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From: Sonya Booth
Sent: Thursday, 8 March 2018 1:21 PM
To: Heather Lopez
Subject: FW: New Acland
Attachments: Attachment 1 Communications Strategy New Acland Coal Mine.docx, RE: New Acland

Importance: High

Hi Heather,

For inclusion in the New Acland RTI, please.

Thanks



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Sent: Friday, 9 February 2018 9:06 AM
To: Sonya Booth <Sonya.Booth@coordinatorgeneral.qld.gov.au>
Subject: New Acland
Importance: High

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Cheers

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Sent: Wednesday, 7 February 2018 12:07 PM
To: Jamie.merrick@qld.gov.au; Daniel Lato; ELLWOOD Dean; TRACEY Alena; Media DES; Ben Doyle; Justin Carpenter

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Cc: ESR; DLO DES; MCMAN Lisa; BROWN Glen; CAGNEY Justin; CARLOS Reuben; CONNOR Andrew; GOLDSWORTHY Stephen; FOMIATTI MINNESMA Ingrid; LENZ Anne (DES); LINO Starsky

Subject: ESR Alert - Oakey Coal Action Alliance Facebook post regarding New Acland Mine final decision.

Importance: High

ALERT CATEGORY:

- Stakeholder Activity.

ALERT NAME:

- Oakey Coal Action Alliance Facebook post regarding New Acland Mine final decision.

CUSTOMER DETAILS:

- Oakey Coal Action Alliance.

SUMMARY OF ISSUE/S:

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POTENTIAL IMPACTS / RISKS:

- The post will result in administrative burden on the DES Customer Service Team and officers involved in the decision regarding the project.
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DEPARTMENTAL ACTIONS:

- DES has prepared speaking points for the DES Customer Service Team to ensure they can appropriately answer the calls resulting from the Facebook post.

KEY COMMUNICATION MESSAGES:

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3 Comments | 3 Photos

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Attachment 1: Communications Strategy regarding the final decision on the New Acland Coal Mine environmental authority amendment application.

Table 1. Communications Strategy for a decision of **approval** of the environmental authority (EA) amendment application.

| # | Action | Date | Time | Responsible |
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| 1 | Alert stakeholders of pending decision date and method of communication of final decision. | Five business days before decision. | 11.00am. | Director Coal, Coal and Central QLD Compliance. |
| 2 | Make decision to approve the application to amend the EA. | Day of decision. | 10.00am. | Manager Assessment, Coal and Central QLD Compliance. |
| 3 | Brief DG and Minister via 1. Progression of a written brief; and 2. Meeting with ED, DDG, DG and Minister. | Day of decision. | 1. 10.15am. 2. 10.30am. | 1. Director Coal, Coal and Central QLD Compliance. 2. Executive Director (CaCQC) and Deputy Director-General (ESR) to meet with Director-General and Minister. |
| 4 | Update Public Register. | Day of decision. | Commence publishing process at 12.00pm.* <i>*Note: Publishing time is yet to be determined. Likely to be approximately 3 hours after commencement of publishing.</i> | Team Leader, Strategic Compliance. |
| 5 | Notify the applicant of the final decision. | Day of decision. | 12.45pm. | Director Coal, Coal and Central QLD Compliance. |
| 6 | Notify the objectors (33 in total) of the final decision. | Day of decision. | 1.00pm. | Executive Director, Coal and Central QLD Compliance. |
| 7 | Media statement. | Day of decision. | 2.00pm. | Director, Communication Services. |

Table 2. Communications Strategy for a decision of refusal of the environmental authority amendment application.

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From: Christine Bright
Sent: Tuesday, 13 February 2018 9:37 AM
To: Heather Lopez
Cc: Christine Bright
Subject: FYI re: New Acland Coal Mine State 3 - media article

Hi Heather

I have noted new media on New Acland Mine Stage 3 on the Environmental Defenders Office website – (for interest only)

New article – New Acland Coal Mine Stage 3 – Rolling Court Feed (includes upcoming key dates)

https://www.edoqld.org.au/acland_rolling_feed

Previous article – New Acland Coal Mine Stage 3 – Judicial Review

https://www.edoqld.org.au/new_acland_coal_mine_stage_3_judicial_review

Thank you

Chris Bright

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From: Sonya Booth
Sent: Wednesday, 14 February 2018 9:19 AM
To: Heather Lopez
Cc: Karen Oakley; Sam Redman; Michele Bauer; Damian McDonnell
Subject: RE: FYI - New Acland Update

Thanks Heather – CG is aware. DES has now advised a decision on the EA is likely around 10AM, thanks, Sam, for your poise-dness!

Go well with the Six Mile meeting

Regards



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Subject: RE: FYI - New Acland Update

Hi Sonya,

Further to my email below, Karen and I will be in a proponent meeting this morning for Six Mile.

In the meantime, if any urgent queries re New Acland come to CPD this morning (i.e. Valentine's Day EA decision), Sam is poised to assist.

Karen and I should be back on deck from 12:30pm.

Cheers.

Kind regards,



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Sonya and Karen,

Please be advised of the below. The CG may want to be made aware as an FYI DES are expected to decide on the EA tomorrow.

Kind regards,



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To: Heather Lopez <Heather.Lopez@coordinatorGeneral.qld.gov.au>
Subject: FYI - New Acland Update

Hi Heather,

See attached media ... <http://www.abc.net.au/news/2018-02-13/queensland-government-gives-acland-coal-mine-second-chance/9417474>

Importantly - "The Environment Department is expected to announce tomorrow whether it will grant the mine an environmental authority — the first step before obtaining a mining licence — and the new water modelling could be the deciding factor"

Cheers



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Sent: Wednesday, 14 February 2018 1:41 PM
To: Karen Oakley
Subject: FW: EDO QLD website today claiming win for Acland - no EA

Now its confirmed. MB, SB, and DM all over it

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Sent: Wednesday, 14 February 2018 2:44 PM
To: Heather Lopez <Heather.Lopez@coordinatorGeneral.qld.gov.au>
Subject: BREAKING: Win for Acland as coal expansion licence knocked back



Dear Heather,

BREAKING! Queensland's Environment department has today refused the environmental authority required for New Acland Coal's Stage 3 expansion.

This is not just a win for Acland farmers, but a win for all farming communities, a win for trust in government and a win for proper legal process in Queensland.

[Read the full statement from EDO Qld CEO and Solicitor Jo Bragg](#)

Despite today's decision, the strain of uncertainty on our clients and other community objectors continues. Next month EDO Qld must still lead the charge for our client as they fight off New Acland Coal's judicial review of the Land Court's decision. Meanwhile, the Mines Minister is yet to make his decision about whether or not to grant the required mining leases.

Our resources are exhausted. That's why we're urgently calling on your help again. If you believe in the protection of precious groundwater and agricultural land, [please make a donation today](#) to give us the best chance of upholding this historic win for the Acland community.

Yours sincerely,



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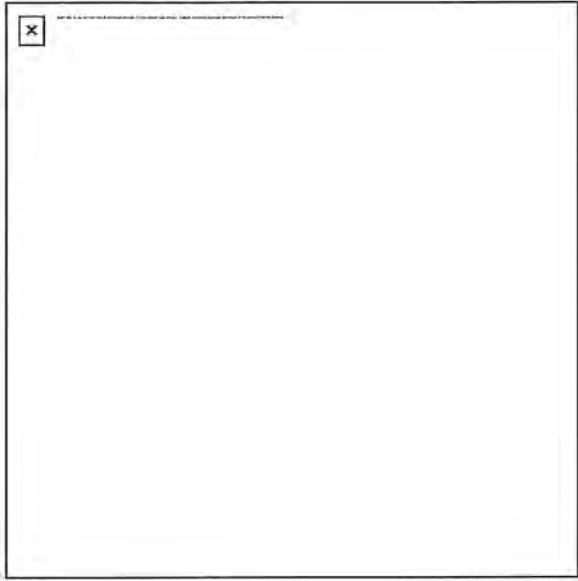


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From: Sonya Booth
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To: Heather Lopez; Sam Redman
Cc: Karen Oakley
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Barry
FYI in the event you have not seen this.
Michele

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Sent: Thursday, 15 February 2018 12:32 PM
To: Michele Bauer <Michele.Bauer@coordinatorgeneral.qld.gov.au>
Cc: Damian McDonnell <Damian.McDonnell@coordinatorgeneral.qld.gov.au>
Subject: RE: DES - Acland media statement

Hi Michele – CG may be interested in the below – a media statement was issued on the New Acland decision, however it was on DES's website:

Amended environmental authority for New Acland Coal Mine Stage Three Expansion Project refused

14 February 2018

The Department of Environment and Science (DES) today refused the application for an amended environmental authority (EA) to allow for the Stage Three Expansion of the New Acland Coal Mine, north-west of Toowoomba.

This decision has been made based on the information that was provided by the proponent.

As the administering authority, DES holds an independent regulatory role, and is the sole decision-maker in relation to EA applications.

Under the *Environmental Protection Act 1994*, DES was required to make a final decision on the New Hope Group's EA amendment application for the proposed New Acland Mine Stage Three Expansion Project by 14 February 2018.

The applicant and parties to the Land Court objections hearing have been advised of the decision.

The decision to refuse the application is in line with the recommendation of the Land Court which was handed down in May 2017. This followed 99 days of expert and lay witness testimony regarding the potential impacts of the project.

As the decision to refuse the EA amendment application for the New Acland Coal Mine may be subject to legal action, DES is unable to provide any further information in relation to the matter.

Last updated

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Great work.

Thanks, Sam.

Kind regards,



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Hi all,

I tracked down the media release provided by the DES yesterday RE: Acland. See
<https://www.des.qld.gov.au/mediareleases/2018-02-14-amended-ea-new-acland-coal-mine-refused.html>

Note: The media statement was provided on the renewed DES website rather than the QLD media statements portal.
You can subscribe to the DES media statements RSS feed here
<https://www.des.qld.gov.au/xml/rss/mediareleases.xml>

Cheers



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FYI only – our input late yday on the EA refusal issue.



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SUBJECT: Meeting with Queensland Resources Council (QRC), 1 March 2018.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that you **note** the below key issues relevant to your meeting with QRC.

KEY ISSUES

- Mr Michael Schaumburg, Director-General and Mr Barry Broe, Coordinator-General, will attend this meeting as the departmental representatives.

s. 73(2) - Not relevant/ Out of scope



New Acland Coal Mine Stage 3

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RTI RELEASE

Rebecca Lincoln

From: Barry Broe
Sent: Wednesday, 14 February 2018 5:33 PM
To: Michele Bauer; Sonya Booth
Subject: FW: Urgent - Ministers Office Request

Could someone get back to him direct please, no need to go through me

On the approvals bit only

Don't recognise the indirect job nos

Terminology is wrong re EA, they refused it, not refused to amend it



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Subject: Request RE: New Acland and Economic Activity related to Coal and Gas

Michael

As requested, please find some points below:

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Please let me know if you have any further queries.



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Happy to - cheers Barry

Regards
Sonya

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