

3. Project Communications and Feedback

3.1. Overview

The proposed Wilgerup project is a significant project for the central and lower Eyre Peninsula communities. Community consultation is a vital component of the project as it enables the project team to draw on local knowledge and to address issues of concern before project design is finalised. Importantly, the individual elements of the project (the mine site, transport corridor and minerals exporting facility) are not perceived by many members of the community as separate activities. Therefore issues raised in consultation cover a wider scope than those applied for as part of this Development Application.

3.2. Approach

The overall objective of community and stakeholder engagement for the project is to inform stakeholders and the community of the proposed project, to obtain feedback on the proposed development and to consider the key issues and concerns raised through consultation in design decisions. In recognition of the fact that the community does not distinguish between the individual elements of the proposed Wilgerup project, the consultation program has consulted on all of the elements together, incorporating the mine site, transport corridor and minerals exporting facility.

The consultation program used a number of different approaches including:

- **Meetings or briefings with key stakeholders** – a range of meetings have been held with local councils, State Government Agencies, business groups and other key stakeholders.
- **Establishment of a Community Consultative Committee (CCC)** - Centrex established the CCC in September 2007 as a forum for exchange of information and for community consultation on issues related to Centrex projects on the Eyre Peninsula. The CCC includes representatives from a range of stakeholders and community groups including Port Lincoln City Council, District Council of Lower Eyre Peninsula, District Council of Elliston, Eyre Regional Development Board, Eyre Peninsula Local Government Association, the tourism and fishing industries, education and training, Chamber of Commerce, health and community services, Port Lincoln ratepayers, residents and service clubs.
- **Community drop in sessions and information displays** – Community drop in sessions and information displays and meetings have been held in Lock, Cummins, Tumby Bay and Port Lincoln to provide an opportunity for people to discuss issues one on one with Centrex and their consultants.

- Community fact sheets** – a range of fact sheets have been prepared and have been available at the community information displays and on the Centrex website. The fact sheets cover project overview, dust, noise, mine site environmental management, environmental management at Port Lincoln Wharf and frequently asked questions.

The consultation program has been ongoing whilst the project has developed. Some of the earlier consultation activities were undertaken when Centrex was intending to proceed with the Proper Bay option, however many of the issues raised remain applicable for this Development Application.

3.3. Engagement to Date

The record of stakeholder consultation undertaken to the end of December 2008 is summarised in **Table 3-1**.

Table 3-1 Consultation Record

Date	Stakeholder	Type
May 2006	City of Port Lincoln; Eyre Regional Development Board	Briefing
July 2006	Wilgerup landowners	Meeting
August 2006	Lock residents	Briefing
October 2006	Barngarla Native Title claimants	Work Area Clearance Agreement
April 2007	City of Port Lincoln	Meeting
June 2007	City of Port Lincoln	Briefing
July 2007	Hon. Liz Penfold MP, Member for Flinders	Meeting
July 2007	City of Port Lincoln	Briefing
July 2007	Eyre Regional Development Board	Briefing
July 2007	Elliston Council	Briefing
July 2007	PIRSA	Meeting
August 2007	PIRSA	Meeting
September 2007	Port Lincoln Community Consultative Committee	Advisory Group Meeting
September 2007	Rudall Staying Strong Community Event	Briefing
November 2007	City of Whyalla; Whyalla Economic Development Board	Meeting
November 2007	Port Lincoln Rotary Club	Meeting
December 2007	Port Lincoln Community Consultative Committee	Advisory Group
February 2008	Hon Paul Holloway, Minister for Mineral Resources Development	Meeting
February 2008	Port Lincoln City Council	Briefing
February 2008	Gary Richardson, General Manager, Sarin Group Property	Briefing

Date	Stakeholder	Type
February 2008	Mark Cant, CEO, Eyre Regional Development Board	Briefing
15 February 2008	PIRSA Identification of stakeholders for State Government agency presentation of project proposal and discussion for Mining Lease and MARP	Meeting
5 March 2008	State Government agency presentation of project proposal and discussion for Mining Lease and MARP	Briefing and discussion
11 March 2008	Stakeholder presentation and discussion at Lock	Briefing presentation and consultation
14 March 2008	DC of Elliston	Discussion
17 March 2008	Hon. Liz Penfold MP, Member for Flinders	Briefing
17 March 2008	Port Lincoln City Council	Briefing
18 March 2008	Port Lincoln Community Consultative Committee	Advisory Group Meeting
18 March 2008	District council of Lower Eyre Peninsula	Briefing
18 March 2008	Gary Richardson, General Manager, Sarin Group Property	Briefing
25 March 2008	State Government Agency Presentation of project proposal and discussion for Section 49 Proposal	Briefing and discussion
8 April	Cummins stakeholder Engagement Event	Briefing, interactive issues boarding, discussion
18 April 2008	Meeting – District Council of lower Eyre Peninsula, Cummins	Briefing and discussion
21 April 2008	Meeting – Port Lincoln City Council	Briefing on new information
20 -22 May 2008	Port Lincoln Community Consultative Committee visit Esperance	Site tour and meetings
22 April 2008	Coastal Protection Board	Meeting
23 April 2008	PIRSA, Discussion on MLP Progress and whole of project issues	Meeting
28 April 2008	Seafood and Mining Industry Forum (arranged by the Eyre Regional Development Board)	Presentation and group discussion
29 April 2008	Department for Transport, Energy and Infrastructure	Discussion
1 May 2008	DC of Elliston	Discussion and update
6 May 2008	Port Lincoln City Council	Meeting with planning staff
7 May 2008	PIRSA, discussion on MLP Progress and whole of project issues	Meeting
9 May 2008	Environment Protection Agency	Meeting
13 May 2008	Planning SA (for DAC)	Meeting
14 May 2008	Department for Environment and Heritage – Coast and Marine Conservation Branch	Meeting
17 May 2008	Port Lincoln community information day	Display and interactive discussion
29 May 2008	Port Lincoln Community Consultative Committee	Advisory Group Meeting
18 June 2008	Phillip Teitzel lawyer for Bamgala Aboriginal Consultative Council	Discussion

Date	Stakeholder	Type
June 2008	Community Action Group (Port Lincoln)	Invitation to present to Centrex (which was declined)
10 June 2008	Tourism Eyre Peninsula	Briefing
17 June 2008	Tumby Bay Council	Briefing
17 June 2008	Geoff Dodd, CEO Port Lincoln City Council	Briefing
June 2008	Cummins Community Action Group	Phone conversation
13 June 2008	PIRSA, Discussion of MLP draft and Case Officer handover	Meeting
26 June 2008	Port Lincoln Community Consultative Committee	Advisory Group Meeting
31 July 2008	Port Lincoln Community Consultative Committee	Advisory Group Meeting
3 July 2008	Hon Pat Conlon, Minister for Transport	Briefing
7 July 2008	Port Lincoln City Council	Presentation to Council meeting
17 July 2008	PIRSA, discussion of MLP draft and confirmation of scope of mine approvals documentation	Meeting
August 2008	PIRSA, Aquaculture	Meeting
14 August 2008	PIRSA, MLP progress including discussion of outcomes of additional groundwater investigations	Meeting
22 August 2008	OneSteel	Meeting
28 August 2008	Port Lincoln Community Consultative Committee	Advisory Group Meeting
23 September 2008	PIRSA, MLP progress including potential approval options for rail siding	Meeting
25 September 2008	Port Lincoln Community Consultative Committee	Advisory Group Meeting
1 October 2008	Planning SA	Meeting
2 October 2008	Department for Environment and Heritage, Coast Protection Branch (CPB)	Meeting
7 October 2008	Cummins Community	Presentation and interactive discussion
9 October 2008	Elliston Council	Meeting
9 October 2008	Tumby Bay Council	Meeting
9 October 2008	Environment Protection Agency	Meeting
10 October 2008	Port Lincoln City Council	Meeting
16 October 2008	Department for Transport, Energy and Infrastructure	Meeting
6 November 2008	Port Lincoln Community Consultative Committee	Advisory Group Meeting
2 December 2008	Environment Protection Authority	Meeting

3.4. Project Feedback

The proposed project has generated a large amount of discussion within Eyre Peninsula communities, particularly in Port Lincoln. Centrex has received community and stakeholder feedback for the Port Lincoln Wharf proposal through the CCC and stakeholder meetings. This feedback has been used to assist in developing the proposal and directing the investigations undertaken to support this Development Application.

Key areas of concern raised through the consultation process are:

- **Visual amenity and health impacts of iron ore dust from the minerals exporting facility and along the transport corridor** - The design of the proposed materials exporting facility has included a high level of dust management. An air quality impact assessment has been undertaken which is discussed in **Section 6.8**.
- **Marine impacts and contamination risks from iron ore dust** - The proposed design and management measures minimise the risk of contamination through effective dust management and dust collection systems. A marine impact assessment has been undertaken which is discussed in **Section 6.5**.
- **Noise from rail transport carrying iron ore to the wharf site** - Noise modelling has been undertaken to consider the potential noise impacts. These results are discussed in **Section 6.7** and indicate that noise levels should be within acceptable limits
- **Potential impacts to Port Lincoln’s “clean and green” image resulting from a mineral exporting facility** - The minerals exporting facility would operate with strict environmental management controls to minimise any impacts on the Port Lincoln brand. Impacts on local identity are discussed in **Section 6.13**. A proposed framework for an Environmental Management Plan is discussed in **Section 8** of this report.
- **Short term nature of the proposal** - Some people have expressed concern that Centrex is pursuing the short term option of the Port Lincoln Wharf rather than waiting until the potential longer-term option of Sheep Hill is developed. As a new mining company, Centrex needs to generate capital from the Wilgerup deposit to fund future developments such as the proposed Sheep Hill facility. As such, it would not be financially viable for Centrex to wait for Sheep Hill to be developed. Further, there is no guarantee that Sheep Hill will be built.
- **Logistics of space at the wharf site** – Concerns have been raised that the proposed development would impact on current users of the wharf site such as the fishing industry. Access and traffic impacts have been considered and are addressed in **Section 6.12**.
- **Training and job opportunities for local people** – The construction of the proposed development will have a maximum workforce of 40-50 people and the operations workforce is expected to be 6 direct employees. This number does not include the numerous number of local maintenance contractors (electrical, mechanical, computer, fitters, boilermakers etc) who



will be utilised on servicing and maintaining the facilities. Local staff and contractors will be used where economically competitive.