

4 COMMUNITY CONSULTATION

This chapter describes consultation activities that have been conducted in relation to, and subsequent of, the release of the EIS for public comment. The information presented builds on the EIS, Volume 2, Chapter 4 Community Consultation and should be read in conjunction with the EIS chapter.

4.1 COMMUNITY CONSULTATION SCOPE

Ongoing engagement and consultation with the community has continued since the publication of the EIS in December 2008.

4.2 CONSULTATION APPROACH AND ACTIVITIES

4.2.2 PROPERTY OWNER CONSULTATION

Since release of the EIS, two meetings have been held with potentially affected landholders at Guluguba on the 10 December 2008, and 21 January 2009.

4.2.3 COMMUNITY CONTACT POINTS

Contact with the local community has increased significantly since the opening of the Xstrata Coal Shopfront in Royd Street, Wandoan in December 2008. The Shopfront is staffed by a Project Liaison Officer for 20 hours per week.

Further contact with the community has been maintained through the Project's 1800 phone number, email inbox and web site, which provide community members with access to Project staff and timely answers to questions about the EIS, the Project or Xstrata Coal's activities in the local area.

4.3 COMMUNITY CONSULTATION FINDINGS

4.3.1 SUMMARY OF ISSUES RAISED AT PROPERTY OWNER MEETINGS

In summary, issues raised by the potentially affected landowners at the Guluguba meetings were:

- discussion of the (then) three raw water supply options for the mine being reduced to two options
- the time period required for construction of the pipeline
- alternative alignments for the pipeline route that were assessed, including the option of following property boundaries or road alignments
- landowner compensation for the pipeline.

4.4 RESULTS