chinese Well Wodebee Ck went in the flood
- Timber well
- Pesco Valley right in middle of mine area.

Mine Planning – Bill McKinstrey

- Worlds best prac water storage
- Creek diversions
- Planning for Grosmont Road closure timing
- Road upgrades Jackson Rd (extra distance?)
- Importing road base
- Using gravel near coal seam?
- Creek cuts across conveyor (Mud Creek)
 - o Flooding
- Other rocks in the coal burning
- Coking coal triple dollars thermal coal
- Buffer zone around pits? (near Wandoan).
- Blasting will the blasting be at the same times
- Accommodation no where else to put it.
- Will native tile be lifted to allow for further housing development
 - o Reserve
 - o Back of the airport
- Shame land around town can't be used.
 - o Close in areas
- Money for town infrastructure. Important
 - Community funding.
- Support for local schools relates to population
- Wages
- Inflation of a concern local council cant pay same
- Jobs for smaller contractors people with machinery locals
- How do you get your tickets and when can you get your tickets
- Will there be tender process for smaller contractors
- Sample pit road from Wandoan to Taroom in bad shape.
 - o Road haulage impact on the road
- Rail line
 - Loads per day?
 - o 10 trains per day
 - Impact on people two trains per day
- Creek diversions potential environmental impact
- How can the mine divert creeks
- Can do a MDL drop off just to get the project up and add other studies/projects at a later time
- 500metre buffer zone where did that zone come from near highway
- Big pit
 - Should be left as a dam fishing and water skiing
 - o Inland sea
- Shire engineers should box out roads properly
- What will happen if the project does not go ahead
- Extra distances Jackson road.

Infrastructure – Rob Thatcher

- Phone lines what will happen?
- Water
- How large will the sewerage treatment plant facilities be?
- Suggested that council reviews what needs to be done with the sewerage plant
- Who's going to build the roads?
- New roads being proposed are not on council land, XC will have to purchase
- Why weren't near neighbours considered when planning new roads? Feedlot going to be very close.
- What form will rail line be when rail meets the highway?
- Where does rail meet highway
- Anymore info re: rail along Nathan Road
- Will roads be bitumen?
- Where does XC's responsibility start in relation to the rail and its proximity to the mine site
- Have we heard of any other companies wanting to start with XC's plans if rail goes ahead?
- Just purchased a business in town and you're removing 40 families it's going to impact on me as you aren't going to purchase stuff from me.
- Our biggest problem in Wandoan is that there is no land
- Why are the conflicts between what you tell us and what we are reading?
- Airport why did you choose Taroom, why not Wandoan?
- If Wandoan airport is too small just find another spot
- Why is Taroom going to benefit with it
- Should we look at a regional airport since we have a regional council
- When do we intend to start on the roads and other infrastructure?
- Concerned about what haulage trucks will do to roads
- Water pipeline along Nathan Road what are the chances of it staying in the rail corridor?
- What are the chances of mining the eastern side of Wandoan?

- Surat Basin rail Roche Creek has Parthenium weed
- Wash down plant required in Wandoan
- Won't be enough water in the town for another 600 people no facilities to support it.
- What effect will there be on the cemetery. Will blasting affect gravestones etc?
- Will blasting affect bore causing etc of those nearby?
- Will jobs be advertised? Will there be age restrictions?
- Will there be an 8 hour "nanny shift" during the day?
- Is there capacity for XC to set up a community benefit fund for local groups to access?
- What are we doing with the creeks ie One Arm Man Creek? deviations?
- Will the Nathan road be upgraded with rail networks?
- Would it not be best, with the upgrade of medical services here, that the airport be closer to Wandoan.
- Has the airport studies been looked at closely?
- How many years before Grossmont Road is closed?
- How long before they're required do the roads close?
- Are there many sub-contractors employed and will they be local
- Will employees utilise the town?
- Is it 7 days on 7 days off?
- Do you encourage wives to come onto the campsite?
- Do you think more people will live in Wandoan since it's so close to the site?



Attachment G

Community Reference Group meeting minutes





Wandoan Project Community Reference Group

Meeting Notes 17 October 2007

Wandoan Cultural Centre

Members :	Bill McKinstrey Rob Thatcher Naomi Holmes Amanda Campbell	Xstrata Coal Queensland (XCQ) Xstrata Coal Queensland (XCQ) PB PB
Attendees	Naomi Golden Helen Devlin Graeme O'Mara Neil Goodman Jos Mitchell Adam Clark Leesa Rathbone Louise Oakman Roxanne Blackley Chris Guteridge Marion Randall Ben Gaske Mike and Tom Anthea Patch Cr Cecilia Donohoe Cr Bill Blackley Cr Don Stiller John Erbacher	Lane Infrastructure Wandoan Chamber of Commerce Wandoan Progress Association Queensland Fire and Rescue - Area 5 Dawson Valley Development Association WPSQ Upper Dawson Branch Wandoan Show Society Wandoan Showgrounds Improvement Committee Landcare – Taroom Queensland Police Service Queensland Police Service Queensland Health Wandoan State School Queensland Ambulance Service AgForce Taroom Shire Council Taroom Shire Council Taroom Shire Council Agforce
Apologies :	Evan Thelander Wendy Masters	Queensland Ambulance Service Department of Housing

Distribution: XCQ, PB and CRG representatives

Item no.	Description	Action	Responsibility
1	Bill McKinstrey and the project team members welcomed the CRG representatives. He outlined his expectations of the CRG and invited all other members to give a brief description of their history and expectations. Introductions for each member followed.		
2	Rob Thatcher introduced the Project and explained Taroom Shire Council's representation at the meeting and their role as community representatives.		

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3	Naomi Holmes introduced the Charter and its purpose for CRG		I
C C	representationCharter adopted as stands. No objections recorded.		
4	The general role of the CRG was discussed and Adam Clark asked if a local community expert could be brought to future meetings to present. Rob Thatcher explained that experts could be invited by the CRG at any stage.		
5	Anthea Patch requested that a representative associated with water issues	Explore possible	Anthea Patch
	be appointed to the CRG, as this is a key issue for the Wandoan area.	representatives	
6	The CRG discussed the reasoning for why property owners are not included in the CRG membership. It was raised that many property owners are important contributors to the community and they would not be recognised or heard through this process.		
	Rob Thatcher noted that property owners were important however issues facing them were more sensitive than what the CRG is focussing on. It was also noted that property owners would be engaged through additional consultation processes.		
7	The CRG Chairman was appointed – Rob Thatcher		
	 Questions raised during the presentation related to: the size of the Wandoan Project compared to the Rolleston Mine concerns with the property owner consultation and resumption process as those affected cannot plan for the future until they know whether their property is required. This leads to uncertainty for these families the proximity of proposed mine site to the Wandoan township the rehabilitation process for the mine site a wet or dry mess at the proposed camp a 24-hour rotation process for the workforce the likelihood of increased traffic on local roads due to workforce members travelling to and from the site transferring "capital gains" within two years concerns that Cultural Heritage notification (Part 7 & notices) and "European history" has not been considered to date. Soilder settler properties are an important part of local history. public access to the EIS - EIS to be advertising and on display the possible affect of salt water from the Great Artesian Basin for the construction of the mine construction timeframes 	Will be addressed in EIS	XCQ
	 permits for XCQ use of water XCQ plans for not affecting the Great Artesian Basin water supply for local properties. 		

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9	 Issues raised by CRG representatives on behalf of their groups. Ben Gaske No issues from the Wandoan State School at this stage. Training and involving young people in the project is important. 		
	 Neil Goodman Queensland Fire and Rescue is interested in the size and scope of plans for services in region. Bill Blackley The community needs to look at what the area will require should the mine go ahead and the upgrade of services such as health, schooling for years 11 and 12, and general community infrastructure. XCQ need to consider the impact on properties when deciding on a possible water source. Need to ensure properties aren't impacted if they go with the use of Artesian bore water. 		
	 Further information is needed on whether the mine will have paramedics or medical assistance on site. Roxanne Blackley Landcare's main concern is the impact on previous and current rehabilitation projects in the area Weed management is a key issue Reviewing flood modelling and its possible impacts on the 	Discuss flood modelling and site rehabilitation	Roxanne Blackley
	 Wandoan township is important for the group Landcare, in the past, has provided noise and air quality monitoring through government funding. Chris Guteridge Interested in the size of the project and the impact it will have on 	sites with XCQ Contact to be	Chris Guteridge
	 Interested in the size of the project and the impact it will have of the general feel of the community. Wandoan is currently a great community that is concerned about possible impacts Interested in meeting with police in Rolleston to discuss handling of mines up there. 	made with police in Rolleston	
	 Helen Devlin Concerned about living in close proximity to a mine Concerned about environmental impacts Concerned about European heritage of area and preservation of "soldiers' blocks". 		
	 Anthea Patch Representing property owners and the impacts this mine will have Concerned that property owners will sell to XCQ and the mine 		
	 then doesn't go ahead. This will leave property owners with concerns about whether to come back to the area interested in proposed project timings so that owners will know when they are required to move off properties. Concerned about the proposed buffer zone surrounding the mine 		
	site, questioned whether this will be enough for remaining properties.		

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	 Water should be addressed appropriately. Graeme O'Mara Questioned the possibility of a power station and whether it would be built for mine use or become part of the state grid Questioned whether contractors working at the mine would be sourced from Wandoan or would move to the area Questioned whether populations at Rolleston and Springsure increased since the mine opened Questioned whether financial incentives for employees to build or buy in the town are offered Cecilia Donohoe Property owners are concerned about what is going to happen to them and the land should the mine not open. Concerned that the properties will be put back up for sale and the market is suddenly flooded, impacting remaining property values. Adam Clark Main concern is environmental impacts on water and riparian 	Response relating to population growth to be provided at next meeting	Bill McKinstrey
	 corridors Would like another CRG meeting held before Christmas Requested that the CRG should visit Rolleston to understand how the mine has been placed and villages structured. Don Stiller Appreciates the opportunity to represent the community at the meeting Concerned with the long-term governance of the area due to amalgamations. Indicated that there should be a local structure to ensure the 	Site visit to Rolleston to be arranged early next year.	Bill McKinstrey
	 welfare of the local area and ensure future best practices are put in place. Naomi Golden Raised site rehabilitation and revegetation processes Louise Oakman Indicated that Wandoan should not be viewed as Rolleston, where all infrastructure and improvements have taken place in Springsure rather than to the town that is dealing with the mine. Despite concerns would like to see Wandoan benefit, not just Taroom or Miles. Also believes it would be beneficial if the CRG could visit Rolleston. Leesa Rathbone Concerned that Wandoan will change. The area in gurrently a great environment for families and 		
10	 The area is currently a great environment for families and children and there is concern about the people that may move to the town as a result of the mine. Concerned about air quality. Concerned about the loss of impacted property owners from the area, as they are valuable community contributors. 		

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	as local contact points. Property owner meetings run by CoG in relation to property owner impacts will be conducted shortly and the next newsletter should be released in late November.		
	Next CRG Meeting – first week in February 2008 <u>Actions to be followed up:</u> The timing for a site visit to Rolleston will be agreed to at the next CRG meeting.		

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Meeting Notes 13 February 2007

Wandoan Cultural Centre

Bill McKinstrey Xstrata Coal Queensland (XCQ) Members : Rob Thatcher Xstrata Coal Queensland (XCQ) Naomi Holmes PB PΒ Amanda Campbell Helen Devlin Wandoan Chamber of Commerce Graeme O'Mara Wandoan Progress Association Queensland Fire and Rescue - Area 5 Michael Patch Jos Mitchell Dawson Valley Development Association Adam Clark WPSQ Upper Dawson Branch Leesa Rathbone Wandoan Show Society Wandoan Showgrounds Improvement Committee Louise Oakman Landcare – Taroom Roxanne Blackley Chris Guteridge **Queensland Police Service** Marion Randall Queensland Health

Cr Cecilia Donohoe Cr Bill Blackley Taroom Shire Council Taroom Shire Council Attendees : Jos Mitchell, Chris Guteridge, Adam Clark, Cr Cecilia Donohoe, Graeme O'Mara, Marion Randall, Louise Oakman, Michael Patch, Anthea Patch, Leesa Rathbone, Evan Thelander, John Bosward, Michael Patch, Bill Blackley, Helen Devlin, Bill McKinstrey, Rob Thatcher; Amanda Campbell, Naomi Holmes

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Wandoan State School

Queensland Ambulance Service

Apologies: Roxane Blackley, Wendy Masters (Department of Housing)

Distribution: XCQ, PB and CRG representatives

John Bosward

Anthea Patch

Evan Thelander

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Item	Description	Action	Responsibility
<u>no.</u> 1	 Bill McKinstrey and the project team members welcomed the CRG representatives. Bill provided an update on the project and overview of the upcoming sample pit operations. This included: general operations information 50,000 tonnes of coal to be extracted for testing coal transport to a northern mine for washability and combustion trials Ostwald Bros. role for the transport of the coal. Bill also discussed the potential Xstrata merger with Vale. 		
2	Naomi Holmes raised the previous meeting notes and the community reference group charter.	Details of water specialist to be provided for future discussions. Accepted as being record of meeting.	Anthea Patch
3	 Rob Thatcher presented a project update. This included: timeframes and approvals process property owner negotiations Wally Kearnan's role the need to come to agreement with all property owners before progressing Initial Advise Statement released water investigations Glebe Weir Coal Seam Methane Gas water potential gas pipeline planned infrastructure wash plant onsite accommodation village 	Adam Clark requested a copy of the approval process timeline graphic. This is included with meeting notes.	
4	 Questions raised during the presentation related to: changes in the IAS potential water sources use of artesian basin granting of an export licence mine infrastructure employment levels and possible workforces fuel storage facilites proximity of the cemetery to the mine site purchasing of a property east of the highway town water use the location of the accommodation village number of construction staff required to build accommodation site and mine infrastructure possibility of building a coal seam methane gas power station on 		

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Item	Description	Action	Responsibility
no.	 the site the possibility for weir sites at Juandah and Weeleebee Creeks environmental impacts if a water pipeline was placed in the Nathan Road, road reserve from Glebe Weir to the mine site potential property owner impacts due to a water pipeline use of salt water at the proposed wash plant use of coal seam methane gas water from Santos Plant proposed railway alignment and easement width for railway port facilities at Wiggins Island drilling work currently being undertaken the role of Xstrata Coal Sydney office in the project rail connection between Miles and Wandoan potential for Wandoan township to access to water from Glebe Weir or mine use only possibility of Nathan Dam being built federal government involvement possible impacts on project progress should company takeover occur. 		
5	Issues raised by CRG representatives on behalf of their groups.		
	 John Bosward; role is to act in an advisory capacity to Education Queensland awareness of affects on children and family relationships would like opportunity for children to visit sample pit site possible affects on Grosmount School. 	Develop opportunity for sample pit visit. Develop and conduct "heavy vehicles" program with schools Possibility of XCQ to conduct a careers presentation for graduates.	John, XCQ and PB
	 Mike Patch; fire prevention facilities at Rolleston access to site should there be a bush fire facilities for handling fires and back-up requirements for larger fires would like to see statistics relating to fires resulting form machinery, rail or similar and how these can be dealt with number of fire fighting resources on mine site possibility for gear to be taken off site to assist fire services. 		
	 Bill Blackley; pleased that groundwater is no longer an option for mine operations XCQ to consider what they are willing to contribute for plant upgrades for local utility supples or plans for development in the community 		XCQ

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ltem no.	Description	Action	Responsibility
	 Implement community benefits package for people to apply for sporting grants and community groups concerned that no one has seen an actual line on the map for the proposed rail alignment concerned that no one has walked the line weed management especially Parthenium will need to be addressed water drainage from the site and how this will be managed. 	Rob Thatcher to follow up with Rail Group. XCQ to investigate a wash down facility in Wandoan	
	 Leesa Rathbone; timelines for proposed rail approval and construction would be appreciated concerned that drillers are having to ask property owners about GPS points and do not know this information themselves concerned about the lack of notice when rail team visit properties. 		
	 Louise Oakman; people would appreciate a larger map of the proposed rail route not just a map showing their property impacts would like town to benefit from mine and accommodation camp needs possibility to use local suppliers and businesses during mine construction and operation flood management plans planning is needed to attract people to move to the town would like it would be beneficial if professionals were attracted to the area loss of children from the school interested in seeing how the lease back proposal works. 		XCQ/PB
	 Marion Randall; project team need to talk to Queensland Health regarding mental health for mine employees possibility for doctor on the mine site affects on the Taroom doctor need to be considered preventative health services for site – health programs possibility for two doctors to be required given extra people in Wandoan and Taroom should the mine proceed possible upgrade of air strip for emergency use use of local ambulance service at the proposed mine site. 	Look at possibilities for health programs to be conducted in the community as well as Wandoan. Impacts to be considered as part of a Social Impact Assessment	



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	 Helen Devlin; the need for businesses to benefit from the accommodation village location of village and potential for workers to interact with town people potential for workers to join sporting teams rehabilitation of mine site rehabilitation.)	
	 Cr Cecilia Donohoe; XCQ need to speak with Queensland Health's Stewart Gordon confirmation of timeframes need to continue will new Council representatives be included once amalgamations have occurred. 	Current Council representatives will continue as part of community reference group due to their local knowledge	XCQ/PB
	 Evan Thelander; questioned if the accommodation camp would have a wet mess. 		
	 Adam Clark; fauna and flora corridor needs to be put in place for rehabilitation plans would like CRG to visit Rolleston mine would like to meet and talk to environmental team doing studies concern for a lot of environmental aspects that are in the areas of the proposed rail, water and gas pipelines. 	Ecology team to spend a day with Adam	
	 Chris Guteridge; contacted Police in Springsure to discuss Rolleston Project appeared to be minimal impacts in terms of Driving Under the Influence offences and car accidents/fatalities for a project that size the same outcome in is Wandoan preferred. 		
	 Anthea Patch; people feel they are in the loop now, especially given the timeframes the progress and timing of the negotiation process questioned how long the CRG process continues for ability for property owners in buffer zone to contact the project team if they have any questions 		

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110.	 the number of administration staff expected to be working on site. Graeme O'Mara; XCQ should consider a program to assist keeping kids in 		
	 town through apprenticeships a bursary for local children wanting to go to school or university (specific careers- geologists, ecologists etc) 		
	 Leesa Rathbone; concerned that Wandoan will change air quality the loss of impacted property owners from the area, as they are valuable community contributors the establishment of a community benefits scheme 		
	 Jos Mitchell; would like to see labour sourced from the area rather than flying in workers concerns were raised to her that XCQ were chairing the meeting. 		
	Next CRG Meeting –14 May 2008		
	<u>Actions to be followed up:</u> Confirm Rolleston site visit		

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Meeting Notes 29 May 2008

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 Wandaan Chamber of Commerce

Helen Devlin Graeme O'Mara Mike Smith Vaugh Becker Adam Clark Leesa Rathbone Louise Oakman Roxanne Blackley Chris Guteridge Marion Randall John Bosward Evan Thelander Anthea Patch Cecilia Donohoe Bill Blackley Michael Mutze Cr Ian Staines

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Department of Housing Dalby Regional Council

Attendees: Vaugh Becker, Adam Clark, Cr Cecilia Donohoe, Graeme O'Mara, Marion Randall, Louise Oakman, Mike Smith, Anthea Patch, Leesa Rathbone, Evan Thelander, John Bosward, Mike Smith, Bill Blackley, Helen Devlin, Jon Romke, Ken Esson, Des Morris, Mike Mutze, Ian Staines Kate Campbell, Rob Thatcher; Amanda Campbell

Apologies: Chris Guteridge

Distribution: XCQ, PB and CRG representatives



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Item	Description	Action	Responsibility
no.			
1	New Community Reference Group (CRG) members were introduced to the group.		
2	Minutes were accepted from last meeting		
2	Deb Theteber explained briefly that Vetrate is finalising rail infrastructure		
3	Rob Thatcher explained briefly that Xstrata is finalising rail infrastructure. Xstrata is reviewing the implications for a wash-down facility in Wandoan and Dalby. Recommended that XCQ talk to Dalby Regional Council regarding specifications and location.	XCQ to talk to DRC	
4	Rob Thatcher presented a project update. This included: > Advising that the EIS is expected to be ready by August and September > Discussed Kate Campbell's role and the EIS preparation > Explained drilling operations – one will be on site and another person on the EPS. > Land – valuations and negotiations - five are under contract, two purchased, 15 still being negotiated. > Mining – 30MTP – 40MT > Reviewed the coal handling preparation plant and were informed 205L per tonne to wash. > Approvals process © EPBC referral approved Atiming to have this all finalised and approved before the end of 2009 Reviewed cultural heritage issues Discussed site infrastructure © staffing number increased to approximately 700 from 600 as discussed at the first meeting. © currently finalising accommodation and town numbers © managers accommodation will be in town at this stage Reviewing road re-routing © working on the assumption that property owners will not sell. May look at GAB as a short term supply Proposed CSM water pipelines has two alignments which are south and west Power supply – there are currently two options, state grid and on site CSG station Sample Pit haulage – was planning discussed with Main Roads The sample pit is probably the first of several Sample pit © would like XCQ to conduct tours on a Friday and Saturday o include information in scho		
	 Landcare newsletter also available to use for promotional information if need be 		



ltem no.	Description	Action	Responsibility
110.	Amanda Campbell presented information about Consultation activities to date		
	Kate Campbell presented consultation activities moving forward.		
5	Issues raised by CRG representatives on behalf of their groups. • Helen Devin • Do property owners have to sell 'freehold' or just normal sale process?		
	 Bill Blackley questioned if people have had time to look at rail infrastructure maps and other related materials airport- questioned whether Xstrata should investigate building an airstrip next to the mine as they are looking into Fly-in/Fly-out operations water supply – looking at GAB as short term supply and the use for Glebe Weir should it be raised noted that Wandoan will need extra water eventually and all the options need to be considered map of water pipeline should be sent to Dalby Regional Council for input advised that blasting is likely to damage bores. Louise Oakman 		
	 questioned the use of a running a common use corridor for the pipeline and rail infrastructure suggested it would be more beneficial for common use to occur questioned if this would require the corridor being a wider easement and 		
6	General discussion on potential housing and development planning in Wandoan		
	 Graeme O'Mara there has been no development in Wandoan for years there needs to be controled planning of development for the area 		
	 Michael Mutze Department of Housing has a private Housing Planning Division that would be available to do this work for local land planning if required. 		
7	Continuance of issues raised by CRG representatives on behalf of their groups: o John Bosward - raised issues about Wandoan State School and the need to establish long-term relationships with XCQ for career pathways and training.		
	 discussed the importance of school based apprenticeships and 		3

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Item no.	Description the financial support for trade centre apprentices in Taroom and Miles. discussed the work courses being conducted at Emerald TAFE need to keep Department of Education informed on future impacts school currently has 120 students enrolled at the moment. Mike Smith raised issue of needing to re-establish boundaries with regards to fire brigades that will be affected by Project need to send plan through so fire brigade areas can be mapped and compared need for fire response trailers to be purchased. Helen Devin raised issue of speculation in community around town planning, particularly of rumours that building is to occur next to town swimming pool has concerns regarding the town plan and timing of this. Noted the rumours circulating in within Wandoan. Would like information regarding dust due to the mines proximity to Wandoan Evan Thelander Concerns about rubbish being thrown into QAS yards when drillers are walking home from the pub of an evening No issues otherwise.	Action Send plan through so that it can be mapped and compared. XCQ to invite SBR to present information	Responsibility XCQ
	 Cecilia Donohoe on behalf of Northern Downs Health Council expressed concern with regard to the width of buffer area only being 500m and the impact of dust on town questioned the use of CSM water and its use for only washing coal and to suppress dust questioned if there were health risks from this type of water should it come into contact with people 		
	 should it come into contact with people. Adam Clark noted that the main concern is water and what to do regarding the treatment of gas water and the avoidance of environmental issues the over-arching WPS has developed a group to mitigate these issues. Anthea Patch issues relating to valuation timeframes with particular landholders appreciates 1800 number being in place for property owners to access information 24 hours a day, seven days a week. 		



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	 Leesa Rathbone concerned that property owners still have not been advised on rail options and that there has only been one meeting held 		
	 questioned why XCQ donated money to the Taroom Show thanked XCQ for their donated and support of the Wandoan Show 		
	 appreciated the "Guess the weight of the coal" competition and thought it was a success. 		
	 has general concerns for the town, the hygiene of the drillers and the intimidation felt within the community as a result of new people being in the community. 		
	 Marion Randall XCQ meeting with Marion regarding the impact the mine is going to have on health services and what services will be offered at the mine site. 		
	o Louise Oakman		
	 Wants XCQ to recognise that Wandoan should benefit from the mine not the other surrounding towns. 		
	 worried that people will live in surrounding towns rather than Wandoan 		
	 looking forward to the school sample pit trip and CRG visit to Rolleston. 		
	• Graeme O'Mara		
	 questioned who controls the buffer zone around the mine questioned the location of the airport and the possibility of not of exclusive use for XCQ 		
	 timing of the sample pit and planned activities questioned if there was any commercial use for the salt extracted from the CSM water. 		
	 ∨augh Becker 		
	 noted that a lot has been reviewed at this meeting concerned about the possible affect on Council staff numbers and related issues 	Mike to look into what developers 'can/can't do' – e.g.	
	 discussed traffic in Wandoan if coal haulage was to continue long- term 	consent for planning	
	Michael Mutze		
	 Department of Housing can offer a lot more than just public housing – native title, training and other 		
	 noted the potential impacts to Toowoomba 		
	 the region has one of the lowest demand areas for public housing, this hasn't changed for the past six years. does not expect to be putting new stock in the area if there is 		
	currently no data to support demand at the moment		

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	 Ian Staines commented on wash-down facilities and road planning Roxanne Blackley 		
	raised issues regarding dust impacts to pastures Actions to be followed up: Confirm Rolleston site visit Next meeting - August	XCQ/PB	



Attachment H

Bulk sample operations consultation

Wandoan Coal Project Sample Pit Tour Everyone Welcome!



Come along and see what's happening out Coolana way. See the machines, check out our rehabilitation work and grab your own piece of coal!

Xstrata Coal Queensland invites you to be part of a tour to view the activities currently underway at the Wandoan Coal Project's sample pit.

When:Friday 1 AugustTime:3.30pmWhere:Meet at the Wandoan Bowls Club

Long sleeves, long pants and enclosed shoes must be worn on the tour.

A sausage sizzle will be provided at the Bowls Club following the site tour from approximately 5pm.

Bookings are essential. For further information and to secure your spot, please call **1800 052 797**.



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Wandoan Coal Project



Sample Pit Activities Information Sheet

Sample Pit Start Up

XCQ anticipate that operations at its sample pit will commence in April. The sample pit will provide approximately 50,000 tonnes of coal for quality testing, washability and combustion trials. Information gathered from these trials will help XCQ to further assess the feasibility of the Project.

The sample pit is expected to operate between April and August 2008.

Activities at the sample pit will include:

- stripping and placement of overburden
- mining of approximately 50,000 tonnes of coal
- on-site coal crushing
- coal loading and haulage from the sample pit
- rehabilitation.

XCQ and its contractors have prepared a Road Haulage Management Plan which will put in place standards to ensure community safety and minimise disruptions.

Operational details of the plan include:

- haulage limited to eight loads per 24 hour period
- a haulage fleet of up to eight trucks
- use of road train combinations for coal hauling
- use of covered trailers.



Crushing will occur on site before coal is transported north.

The road haulage route will run to the north of the sample pit location. Coal will be transported to Oaky Creek Coal Mine for processing at the coal handling and preparation plant and load out to trains for transport to Gladstone.

All trucks travelling the designated route will be tracked via satellite, with real time monitoring. This enables the project team to monitor any concerns that may arise during the operations period.



Up to eight trucks will transport the coal.

It is expected that each individual haulage trip will take around 22 hours to complete. A fatigue management plan has also been put in place to ensure not only the safety of drivers but general road users.

All trucks will have signage with contact details so community members can contact the project team should they wish to discuss anything relating to truck movements.

Community Safety

It is important to note that every precaution will be taken during the sample pit operations to ensure the safety of near neighbours and the broader community.

XCQ would like your input on the activities as well as road safety and potential impacts on the local community. The project team will also be talking to local stakeholders and service providers about potential impacts and management strategies.

XCQ will advertise the start of sample pit operations and road haulage. Keep an eye out in local papers for further information.

Coal Haulage Route Legend MARLBOROUGH Towns YEPPOON Existing railway Roads ROCKHAMPTON State border BLACKWATER Proposed haulage route DUARINGA GLADSTONE WOWAN Coral MIRIAM VALE Sea BILOELA MOURA MONTO BUNDABERG HEODORE CHILDERS GAYNDA TAROON QUEENSLAND WANDOAN GYMPIE MURGON

Community Consultation

In the lead up to activities at the sample pit, the project team met with property owners living near the site and other key stakeholders to discuss potential issues and management strategies. The project team also met with the Taroom Shire Council and Duaringa Shire Council to provide information on the haulage route. The new Isaacs Shire Council was also briefed in March.

Other activities to raise community awareness include advertising in local and regional newspapers and a heavy vehicle safety program in local schools.

Information on the activities will also be available on the project website www.wandoancoalproject.com.au or by contacting the team via the information line 1800 052 797.

The information line will operate 24 hours a day, seven days a week while sample pit activities and haulage occur. The information line will also be displayed on trucks so you can call the team at any time. Calls to the information line will be handled in confidence and all concerns or complaints will be forwarded to the contractor for immediate response. The Project Director will also be advised of all calls to the information line regarding sample pit activities and haulage.

Contact the Project Team

We invite you to continue your involvement in the Wandoan Coal Project. Community contact points give you the opportunity to provide feedback directly to a project team member.

Freecall telephone hotline **1800 052 797** (during working hours)

Email aubnewandoan@pb.com.au

Postal address The Wandoan Coal Project PB Consultation Manager Reply Paid 2907 Brisbane Qld 4001

You can also find out more about XCQ at www.xstrata.com

A project specific website is currently being developed. The website will include details of the mine development process, the studies currently underway, the approvals process and community consultation activities.