

## MEETING MINUTES

Date: Tuesday, 13<sup>th</sup> October, 2020  
Time: **7.00 9.30pm—Note start at 7.00 for Alcoa presentation**  
Venue: **Community Hall**

### ***PRESENTATION BY ALCOA BASED ON QUESTIONS PROVIDED BY DCC***

1. Alcoa removes a +300 year old forest ecosystem during mining. **What evidence is there that this ecosystem can be reinstated to it's full ecological functionality and ecological resilience that equates to a five-star standard.** (based on the National Standards for the Practice of Ecological Restoration in Australia (Standards Reference Group 2017).
2. What is the **definition of sustainable** in the phrase "Sustainable resource extraction"
3. **How can Alcoa propose to remove an integral part of the Dwellingup Community's Discovery Forest protected in quarantine since 1976** containing historic forest conservation jarrah growth measurement and fauna habitat plots and replace native forest with potentially unsuccessful start over forests void of any multiple use forest values?
4. **Will any clearing occur within the proposed mining envelope of 42,415 hectares that will not be referred to the EPA for approval?** i.e clearing other than the 6700 hectares identified in the Pinjarra Alumina Refinery Revised Proposal. If so, how many hectares of additional clearing?

This is related to the EPBC Act referral 2020/8743 in which Alcoa seeks approval for a maximum clearing of 845 hectares that lies within the broader footprint of 6700 hectares of clearing for continuing operations at Huntly mine: Will Alcoa refer all, or part of the remaining 5855ha of clearing to the Dept Agriculture Water and Environment for consideration under the EPBC Act? If so, how many hectares will be referred?

5. Alcoa claims 100% rehab, the best in the world, but we understand that on audits performed by DBCA many rehabilitation pits are failing the audits and don't get signed off. **Is this the case?? Please explain**

### FIRE/ NOISE

6. **How can the Dwellingup community be confident that Alcoa operating so close to Dwellingup are not going to create a fire hazard threatening Dwellingup lives, property and conservation values?** Access to, and within mining operation areas are slow and difficult due to revegetation and infrastructure. Bauxite mining rehabilitation restricts hazard-reduction burning, Fuel reduced areas of forest need to be at least 3 kilometres in depth to enable a running fire to be contained (Ferguson Report Waroona/Yarloop Fire Inquiry):
7. **How close will the crusher be to Dwellingup and how will noise levels be controlled.**

### HEALTH

8. **How does Alcoa plan to protect the local community from exposure to deadly respirable silica** which remains in the atmosphere for hours after blasting?

9. In Alcoa’s supporting document to the proposed Pinjarra refinery expansion, **Alcoa states “potential impacts may result in increased air emissions from the refinery and the mine”**. It mentions “cancer, and non-cancer acute and chronic hazards”. **Does this mean that more cancer and non-cancer acute and chronic hazards will be the outcome in Pinjarra and Dwellingup** if the refinery expansion is approved?

ECONOMY

10. The Federal, State, Local government, along with local businesses have made considerable investment into nature and adventure based tourism in and around Dwellingup. Alcoa does have to destroy the jarrah forest to mine bauxite and although rehabilitation is undertaken the time frame to do this will affect our local economy. **With mining planned for an area so close to town how is this mining compatible with our nature and adventure-based tourism economic future.**

Discussion of whether the questions had been answered satisfactorily by Alcoa. Many felt that there were further questions to ask - These questions to be forward to Secretary for compiling and sending to Alcoa.

**1 APOLOGIES:** Andrea Hawkes,

**ATTENDEES:** Jan Vickery, Peter White, Rob Sheppard, Jennie Wise, Lee Shelley, Chris Portlock, John Cusack, Colleen Warr, John Laird, Colleen Sing, Sharon Parker Brown, Deborah Carver, Brenda Beacham , Merve Beacham, Frank Spear, Paul , Anthony Cocivera, Sue Fyfe, Sarah Livingstone, Stephanie Ryan, Paul van der Voet

**2 DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

Members are requested to declare any possible conflict of interest with any item of business to be discussed at this meeting.

**3 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:**

Minutes of previous full meeting 8<sup>h</sup> September -

Moved Peter White  
accepted

Seconded Colleen Warr

**4. MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES:**

- 4.1** Matters from previous meeting- these are the actions from the February meeting

ACTION NO	ACTIONS PENDING	RESPONSIBILITY	STATUS
1	Clarify with the Shire about whether the \$2000 over 2 year is MONEY or in-kind support- we would prefer MONEY.	Peter White	Clarified – in kind up to \$ 2000 for community directory
2	Get quote for a website	Sue Fyfe	Completed- free
3	Draft a response to the SOM when info received on action 1	Peter White Sue Fyfe	Emailed SOM with agreement on url transfer
8	inform SOM of the decision of the DCC to lease the Teenz Room	CW	Completed

**ACTIONS**

ACTION NO	ACTIONS PENDING	RESPONSIBILITY	STATUS
1.	Followup questions for Alcoa from presentation	Sue Fyfe	
2.	That the DCC make a formal request to the State Conservation Commission to	Chris Portlock	

	<b>assess the Wilderness Scientific Reference Zone and the portion of the Drinking Water Protection Zone within the Dwellingup Discovery Forest, subject to Alcoa's Holyoake mining extension, as Old Growth Forest.</b>		
<b>3.</b>	DCC to purchase ONE chair from Kwinana Men's Shed for Skatepark area.	Colleen Warr	
<b>4.</b>	Check with Placemakers about Lighting around skatepark area.	Colleen Warr	
<b>5.</b>	Finalise website	Sue Fyfe	

**5 TREASURER'S REPORT  
TABLED AT THE MEETING**

***invoices endorsed for payment- from SOM Mountain Bike Month funding***

1. CARAHOLLY \$70
2. MBM FUIT LOOK TO VERGONES \$150
3. BLACK VELVET COFFEE \$80

Moved Colleen Warr

Seconded Jennie Wise

**6 CORRESPONDENCE  
IN**

1. Invitation from Alcoa to attend community briefing on 23<sup>rd</sup> September, 2020
2. Letter from Dept of Local Gov't, Sport and Cultural industries re successful funding of Doors project. (\$14,950)
3. Draft lease from Shire of Murray for Teenz room.

**OUT**

1. Questions to Alcoa for presentation to DCC on 13<sup>th</sup> October.
  2. Feedback to SOM on Draft Lease for Teenz room
  3. Application to Peel Trails Group for funding for Skills Park
  4. Email to Shire of Murray confirming transfer of the url ( Dwellingupwa.com.au) to the SOM
- Correspondence IN noted and correspondence OUT endorsed

Moved Frank Spear

Seconded John Cusack

**7 GENERAL BUSINESS**

**7.1 Dwellingup Protection Group**

1. The Draft Dwellingup Community Position Statement Technical Report has been updated and a new Executive Summary produced to become an EPA PER submission on the Alcoa proposal to mine in the Holyoake area and expand the Pinjarra Refinery.
2. Research continues to include new information from research scientists and DBCA Officers.
3. A Research Conference is being planned with the Peel Harvey Catchment Council with a focus on building up the Position for justifying Protection of the Dwellingup Discovery Forest Area (Bauxite Mining Exclusion Area)
4. Professor Kingsley Dixon suggests that for the Research Conference/Seminar a Focused Dwellingup Statement could be:

*We have less forest and less intact forest than in recent ecological history of the southwest; much of our forest has lost the most aged habitat rich trees (past forestry); Restoration cannot reinstate old growth forest and is uncertain in a drying climate whether the restoration will achieve old growth status at all; Restoration is not able to reinstate all*

*understorey species in the numbers and diversity to ensure compliance with a native reference ecosystem (according to the National Standards for the Practice of Ecological Restoration)*

#### **For discussion and resolution**

5. The State Conservation Commission, which is responsible for approving management plans for the DBCA estate , have opened up the possibility of reassessment of areas as **Old Growth Forest**. The Wilderness Scientific Reference Zone and a portion of the Drinking Water Protection Zone within the Dwellingup Discovery Forest subject to Alcoa’s mining proposal is being considered for this reclassification. **The Dwellingup Protection Group are requesting that the Dwellingup Community Compact is the applicant for this request.** This request is consistent with the Position Statement in understanding better what the values are within the Discovery Forest and will go a long way towards increasing knowledge about this area currently under threat.

Chris Portlock commented that there is support for this position from research scientists and DBCA. Alcoa can’t mine in old growth forest.

#### **Resolution**

**That the DCC make a formal request to the State Conservation Commission to consider assessment of the Wilderness Scientific Reference Zone and the portion of the Drinking Water Protection Zone within the Dwellingup Discovery Forest, subject to Alcoa’s Holyoake mining extension, as Old Growth Forest.**

Amendment to the resolution removed Consider assessment and changed it to assess. The revised recommendation was endorsed.

**That the DCC make a formal request to the State Conservation Commission to assess the Wilderness Scientific Reference Zone and the portion of the Drinking Water Protection Zone within the Dwellingup Discovery Forest, subject to Alcoa’s Holyoake mining extension, as Old Growth Forest.**

Moved Sharon Parker Brown                      Seconded Paul van der Voet  
Passed.

- 7.2 Visioning Workshops-** facilitated by Roberts Day and Farlane.  
Peter White, Sue Fyfe , Colleen Warr and Lee Shelley attended.

#### **7.3 Trail marker project. SF**

The trail marker project has 3 parts-

1. Most of the Bibbulmun track and Munda Biddi bollards which have been installed. Final installation to wait until drainage works completed in Marinup St.
2. The Sculpture “Window to the Forest” by Tony Pankiw has been installed on the northern side of the Trails Centre- payments finalised
3. Signage about the sculpture will be sent to the SOM – to be finalised

Hope to finalise the project and acquit to Alcoa by the end of 2020

Questions from the floor

#### **7.4 Doors to Discovery Project**

1. Second fundraiser held on 4<sup>th</sup> October “Trash and Treasure” at the community hall – raised \$1403.20. This has added to the \$956 from the first Trash and Treasure.
2. for the Regional economic development grant (REDs)submitted 5<sup>th</sup> July. Still don’t have an outcome for that grant. Locations for the doors still to be determined.

3. A grant to Arts WA for the same project was successful with \$14,950 funded for 2 murals – one on the community Hall façade and the other on the Cross Roads Gallery façade.

Questions from the floor

### 7.5 Mountain Bike Month. PW/CW Report

\$2000 has been received from the Shire of Murray for events.

Web site active, social media active. [www.mountainbikemonth.com.au](http://www.mountainbikemonth.com.au) domain name renewed  
Wix hosting renewed for 2 years on available 'special'

Events

- Bodgy Bush Mechanics had fantastic reviews.
- The FREE Down Hill Shuttles were well attended.
- The Fruit Loop weekend was fun and the food was AMAZING! The orchids were a showstopper as well as the perfect weather.
- The Teddy Bears picnic was fluffy and fun! There were lots of little people with happy faces.

Very pleased with the outcome given that there was a very short time frame.

### 7.6 Teenz

30th Sept: Sausage sizzle and activities with SOM at the Skate Park.

6th October: Shivanagh Warr with SOM attending a Youth Consultation with Headspace in Peel-Murray Valley Youth Reference Group

Upcoming:

Bibbulmun Track sunset walk 21st October

Community Trick or Treat 31st October

### 7.7 Website

Once the new Shire Dwellingup website is launched the DCC will no longer be able to store agendas, minutes and other documents on the site. We have been granted permission to have a free website through Microsoft's Not for Profit arrangement . Rob Stead and Sue Fyfe working on it.

Questions from the floor

### 7.8 Community Bus Service

A free door to door pick up is available thanks to Dwellingup Transfers and donations from DCC and member Geoff Bell. Bus runs from Dwellingup to Pinjarra 6 times between 1 October and Christmas. One run on 6<sup>th</sup> October had 6 participants- one to run Thursday 15<sup>th</sup>.

Colleen has placed the ad for the service in the Dwellingup Crier.

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### General Business-

1. Proposed Mountain Bike Skills Park-  
Fleet Cycles has offered to develop and fund the skills park using rocks and logs , clos to the group to allow people to develop their skills , The area is the triangle of trees, mainly pines, bounded by Wallace Road and the Pinjarra Williams Road- set back from Horse Float area. Concept has been discussed with the Shire of Murray and the scope has been outlined. DCC has applied for \$1000 from the Peel Trails Group which is closing down. The skills park will be designed by a professional trail maker but built by community members.
2. Is there anything that can be done about Trail bikes on the Munda Bididi trail – one of the difficulties is that often the roads are dual use and MB is on existing roads.
3. Captain Fawcett trail is being upgraded- closed during winter.

4. Colleen W reported vandalism on the MB Marrinup trail- can't report to the Police – needs to be reported to DBCA.
5. Recycling – cash for containers system – the School is collecting containers - if the school delivers to recycling site the school receives 10c per container , if they are collected it is 6c per container.
6. DCC has agreed to the lease of the Teenz room at the rear of the Hall. Teenz has exclusive use. If the Hall is rented for a private function they do not have access to the Teenz room. The cost of the Lease is \$450 per year and JRM Resources is happy to pay this amount. They will be acknowledged on Facebook.
7. Kwinana men's shed – Colleen showed the outdoor chairs that the men's shed are producing for \$250. They are intended for around the Skatepark and pump track- there has been a discussion with the Placemakers and SOM. Agreed that the DCC would purchase ONE chair, with placement involving the SOM and see what the feedback is like from the community. Lighting also need to be considered . Colleen to check with Placemakers

9. **NEXT MEETING** Dates to be endorsed for 2020/2021- These were the dates based on Feb 2020 meeting

Tentative dates based on 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday alternate months

Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> April 2020

Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> June 2020

Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> August 2020

Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> October 2020

**Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> December 2020**

Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> February 2021 AGM

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

Peter White, Chair Dwellingup Community Compact

Date