

NAMOI REGION AIR QUALITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE (NRAQAC)

DATE: 6 DECEMBER 2018

TIME: 11:45AM

LOCATION: HENRY'S, QUIRINDI

MINUTES

PRESENT	David Ross, Chair	John Trotter, Environment Manager, Shenhua Watermark
	Megan Prowse, Secretariat, EPA	Colleen Fuller, Community Representative Gunnedah LGA
	Donna Ausling, Director Environmental and Economic Development Services, Liverpool Plains Shire Council	Kirsten Gollogly, General Manager - Health, Safety, Environment & Communities, Whitehaven Coal
	Rebecca Scrivener, A/Head Regional Operations unit Armidale, EPA	Catherine Collyer, Community Representative Narrabri LGA
	Mitchum Neave, Aboriginal Community Representative, Gunnedah	
APOLOGIES	Lindsay Fulloon, Manager Regional Operations Armidale, EPA	Carolyn Hunt, Manager Development & Planning, Gunnedah Shire Council
	Peter Forbes, Health Safety and Environment Manager, Idemitsu Australia Resources	Scott Thompson, Senior Regional Air Quality Monitoring Officer, OEH
	Leanne Graham, Senior Scientist, Quality Systems & Reporting, OEH	Leah Cook, Team Leader Compliance, DPE
	Craig Dalton, Public Health Physician, Hunter New England Health	Marcela Lopez, Manager Environmental Services, Narrabri Shire Council

	AGENDA ITEM	ACTION
1.	Welcome, introductions and acknowledgement of Country. Previous minutes accepted.	
2.	Business arising General discussion relating to the location of Gunnedah's dust monitor. Rebecca Scrivener explained with the proposed meeting with the Upper Hunter Air Quality Advisory Committee did not go ahead due to recent changes in membership. A combined meeting is being considered for end 2019.	
3.	Presentations Rebecca Scrivener, EPA: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Evolution of the Upper Hunter Air Quality Advisory Committee This presentation was followed by a general discussion about characterization studies. Rebecca Scrivener, EPA (presentation prepared by Leanne Graham, OEH): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Review of Namoi Air Quality, Winter 2018 	

	<p>Draft Winter newsletter summarising the presentation to be provided to Committee for comment</p> <p>This presentation was followed by a general discussion about where to from here, more technical information, the possibility of an air monitor at Boggabri and correspondence with agency representatives between NRAQAC meetings.</p> <p>Rebecca Scrivener also confirmed that annual air quality summaries will be available.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rebecca to provide draft Winter newsletter for Committee review with Minutes • Committee members to provide comments by 20 December 2018
4.	<p>General business</p> <p>General discussion regarding possible meeting dates for 2019. It was suggested that mid- Feb, mid-May, mid-Aug and mid-Nov would be suitable as these times coincide with CCC meetings in the region.</p> <p>Q: Cotton gin fire at Carrol. Rebecca advised that the EPA inspected the fire on 5 December and it was being effectively managed by Carrol Cotton. Rebecca further advised that changes to licence conditions were being considered to prevent a re-occurrence.</p> <p>Kirsten Gollogly advised that in future her proxy NRAQAC representative will be Mr Tony Dwyer, Group Manager Approvals and Environment for Whitehaven.</p> <p>Q: Can the committee view the very early dust monitoring results from industry? Rebecca advised industry dust monitoring results have been reviewed by Todoroski Air Sciences which was presented at the last committee meeting</p> <p>Q: Can the committee be provided with the dates and locations of installation of dust monitors for the Upper Hunter region?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • David, Rebecca and Megan to discuss meeting dates for 2019 and send suggestions to the NRAQAC. • Rebecca Scrivener to provide link to Todoroski reports to Committee. • NRAQAC to be provided with Upper Hunter Air Quality Committee newsletters and a link to the OEH website

The presentations will be posted to this link to the EPA website: [Namoi Committee page](#)

Close: 2:10pm

Next meeting: TBA

Location: TBA