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**Correct Planning and Consultation for Mayfield group**

**Meeting with NSW Chief Scientist –**

Honeysuckle 8th Oct 2015

**Repeat of some notes CPCFM used at a meeting with EPA on 10th Aug 2015.**

**Most of the points are still very relevant**

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**In February 2014 CPCFM logged a formal complaint with the EPA and also other rail operators.**

**That complaint was constantly followed up to ensure that the CPCFM complaint was being taken seriously**

**Train observations indicated that there had been very little improvement and in fact CPCFM believed the situation had declined.**

**In July CPCFM took a large number of photos to confirm the current position.**

**CPCFM then called on the EPA to suspend the operation of Coal Trains.**

**CPCFM sent almost daily photo sets to the EPA**

**Whilst the EPA was not prepared to suspend the coal trains it was agreed that a meeting would take place in order to resolve the issue.**

**This document publishes the opening remarks by John Hayes on behalf of CPCFM and samples of the July photos.**

Meeting between Correct Planning & Consultation for Mayfield Group ( CPCFM ) & EPA.

Monday 10th August 2015 at EPA Offices – 117 Bull St, Newcastle West.

Opening remarks by John L Hayes – Convenor of CPCFM

Thanks for the meeting; and thanks for all the Community people who are here tonight.

I guess you have all seen the hundreds of photos we have sent to the EPA demonstrating the problem.

1. Offences and infringements clearly identified in 34 initial colour photos sent to the EPA in Feb 2014, and in hundreds of photos sent since.

2. Still a problem in August 2015. I saw the dirtiest set of Coal Locos last week, that I have ever seen, on the Main line between Werris Creek and Quirindi.

3. 18 months of actions by the EPA have not fixed the problems

4. These problems would not have been permitted on the roads; but it is OK 20 meters away from the roads, on the other side of the fence.

5. We have proposed easy solutions; achievable in a very short time frame.

6. Evidence of recent photos tells us the EPA; The ARTC; NSW Rail; The Miners; The Coal Unloaders; and the Rail operators; don’t care.

7. The Regulator is not doing its job.

Barry, I think you have every right to be cranky with your staff!

8. Breaches of Environment Protection Licences ( EPLs ) held by ARTC, etc; and the Coal Miners; and Coal Unloaders; are not being prosecuted

9. We have, and are getting more, legal advice from the Environmental Defenders Office.

10. Green waste to the tip can not fall off your car trailer.

11. Trucks must have loads secured.

12. Trucks can have no visible fumes for longer than 10 seconds.

13. Coal trucks are washed.

14. Building sites must have drainage barriers.

15. EPA prosecuted PWCS for wharf water run off into the harbour.

16. Dirty Cruise ships were banned from White Bay.

17. Many of the Actions from the Diesel and Marine Management Strategy for 2015 have not been implemented.

!8. There are very big issues with the Literature Review carried out by katestone; the final version being dated December 2014. **It is unreliable.**

19. Our strategy is simple, easy to introduce & administer, can commence quickly ( within a few days ) and will be effective:

**A. Remove unserviceable coal wagons and locos;**

**B. Wash all coal wagons at the time of unloading;**

**C. Certify all coal trains entering the main line as clean, with secure loads and serviceable.**

**D. Fail Certification, train does not enter the main line. This is no different to locking up the semi, or B double, that fails the Roadside Inspection.**