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Sent: Sunday, 17 May 2009 2:10 AM
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Cc: Chris Gidney; Phil Jones (phil.jones@planning.nsw.gov.au); Christine Phelps; Mayor Martin Rush
Subject: Missing Traffic Management Plan, Traffic Control Plan & Community Consultation Schedule for Wybong Road Upgrade
Attachments: image002.jpg; image005.jpg; image009.jpg

Mr Grant Farrer
Xstrata Mangoola P/L

Dear Mr Farrer,
Previous verbal requests have been made by myself and others on a number of occasions including to yourself at the Denman Information Session on the proposed 500 kV line relocation some four weeks ago, for provision to myself and to the Wybong Community of the following information.

To date no information in regard to the Upgrade of Wybong Road has been forthcoming although it appears that roadworks on Wybong road exceeding those described in the "Early Works Modification" have commenced.

Of particular concern to the Wybong community are the (MISSING) **Community Consultation Schedule** - PRIOR consultation, input and information - regarding:

- A. **Upgrade Roadworks Scope and Sequence** - The proposed Wybong Road Upgrade Preliminary Design - carriageway and sealed shoulder widths, alignments, environmental drainage controls, excavations (locations, depths, lengths), construction methods, indicative timetable and sequence,
- B. Proposed locations of material dumps, site sheds and truck accesses,
- C. **Traffic Management Plan & Traffic Control Plan** - Proposed speed restrictions, lane and road closures, vehicle bypasses and Traffic Control methods,
- D. Proposed design of any intersection reconstructions or reconfigurations at:
 - a) Mangoola Road/Wybong Road,
 - b) Limvardy Road/Wybong Road,
 - c) Castlerock Road/Wybong Road,
 - d) Ridgeland Road/Wybong Road,
 - e) Wybong PO Road/Wybong Road,
- E. Proposed location and design of any temporary school bus stops and any school bus stop reconstructions or reconfigurations,
- F. Proposed location and extent of any roadside vegetation and tree clearing
- G. Measures proposed to reduce events of and likelihood of conflict between native animals, stock and road users.

Noting:

Anvil Hill Environmental Assessment - Main Text

p14 "There will be ongoing consultation with local residents and Council regarding roads and traffic management."

Anvil Hill Environmental Assessment – Community - Appendix 4

P36 "There will be ongoing consultation with local residents and Council regarding roads and traffic management."

Traffic Management Plan, Mangoola Coal Project, Early Works Program, Sept 2008

S3.3, p8 "Upgrade works on Wybong Road WILL require separate Traffic Management & Traffic Control Plans.",

S3.6, p8 "This TMP ONLY relates to access and traffic arrangements as part of the Mangoola Coal Early Works Program",.

and the recent contentious Wybong Road Upgrade roadworks including:

- establishment of a material dump directly on the Castlerock Road School Bus Stop,
- establishment of a temporary School Bus Stop directly on the Ridglands Road/Wybong Road intersection,
- establishment of a material dump and site shed at chainage point 22000,
- (excessive) tree clearing in the area locally known as "The Forest" between chainage points 17000 & 18300.

Could you please provide copies and details of the following items related to the Wybong Road Upgrade as required by the Conditions of Consent (Condition 51) and identified in "Traffic Management Plan, Mangoola Coal Project, Early Works Program", Sept 2008, and as above, to myself and the Wybong Community as early as possible:

1. Wybong Road Upgrade Community Consultation Schedule
2. Wybong Road Upgrade Roadworks Scope and Sequence
3. Wybong Road Upgrade Traffic Management Plan
4. Wybong Road Upgrade Traffic Control Plan

Wybong Action Group suggests, consequent to substantial community concern that we have received, and in accordance with the undertakings given by Centennial Hunter and its successors Xstrata Mangoola P/L that Xstrata Mangoola and Muswellbrook Shire Council meet with the Wybong Community at Wybong Hall as early as possible, on a Saturday or weekday evening, to engage, consult, inform and accept input from the Community concerning development of the Final Designs for the Wybong Road Upgrade, to alleviate their substantial concerns and avoid generating further community dissatisfaction and ill-feeling over issues such as non-consultation and to help eliminate the likelihood of recurrence of unfortunate events such as that life threatening conflict that was caused between school age pedestrians, parents dropping off children, through traffic from all angles, Xstrata Mangoola employees and contractors on the initial opening by Xstrata of the relocated Castlerock Road School Bus Stop directly on the intersection of Ridglands Road and Wybong Road.



Figure 1 Is this a 'merge lane' or what?? (As a merge lane it actually improves safety at this intersection by improving sight time to the 100 km/hr west!)

But No. It is an Xstrata designed (but never discussed with the Wybong Community or road users) School Bus Stop! For the next 7-12 months! (And not a road work warning sign in sight!)



Figure 2 Is that a traffic island or what?? which way do I go ?? (If it was a traffic island, and not an Xstrata designed 'School Bus Stop', it would greatly improve intersection safety !)



Figure 3 An 'END ROADWORK' mystery from this direction (rated 100 km/hr) also! Is it a roundabout? What ...? Ooops....

The Wybong Community and all other users of Wybong Road WILL be inconvenienced and delayed **not simply for a matter of minutes, days or weeks but over several further months, on six days a week**, during Xstrata Mangoola's Upgrade of Wybong Road and it is implicit and imperative that Xstrata Mangoola and Muswellbrook Shire Council (the issuer of the s138 construction certificates authorising the road works) re-develop the confidence and trust (that has been negatively affected by the bus stop incident) of the wider Wybong Community during this extended period of disruption and do all that is possible to engender goodwill in the community for their otherwise unwelcome intrusion into the community of the detestable Anvil Hill Open Cut Coal Mine.

Sincerely,

John Shewan

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Wybong Action Group