

CENTRAL EYRE IRON PROJECT

Community
Consultative
Committee

COMMITTEE MEETING

4 February 2015

Meeting Summary and KEY MESSAGES

The Central Eyre Iron Project Community Consultative Committee (CCC) has met and would like to provide the following summary of the meeting.

The CCC and community had the opportunity to learn more about the regulators role and the assessment process for mining and infrastructure approval. Representatives from the Department of State Development (DSD) and the Department for Transport, Planning and Infrastructure (DPTI) presented a session prior to the regular meeting on case management across government and how it assists with the mining application processes, and the process for application and public assessment of Mining Lease Applications Planning Applications.

If community members are interested to know more about the requirements under the Planning Act, there are Guidelines for major developments now available through the sa.gov.au website.

Larry Ingle, General Manager for Iron Road, presented a short update on progress with the application processed. He assured members that this is still a long term, viable project, with a guaranteed quality product.

The CCC members are still hearing feedback from some members of the community that they are questioning the viability of project in light of current iron ore prices, particularly after hearing about Arrium cut backs.

Members heard that the new Council is still seeking the best outcomes they can for the community, that there are businesses seeking information on how to adjust to provide a flexible approach as per mining and looking for information on how to be contract ready.

Some directly affected corridor landowners reported feeling as though they are “hanging on a string” “living with uncertainty” as the company comes and goes and there is ongoing community concern for them.

Key Messages

- Met with the DSD and DPTI regulators and that they are happy to meet with interested community if approached
- The CCC is on the cusp of doing some productive work re the project including - Social Impact Assessment and potential road changes
- Reminder – the CCC is still seeking ideas for major revegetation / environmental projects that might suit Significant Environmental Benefits offsets
- Community members are welcome to attend or join the CCC