

COMMUNITY CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE INAUGURAL MEETING

MONDAY 18TH AUGUST 2003

AT THE WOOD CENTRE SHOP 11 MAIN ROAD HUONVILLE

Meeting opened at 7.30pm

Present: Dario Tomat (Newood Huon Pty Ltd), David McGrath, Basil Hickey, Laurie Dillon, Malcolm Thomas, Chris Emmett, Mike Bouffard, Lyn Sullivan (Secretary)

Apologies: Holly Hansen, Gary Baird (JH Pty Ltd), Tony Ferrier (HVC), Ken Last (Neville Smith Timber Industries Pty Ltd).

Formation

Dario Tomat outlined the processes for selection of members of the Committee.

Forestry Tasmania wrote to all known community groups and advertised seeking nominations. A copy of the draft terms of reference document prepared by SCAG was sent to every group.

As recommended by SCAG, a selection committee, comprising two representatives from SCAG a representative from Huon Valley Council and a representative of the proponents (in this case a John Holland representative), was established. It was given all nomination documents and the SCAG draft terms of reference document, which included selection criteria for the Committee.

The committee advised Forestry Tasmania of its selection, Forestry Tasmania advised all groups who had submitted a nomination.

Dario indicated that each proponent would be asked to provide a representative to the committee.

Objectives of the Group

Discussion ensued on what how members felt the group could maximise its contribution to the community.

It was agreed that terms of reference should be developed for the group. The Southwood Community Advisory Group established a draft set of terms of reference, Lyn to circulate copies of these to all members.

A set of operating guidelines would also be drawn up. Lyn to circulate a copy of the guidelines used by the SCAG.

Committee Structure and support needs

All agreed that Dario Tomat would chair the meetings. Dario asked for input into the agenda for future meetings from Committee members

Laurie asked that if anything happens in respect of the project, the Committee would like to know before it is released through the media. Dario undertook that this would happen whenever it was in his power, but also noted that sometimes the media provides a story before he knows about it.

Dario indicated that he appreciated that members were volunteers, but he did not expect members to be out of pocket in terms of expenses for undertaking Committee duties. Members were requested to provide claims for out of pocket expenses to Lyn Sullivan.

Dario asked if the Committee felt a website might be beneficial in getting info out to the community, may be hosted on the Newood site. Tim suggested a simple website providing information. Agreed that minutes and thumbnails of this group would go on the site. Draft Minutes will be circulated for approval then after 1 week put onto the site.

Correspondence

Letter from Huon Community Association requesting how the selection process was done for this committee. Dario has responded.

General Business

A draft agenda will be circulated 2 weeks prior to meeting – if anyone wants an addition to the agenda they are to let Dario or Lyn know

Committee spokesperson agreed to discuss at next meeting

Agreed to discuss protocols at next meeting.

Correspondence from the general public can come through Lyn. Dario has established an issues register that he intends to put on the web to allow public to see how issues they have raised are being addressed.

Issues raised by members:

Chip mill – Dario indicated that a chip mill to manage the smaller length pulpwood arising from segregation would be established on the site, options for smaller scales of production from the site are being explored in the first instance of 340,000 tpa in the permit.

Road upgrading – Dario indicated that the Government has allocated money for Southwood roads in the budget.

Rotary-peel veneer mill - Proponents are involved in plywood manufacturing in Korea.

Next meeting 1st Monday in October (6th October 2003.)

Meeting Closed at 8.45 pm