

**Coal Mine Emergency Management Taskforce  
Meeting # 9 – 30 January 2015 – Teleconference**

**MEETING OUTCOMES AND ACTIONS**

**Attendees:**

Peter Schmidt (A/Chair)	EMV	Nick Demetrios	AGL	Emily Sanders	EPA	Noel Ashford	GDF SUEZ
Lachlan Quick	EMV	Steve Rieniets	AGL	Mark Potter	CFA	Garry Wilkinson	GDF SUEZ
Andrea Spiteri	DHHS	Mark Pearson	Energy Aust	Bill Johnstone	CFA	Anne Bignall	DEDJTR
Kevin Hayes	Worksafe	Ben Driscoll	Energy Aust	Kylie White	DEDJTR		

**Apologies:**

Craig Lapsley (Chair)	EMC	Debbie Robson	EMV	Greg Blakeley	DHHS	Lance King	LCC
Tony Innocenzi	GDF SUEZ	Sarah Rhodes-Ward	LCC	Rob Kelly	Worksafe	Ron Mether	Energy Aust

Item 2:	<p><b>Actions from Meeting 13 December 2014:</b></p> <p><b>Actions:</b> Actions discussed in relevant sections</p>
Item 3:	<p><b>Communications group:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Action outcomes from 13 January 2015</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Comms group met Wednesday 21 January, resolved to meet fortnightly for February and move to potentially monthly in March pending requirements from stakeholders.</li> <li>○ Discussions continue with EPA and DoH around Air Quality Video – met Tuesday 27 January with DoH and EPA to finalise approach and materials. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Agreed to high level approach</li> <li>▪ Agreed to single production for intro of all three changes</li> <li>▪ Agreed to point to further information as required</li> <li>▪ Agreed a simple infographic / text based approach best for the complex material</li> <li>▪ Drafting content now – EPA providing their script</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Group Status and Initiatives</b> <p><b>Status</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Comms group well supported and benefiting now from official CFA Comms presence (J Granger)</li> </ul> <p><b>Initiatives</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Strong support for education effort with local media – suggestion it be tied to GDF SUEZ next community day – or just prior to.</li> <li>○ Hazelwood Air Quality Report from EPA postponed another week – due out 5 February 2015.</li> <li>○ Expecting The Age’s Jason Dowling interview with Environment Minister regarding prevention of future Coal Mines Fires this week (1 February 2015)</li> <li>○ Mines reported increased media focus on hotspots</li> <li>○ GDF SUEZ continues to field queries regarding payment of firefighting cost to State Government</li> <li>○ GDF SUEZ fielding queries from Tom Diog, who is writing a short book on the fires</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Voices of the Valley will hold a 12 month event</li> <li>○ Comms group members have no plans for the 12 month mark post-fire</li> </ul> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>Status – Mine Induction and Community Update video productions</b></li> </ul> <p><b>Coal Mine video</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Distributed to members of Comms group with intro material</li> <li>○ Particular focus on CFA members</li> <li>○ Additional sharing with partner organisations using internal channels including website, intranet, social media and Community Recovery Committee.</li> </ul> <p><b>Community Update video</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Distributed to members of Comms group with introduction material</li> <li>○ To be shared widely targeting local population in and around Morwell</li> </ul> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>Matters for action</b></li> <li>○ LQ to circulate key message document for updated responses if required.</li> </ul> <p><b>Action: LQ to provide copies of letters to community to Comms Group and Taskforce members</b></p>
Item 4:	<p><b>EPA Citizens Science Program</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>Action outcome from 13 January 2015</b></li> <li>○ Provided details of program to Lachlan Quick</li> <li>○ Opportunity to share Taskforce messages via this program.</li> </ul>
Item 5	<p><b>Information Dissemination Strategy Status</b></p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Outcomes of meeting conducted 29 January 2015</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Meeting well attended</li> <li>○ Consistent language a key</li> <li>○ Work practices</li> <li>○ Will be managed through agency internal mechanisms</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p><b>Action: Notes and actions from meeting to be distributed – Bill Johnstone</b></p>
Item 6	<p><b>Taskforce Status Report to 31 December 2015</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• First cut of report completed and to be distributed for feedback.</li> </ul> <p><b>Action: Distribution to be confirmed upon finalisation. – Peter Schmidt</b></p>
Item 7	<p><b>Mines Operational Preparedness Status</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Loy Yang</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Preparedness plans implementation ongoing</li> <li>○ Verification audit late January – Issues being dealt with</li> <li>○ Grass mowing second cut</li> <li>○ New CAFs unit due February 2015</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Yallourn</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ No specific issues</li> <li>○ Normal maintaining rehab / clean up</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>GDF SUEZ</b></li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Well prepared</li> <li>○ Grass Mowing second cut</li> </ul>
<b>Item 8</b>	<p><b>Agency and LCC Updates and Other Business</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Worksafe</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Loy Yang verification report being compiled</li> <li>○ Premier visit to Latrobe Valley completed and mining legislation changes announced.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>EPA</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Review into EPA, article published in Age newspaper Saturday 31 January 2015</li> <li>○ Additional Air Monitoring in February around the Valley</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>DHHS</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Key to reduce community anxieties</li> <li>○ Importance of varying ways of communicating messages and language barriers</li> <li>○ Tailored messages</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>CFA</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Latrobe Valley Express will publish an article on the anniversary of the Hazelwood Mine Fire.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>EMV</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Minister for Emergency Services Jane Garrett to visit Latrobe Valley 6 February 2015</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p><b>Action: Details and invite to be provided to Taskforce member organisations – Debbie Robson</b></p>
<b>Next Meeting: 0930 – 1100 10 March 2015, CIRC Auditorium 20 Hazelwood Rd Morwell</b>	