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KUR-WORLD COMMUNITY REFERENCE GROUP

First Meeting: Thursday 15th December 3-5 pm
at 112 Barnwell Road

Minutes

Attendees:

Kathryn Edwards, Envirocare, proxy for Cathy Retter
Allan Dale, RDA FNQ & TS
Gary Searle, Terrain
Anita Veivers, Centacare Cairns
Michael Huelin, WGC Lawyers (KUR-World)
Geraldine McGuire, SSG (KUR-World)
Alex Blake, KUR-World
Neil Boland, NRA (KUR-World)
Harry Sou, KUR-World
Nathan Lee Long, ARUP (KUR-World)
Ana Palma, SSG (KUR-World)

Apologies:

Sharon Jones (Kuranda District State College), Joe Moro (Mareeba Chamber of Commerce, Mareeba District Fruit & Vegetable Growers Association), Nerida Mitchell (Cairns Airport) Mark Lawson (KUR-World)

Agenda:

1. Introduction and CRG Charter: Introductions from all the attendees and apologies from absentees.

2. Introduction to the project: Geraldine gave an overview of the project, the approvals process and the project's stages.

3. Environmental Constraints: Neil gave an overview of the repairs to the dam and of the different environmental studies that are taking place. He explained the difference between the current use of the land (Barnwell farm), and the KUR-World project. Neil also presented maps showing the buffer zones around the creeks and explained how the findings from environmental studies will influence the final layout of the project. The explanations were well received and additional questions were asked about the dam, run-off and sediment control measures. Neil explained the works and how they worked well after the first rains last week.

4. Project Infrastructure: Nathan gave an overview of the infrastructure studies. He clarified that right now the details are not as important as the total area and capacity that will be needed. He explained how the different strategies to deal with the demands of power, water and waste are being studied. Nathan told us that his team has been working closely with Neil to come up with the constraints and have a suitable outcome for the site. He also talked about the access to the site, and how security and current road capacities must be considered when thinking about using the current infrastructure. He presented the potential route that could be used as the main access to the site. Allan Dale pointed out the importance of being engaged in the state's conversation about up-grading infrastructure in the region.

5. Social Impact Assessment Team/Stakeholder Engagement: Geraldine gave an overview of the SIA team. She explained how we did the stakeholder engagement analysis and the groups that we identified. She talked about the different strategies that have been used to engage with the community and introduced the open day for next year. Geraldine explained a bit more about the Community Reference Group and how their input and feedback will be important to address all the relevant needs and concerns from the local and regional community.

6. Feedback and Next Steps: All Community Reference Group members were happy to be involved in the project and know that they can contact Geraldine at any point if they have new ideas or concerns. Kathryn Edwards mentioned that some members of the community (local neighbours) do not have internet access. She suggested to have key communicators/liaison personnel in each area to engage with these residents. Geraldine gave her some of the forms we designed to capture neighbours' concerns and interests. She will pass those around and will give them back to us in the open day. It's important to demonstrate the benefits for the locals to keep them on board. We need to have long term arrangements considering the Wet Tropics (priority actions and aspirations). It seems the community is more receptive to the project now. The repairs to the dam, and the acceptance of a mistake were well received. However, the

community will keep watching closely and it's important to avoid any mistake or breach of legislation.

**Next Community Reference Group Meeting to be held on
Wednesday 15th February, 3-5 pm at 112 Barnwell Road**