

2. What was most interesting or important ? (Please explain your answer)

1	The explanation of actual logging operations
19	The technical references and visual impact of individual forest coups and logging operations. It was informative and enlightening to hear the history and forest operations (which have been undertaken, currently operative and or intended) in areas inspected. The selection of trees at the logging operation site for pulp and /or sawlogs. The "open canopy clearing" and site damage on excessive gradients. The disposal of bark and fire methods (to clear upper canopy waste).
12	Presentations from representatives involved in various aspects of forest use Aboriginal input.
21	On site viewing of logging compartments with explanation and answers to questions. The information that precise records of previous activity by the old Forestry Commission have apparently not been kept and that it would appear no one is researching what recorded information there is.
18	I have been to most of the visited areas before. I love the forests. The association with other members of the group or their reps. The comparison of the viewed harvest site and the one I'd visited earlier in Wollombi. Assurances that the tourist's expectations are fully catered for. I can't help shuddering at the thought of everything being extracted but nothing being given back (except a few planted seedlings). No mulch to enrich the soils and repeated burnings which have a scaling down of benefits and unassessed harm to ecology.
3	The method of hazard reduction allowing native fauna to escape - good. Thinning techniques v's clear felling - not convinced. The relationship of sawlog to pulp production from area - not convinced. Siltation techniques - good The method of harvesting (slide show) vs what was seen on sight. Sceptical - a public relations exercise ? e.g. the use of " The Bell Harvester". Now we need another (fieldtrip) with our agenda.
6	The logging section and how the forest was divided into the various sections, e.g. Bulldozer, non-bulldozers and no logging areas. The dead trees left as habitats for the fauna. I was pleased to find that the amount of logging had decreased. Thirty years ago, when I first visited the forests using the similar routes to the field trip, logging was intense.
15	To get a better understanding of State Forests Management of timber production forest. I only rated 5 because I didn't ask enough questions.
13	The conversation with the logging contractor & State Forest employee, Dave. These were the most informative presentations of State Forests Activities.
14	Histories of sites. Public explanation of activities.
5	The overall presentation of forest activities, done in a very informative and professional manner.

3. What 3 key points did you get out of the second CCG meeting ?

1	The information on time frames and frequency of baseline faunal monitoring for the EIS. The (almost) extreme defensive position being taken by the EIS Project Manager. The lack of knowledge (or interest) perhaps in the CCG in environmental management matters, over whole systems; and the weighting given to human centred issues rather than ecosystem issues.
19	The 21 research projects by Tertiary Institutions on forestry management problems. The on-going damage to bat habitats from logging operations and the need to recognise the importance of conserving specific areas (where possible) free of intrusion. No apparent research being carried out (or on-going) of the effects of fire upon flora species and change in the floristic diversity in coups arising out of fire damage.
16	What the State Forestry does in regards to our forests. That some of the members can only see their views no one else's. Information supplied.
20	Value of Morisset MA's timber supply. High quality management of Morisset MA by State Forests. Relationship between fauna values and logging history.
12	Immense amount of data concerning the area that needs to be understood; viewed at a landscape or regional level and at the local and specific area level. It will be almost impossible to get any true discussion or consultation in the forum established. Unfortunately it is confrontationalist.
21	The time frame for the Morisset EIS is impossible. Greater time and range of sampling is needed if flora & fauna surveys are to be accurate & significant. The issue of imminent logging in Pokolbin - Coolawine area is apparently out of the scope of this EIS.
18	Experts reports on fauna, etc were excellent, but I still have the feeling fauna and undisturbed flora need funded continuing studies e.g. Mr Hoye hadn't done gut or droppings analysis to test the importance of insectivorous mammals in a healthy forest. The CCG members are still feeling their input won't even rate consideration because the EIS must reflect the desires of the Industry (Timber). Social contact with other members across the board.
3	The Forestry Commission inadequate management of main roads. The informative discussion on fauna species e.g. familiarity, but species location on maps would help (if possible). The effect of noise on forest fauna.
6	The amount of fauna which depends on the forests. The valuable information supplied by the speakers. Forest management today.
15	The concept "consultation" is not understood by State Forests. Being "nice" & being "real" are two distinct positions to take.
13	Realisation that forestry does not have access/has not accessed community knowledge on fauna research. Understanding that an EIS is inadequate without local input of knowledge. Understanding that land management/erosion control practices are inadequate & need to be addressed.

14	Fauna populations still at good levels Surveys were extensively done Members seem to be disbelieving
5	Small percentage of forest logged. Minimal animal disturbance Diversity of fauna in Area.
11	Decisions will be made before CCG consulted. Greens don't appear to be flexible. Ecotone presentation was informative.
10	Forestry work practices did not appear to effect wildlife. EIS study time, may appear to be too small .. 2 months !!. Regrowth management has shown good results.

4. What kind of questions should the EIS Consultants be asking the CCG members ?

1	Do you think enough attention is being paid to ecosystem issues ? (e.g. impact of operations) Do you genuinely believe that this CCG is not a token group, (with minimal influence on the future operations in the Morisset Forestry Program)?
19	There is an urgent need for the Consultants to produce data and recommendations, for management proposals, to enable the CCG to have input into programme. There has been little if any publicity in the local press advising of the CCG Committee's existence enabling the general public to communicate proposals, needs, fears, e.t.c Until we have input from the consultants there is little to discuss or question. At the moment little information available for comment or discussion. If this programme is to be a success with public participation, greater publicity is needed. I am unable to respond to this question at the moment for reasons given.
16	They should first remind all the members that we are talking about State Forests NOT National Parks. Then to put forward realistic ideas.
20	Economic importance of Morisset MA to local industry/community Clarification/verification of logging (7 other disturbance) histories. Opportunities for increasing sustained yield. Occurrence of fauna values in existing regional reserves.
12	Do you feel confident in the scope, execution and reporting of the various sections (cultural, socio-economic, archaeological etc)? If you do not feel confident how could the process be improved given reasonable resources (costs & time) ? What are the values the local community perceives are most important regarding the forests of the region ?
21	Can the CCG reach consensus on what are /should be important management priorities in the Morisset District ? What criteria should State Forests satisfy before a logging operation begins in a new compartment ?

18	<p>This is of little importance because of 2 above !!! Their views of an ideal forest.</p> <p>Their ideas on how to maintain an ideal forest.</p> <p>Their ideas on financing an ideal forest.</p> <p>Their ideas on harvesting a forest area.</p>
3	<p>How to obtain a meaningful and consultative process without turning this EIS into a pressure cooked motherhood statement alone due to severe time constraints.</p> <p>If the draft EIS is to be finished by the end of May. How seriously will the community accept this ?</p> <p>If question deadline for the EIS admin is 3 May, how can objective & researched answers be presented even draftwise by May 30 ?</p>
6	<p>Should the government allot more funds for the forest management ?</p> <p>Should there be a reduction in logging licences ?</p> <p>Should there be more rangers and logging inspectors ?</p> <p>Should there be more recreational areas made available ?</p> <p>What impact does stock grazing have on the forest floor ?</p> <p>People complain re: apiaries in the forest. Do you agree with their removal or should they remain ?</p> <p>What part of the present forest management plan needs revising, what needs implementing and why ?</p>
15	<p>Collection of information from the local community.</p> <p>Logging history from workers in the industry & specific info on regeneration & stand condition.</p> <p>Fauna sightings</p> <p>Local concerns.</p>
13	<p>What is the most effective way of collating community information?</p> <p>What is the community response to proposed logging ?</p> <p>How do we ascertain the numbers of private landholders prepared to commit land to forestry ?</p> <p>How can forestry facilitate a register of alternate land available for plantations ?</p>
14	Nil response
5	<p>Future plans of Forestry</p> <p>Are appropriate safeguards in place (e.g. Flora & Fauna Protection)</p> <p>Longterm plan for State Forests in this area. What would Forestry like to see.</p>
11	<p>Recreation. Perhaps separate areas.</p> <p>What logging is to take place.</p> <p>What plans for road development.</p> <p>Stop tarring roads.</p>
10	<p>Specific questions regarding the needs of the various groups.</p> <p>The impact on the environment as perceived by CCG members.</p>

5. What information do you require to help you contribute more effectively ?

1	Methods used for prediction of environmental impact. The "Actual" rather than "potential" site auditing currently being undertaken by Govt. Authorities.
19	As stated in Question 4. 1992/93 & 1993/94 Annual Report for Morisset District. GIS Mapping. Vegetation, Land systems & soils, Reserve Systems and Hazard Reduction Burning history Morisset District. The CCG must have access to published data.
16	Types of trees that are used and for what ? Amount of timber taken for acre or what ever to make it worth while \$. After an area is logged how long it takes to regrow to harvest again.
20	Overview of logging / disturbance history of MA. Relevant info on occurrence of fauna species (esp. Schedule 12) in regional reserves. (NP's, NR's etc.)
12	Summary information from the consultants, eg. were there significant differences in distribution , abundance, species diversity and composition between forest types, or recently versus old logged compartments. Leading on from this the assessment of the consultant of the best practices necessary to reach sustainable conservation with management.
21	The proposed logging history overview to be presented at 3rd May meeting. Needs to be posted in advance. As do the range of alternative management possibilities (as promised at 29th March meeting). Greater breadth of information on flora & fauna research. User friendly maps of forestry.
18	Will we have any bearing on the finished document ? We need to know !. To be able to see screened information (I have poor eyesight. I can't see the screened information even sitting close to the screen). (Thanks for mailed information).
3	Traffic flow accurate in Watagans. Forestry expenditure on roads and road safety i.e. accident incidents in past five years. Areas that can be utilised for recreation purposes 2km or more from buildings (dwellings).
15	Maps. e.g. overlays of fauna/flora sites on logging history. Current socio-economic figures. Remaining timber resource estimate.
13	Information on disturbance history, including soil studies. Socio/economic information including accurate details of current subsidisation of forestry. Information on vegetation. Documentation of remnants.
14	Nil response
5	Basically contribution as a member from my point of view is very difficult until the assessment is in place. Until that time one can really only monitor it.

11	More info on the briefs.
10	Past history of EIS area in the study. Types of impact that may occur as a result of Forestry activity.

6. Since our first CCG meeting how much time have you spent discussing the EIS with
- other CCG members. (Please estimate the No. of hours =)

Participant	Hours
1	2
19	8
16	1
20	2
12	2
21	2
18	8
3	10
6	1
15	3
13	15
14	4
5	1
11	0
10	0
Total	59

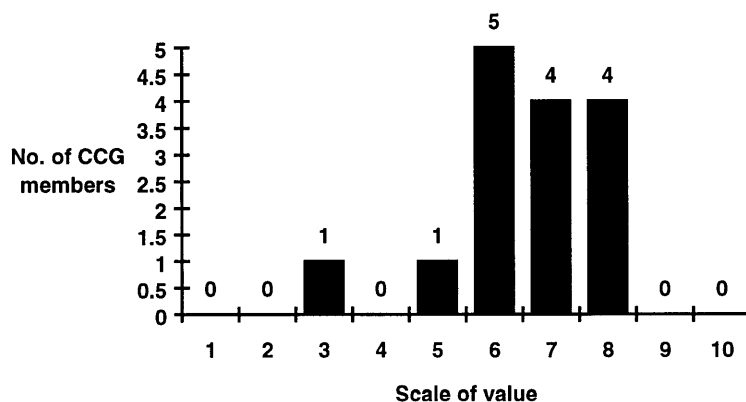
- non CCG members (Please estimate the No. of hours =)

Participant	Hours
1	2
19	0
16	30
20	2
12	0
21	3
18	10
3	20
6	1
15	6
13	40
14	6
5	5
11	4
10	10
Total	139

7. On a scale of 1 to 10 how would you rate the value of the second CCG meeting ?

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10
Waste of time very worthwhile

Participant	Value score
1	6
19	6
16	8
20	7
12	7
21	5
18	6
3	8
6	7
15	3
13	6
14	8
5	7
11	6
10	8



8. In your opinion what should the CCG do next ?

1	<p>Be given a spreadsheet that outlines in summary form, the matters relating to the EIS e.g.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Issues of significance Impact predicted Method used to predict impact Monitoring (parameters / frequency) Auditing (time frames) Reporting mechanisms Methods of response to issues of significance if they do occur.
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19	On receipt of data (from consultants) break up into respective groups for discussion on matters pertinent and arrive at a consensus to proposals. If necessary, arrange further meetings. Come together for a general discussion to consider all options.
19	Secure 1992/93 & 1993/94 Annual Report for the Morisset Management Area (Important). to ascertain current timber harvesting volume, species types, end product, fire impact and sustainability of resources. A major industry representative (Boral or other) could perhaps address CCG on industry needs etc. and should permit questions and particularly regarding use of plantation timber v. forest.
16	Put forward realistic proposals not idiotic ideas. Certain Green members should realise that the State Forests are there to be logged but also managed properly so that they can be reused again and again
20	Examine/ be presented with overview of other reports (logging history/Socio-economic). Discuss relative merits of various management scenarios within context of EIS brief. Consider other aspects for EIS to consider (again within context of EIS brief).
12	Have more time to listen to consultant reports and get a good handle on the facts. For example your own presentation was chock full of facts and details, and there was little chance to discuss or expand on many vital points. There were too many reports for one meeting , yet at the current rate we could not hear all reports.
21	Examine 1,2,3 above (in 5) prior to the 3rd meeting. Consider carefully what exactly it can contribute to the EIS given the terms of reference under which it operates.
18	Have consideration of bird surveys - discuss amphibians Discuss harvesting alternatives - e.g. helicopter. Discuss harvest values - should we pay more for timber products ? Consider the value of a single tree - which can support from 500 to over 1000 forms of life.
3	Find a recipe for causing the majority of EIS members to be comfortable with the time frame. Give the CCG people the opportunity to view Watagan sites on their agenda with personnel from Forestry to present their case.
6	Each group representative should present a paper in respect of the groups particular interest obtained from the information presented at the two CCG meetings and which should include the third meetings proceedings.
15	Have a more workshop (discussion in small groups) type session -working with maps.
13	Call for very limited logging until status of remnants is clearly established. It seems apparent that logging occurs in State Forests at times not documented by Forestry. Look at alternatives to logging. Instigate community surveys to find out which private landholders are interested in plantations. They do exist.
14	Give more time for discussions of proposals with strong chairmanship to avoid getting off points.

5	Fairly evaluate the facts presented, from an impartial point of view. Then debate the for and against depending on the persons particular interest.
11	Have more time. The vested interest groups have been here before, some of us are wallowing with a lack of information.
10	More discussion "within" groups regarding EIS reports.

9. In terms of how the second Community Consultation Group meeting was structured or run, what worked well and what didn't work well ?

	Worked Well	Didn't work well
1	Presentations and opportunities for questions.	
19	Presentations were well prepared and informative.	Question time inadequate to really quiz speakers.
19	Visual displays, supporting speakers and data sheets assisted in subject clarification.	Heritage value presentation too long taking up valuable time.
19	Meeting reasonably well run in view of diverse views and interests in CCG.	
16	The reports that were given by Russell Turner, Brian Wilson, Ray Williams, Glen Hoye and Phil Williams.	That some of the members just have their point of views.
16	The information supplied Not to Bad.	Their doesn't seem to be enough time to ask questions.
		Some learned people rave on too much and should speak in plain English.
20	Presentation by SF and consultants.	Control over length of time available to CCG members to make comment.
20	Outline of progress so far	
20	Orderly forum	
12	Introduction	
12	Presentations	Presentations tended to be a little light on, few facts, major summary points.
12	Questions are always going to be a difficult situation.	
21	Presentations by scientists on fauna and flora.	3 hours never seems to be enough time.
21	Overview of current forest management.	General business needs to be 45 minutes.
21	Paul Mitchell's chairmanship.	Paul did his best to share 'right of the floor' to all, though again, at least two CCG members had too much to say (& were repetitious).
18	Experts research highlights	Frustration's not eased.
18	Excellent photographs.	Many members said nothing while others dominated.

18	Sweet biscuits aren't the best when its many hours since lunch, but cuppa appreciated.	Not enough time to talk with experts (I gained valuable information from Mr Hoye but the others departed before I could talk with them). Not enough TIME.
3	Fauna & Flora presentation useful but inadequate in its thoroughness.	Grave concern that no scheduling of subgroups of extra meeting. e.g. L.M.C.C City Vision Task Force took 150 hrs (estim) with 12 - 15 meetings. You want to fix it in four meetings? "Caution : Miracle Workers at Large".
3	Green "Independent" printed information should be publicly discussed and defended if necessary by Forestry Com.	
6	Meeting much more controlled.	Lack of media coverage. Why no reporter from "Post"?
6	Information given vital to EIS.	
6	Members more informal and generated more to meeting.	No rangers arranged to speak on their work in the forest and the problems confronting them which should be addressed in the EIS.
15	Visual presentations	Detailed information provision.
15		Too much time allotted to archaeological report.
15		Question asking time & placement in meeting.
13	Some studies were presented	Presentations should not be strung together. Questions should be allowed in between.
13		It does not appear to be a genuine process truly encouraging community involvement.
13		No issues of concern are really discussed. As soon as concern is voiced the issue is deferred.
14	Displays. Addresses	Question times not long enough.
5	Current Forest Management presentation by individual contributors	General Business, discussion time
11	Ecotone. Current Management	Heritage.
10	Open forum for discussion. Information requested.	Lack of understanding of the CCG by some members.

12	Working through alternatives - trying to base positions on substantial principles.
15	Any factor has a substantial quantifiable value arguably must be accounted for in the socioeconomic analysis. The CCG meeting will have a real value (10) when more people speak out.
13	The high level of agreement that conservation was essential. The high level of community concern - Moratorium on logging was mentioned by 2 groups. The third recommended massive increase of plantation sites to be determined by land capability. The high level of community knowledge and awareness about the essential. Why? The State Forests belong to the people - the group is giving a very clear direction.
5	The most interesting thing I gained from this meeting that the true colours of the individuals began to show through. The larger majority of the people are there for individual near sightedness & not even attempting to evaluate the EIS process in a fair manner.
16	To hear other people's views. Why ? Because some people still see things only in <u>green</u> and don't want to hear others views.
20	Consultants briefs - enable update of progress

**3. Did you get your viewpoint or opinions across during the meeting ?
Why/Why not?**

Participant	Comment
18	It is very hard to determine this. Carolyn was very helpful.
19	Yes, I believe it raised a view point which other committee members had not considered.
14	Very difficult when committee members seem to be very biased toward "total conservation" policies.
1	Yes - the smaller workshop opportunity worked well and mitigated against grandstanding in front of the full committee.
12	Yes, the group worked well despite clearly different positions or agendas
15	No, if State Forests Media Release 95/4 is any gauge. Conservation Reserves (for gazettal not just PMP) must be established BEFORE any alternatives can be considered let alone thinking about ranking criteria.
13	Yes, the group were small enough for discussion to take place.
5	An obvious stacking of the consultancy group, has allowed certain parties to override the smooth meaningful progression of the EIS meetings. They have not taken on the role of a group member with the objectivity one would need in a group such as this.
16	<u>Yes</u> : But if it didn't go with their views they were not interested.
20	Yes - ample of opportunity was given to express views/concerns/ support for process.

**4. Did you get anything out of this meeting you hadn't expected ?
Why/Why not ?**

Participant	Comment
18	Found someone who could interpret my idea of what would be best for our forest.
19	No, I was of the opinion that there would be great difficulty in arriving at consensus in the workshop. Time was inadequate to arrive at any specific recommendation/s.
14	The view that the committee in general is not interested in continuing current management at all.
1	Yes - see comment
12	I hadn't expected such a full account of the local and regional statistical data on employment and monetary returns/ value.
15	I had not expected that there would be no change to reserve proposals, given the new State Government's Commitment to a Comprehensive, Adequate and Representative Reserve System and Regional Agreements. ie. I didn't expect the meeting & the EIS process (& M.R. 95/14) to be proceeding as if there wasn't an election last March 25.
13	The opportunity to discuss & raise issues of concern. A realisation that the broad community is very concerned about the environment/ long term socio-economic cost of removal of vegetation. The opportunity for input.
5	Unfortunately, the professional & downright openness of the Forestry to allow the public to participate in it's future, has now been totally undermined by the unruly, obviously unknowledgable people who sit on this committee.
16	Yes more of an understanding to how sawmillers and foresters see things.
20	No - due to experience in other such meetings I knew what to expect.

5. How would you describe the interactions between CCG members and State Forest planners/consultants?

Participant	Comment
18	Strained in many cases. The "fair dinkum" is missing. Figures, rhetoric, graphs, pretty pictures, don't add up to what we can see wrong in forest management.
19	Very good. A genuine effort has been made to provide data and/or attend to problems raised. (After all, we are all determined to get the best out of this Committee).
14	Good, but some members continually ask for more info when it doesn't appear to be available.
1	Quite good during the workshops, although I did detect some defensiveness during our workshop question/answer period.

12	Interactions are still strained between some members. This seems inevitable when some people seem to be "crowded in" by questions, requests or justification.
15	State Forests, is a government agency, albeit a State Trading Enterprise & some SF workers see their job as providing a public service & act accordingly ie. Interactions are professional. In general, the CCG members/SF planners/Consultants interactions are really dependent upon who is dealing with who - personality interactions come into it, & so do functional roles and people's perceptions of the other person.
13	Interactions between CCG & State Forests - Generally uneasy. The majority of CCG members are cynical about the process & about any weight being attached to its (CCG's) recommendations. There is a general lack of understanding about why this was left so late. Members have expressed to me that they feel that State Forests can override any input & that this is a "political" exercise.
5	The bulk of the people do not wish to interact with the Forestry , they obviously had no intention of interaction from the start, which I believe very strongly has made the CCG input into this EIS totally null & void.
16	Very good if you can compromise and see everyone's side of things.
20	Constructive although at times lacking direction & confused during the meeting - particularly the group exercises.

6. How would you describe the interactions among CCG members ?

Participant	Comment
18	Generally very good but time outside meetings to interact have been few. We're all busy people.
19	Very good with those I have spoken to. It is natural to expect conflict of opinions as our interests are so different.
14	Generally good but get the feeling some have hidden agendas other than continuation of forest practices.
1	Good during the workshops. Each player appeared well intentioned.
12	Personally cordial ; once again strained where opposing groups are concerned.
15	As above, but there is also some communality within the group induced by frustration with the CCG process itself, of the lack of time & access to resources, & clarity of what's possible.
13	Generally very co-operative (one exception). Generally members have a lot of common ground. Very interesting - there is a great deal of expertise amongst the group - a great deal of local knowledge as well as an understanding of global environmental problems.
5	The interaction between previously associated parties is like a well oiled machine, but their willingness to engage in an objective conversation with someone of a differing viewpoint, leaves a lot to be desired.

16	Again good if you are willing to compromise.
20	The group scoping exercise resulted in group presenters espousing personal views & not group views ie. pushed own agenda's regardless.

7. Since our second CCG meeting how much time have you spent discussing the EIS with

- **other CCG members. (Please estimate the No. of hours =)**

Participant	Hours
18	3
19	0.5
14	3
1	1
12	1
15	12
13	4
5	0.5
16	0.5
20	1
Total	26.5

- **non CCG members (Please estimate the No. of hours =)**

Participant	Hours
18	12.5
19	0
14	8
1	1
12	1
15	3
13	12
5	5
16	20
20	0.5
Total	

8. In terms of how the third Community Consultation Group meeting was structured or run, what worked well and what didn't work well ?

	Worked well	Didn't work well
18	The chairperson Michael Mahony & his most able representation.	The stuffed folder which we have no time to assess prior to the meeting. (some important papers relevant to meeting were either missing or incomplete). Confusion over incomplete & inaccurate maps. (Are they an example of all the other data we've been given?). Not enough time after all the methods of analysis was explained.
19	Group presentations, although a very diverse approach to the subject. Progress report (adequate)	Socio-economic report (Too many figures to digest, some irrelevant). Alternatives & multicriteria (inadequate time).
14	Group discussions.	Severe lack of time.
1	The workshop format	Some presentations over ran on time (although this was only minor).
12	Presentations - Economics. Group exercise. * Alternatives	
15	Workshop group compositions	Time to look at GIS maps.
13	Discussion groups.	Too short a time to fully assess the required information. Further meeting needed.
5	Pre-planning. Presentation of data.	Complete lack of control of EIS members.
16	Asking CCG members for their input. Paul Mitchell and his consultants plus forestry people.	Still and always the radical members who don't want to see any view but their own.
20	Consultant presentations. SF update.	Group scoping exercise.

2. If someone at home or work wanted to know what happened at the 4th CCG meeting how would you describe it ?

Participant	Comment
11	Most members & ERM get it together. The Greens are off this planet & totally one eyed. They want no logging & no access.
18	There were several members absent, resignations and new representatives. The truly concerned members are not getting information they require to make decisions on. Some of the relevant information is still being formulated and outside help from Uni. NSW has been sought. We discussed the criteria at length and made alterations that made it easier to understand but I don't think I'm the only one not grasping it all. Poor Marigold nearly shock her head off. She thought it was far more involved than she had imagined and she has been involved in several EIS's.
15	The consultants have been paid to do a job, so they're trying to do it. The CCG feels a responsibility for their forests so the members try to actively participate. State Forests has legal responsibility for forest management & sustainability. The 4th CCG seemed to be one of plugging on regardless - "We do what we can & try to do our best!!!". Unfortunately I still maintain that our personal best (by intent) is no longer good enough. We have to work from substantive information. Decisions made in this current era have long term ramifications. I don't think the 4th CCG meeting as a whole has come to terms with this though some individuals have.
19	Reasonably useful in understanding NFP and SG (State Government) reforms with regard to CAR's, CRA & RFA as it will apply to State Forests. <u>Inadequate</u> as regards thrashing out specific needs/requirements for the E.I.S (see 4). The CCG is "not there", too many loose ends at such a late stage in the preparation of the E.I.S.
5	A whole new slant was put on the EIS by the new policies being put in place by the Carr Government and until these are fully accessed & understood everything is on a whole new perspective.
12	Presentation from forestry representative about progress with the EIS documents and the implications of the new State Government's Env policies. The progress of determining priorities for management proposals.
16	That the people running the show (ERM Mitchell McCotter, State Forests) very helpful to supply or talk about anything that you might not be clear on. That the time allowed is not enough to discuss everything to its fullest but with the time allowed its not too bad. The thing that wastes the most time is the radical members who carry on about a lot of things not relative to the meeting.

14	A discussion of some more relevant issues to do with the forest situation which may have lead to some members gaining a more relevant insight into the forest as it is.
2	Report on progress thus far - progress has been hindered somewhat by new policies of both state and federal governments (also I feel by some members of the CCG). These policies were explained in as much detail as I think was required. Clarification and broad acceptance of criteria for weighting and ranking occurred unfortunately the actual ranking and weighting could not occur.

3. What is your opinion of the community participation program so far ?

Participant	Comment
11	It is getting better. Members have to be open minded & see other points of view.
18	When I hear the news and issuing of new licences to the same big companies of woodchip exporters I still think all this work is a futile exercise. I suppose if Russell's thesis gains him 100% we've achieved something.
15	The community participation would have been enhanced by more interactive situations - hands on working with maps & information.
19	The CCG has had <u>little input</u> into the E.I.S. Very relevant discussions i.e. "Alternatives", woodchips, Conservation Reserves, Protection of Endangered Species, Plantation Timber, Share Farming with SF - should be on an agenda <u>before the draft E.I.S is produced.</u>
5	Everyone has appeared to act in the appropriate way for which ever body they represent.
12	This is a complicated matter, not easily resolved. Each side believes they are informed and assumes the other is not. Even if they were well informed they operate on different value systems.
16	Not too bad but I don't think the radical members show the group in a good light to the public (Preaching doom & gloom).
14	It is very hard to see where it is going and to what extent it will influence the EIS.
2	I feel the program thus far is becoming somewhat log jammed by the degree of point scoring rather than allowing the community participants to determine what issues really are important so that management options can be addressed and discussed.

4. How well do you think the CCG is performing it's role? Why ?

Participant	Comment
11	Quite well. The diversity of the group is good & it has taken these 4 meetings to get a lot of info on the table. Hopefully ERM & Forestry take this all on board for the future.
18	I'm not sure because I'm still not sure it isn't all a futile, frustrating diversion. After all the EIS must be made to favour the developer - SF. No doubt we'll all fill in our criteria ranking and weighting exercise while the forests are felled and will keep on being felled. Nothing's changed since the Lebanese Cypress forests were ruined almost to the last tree. We just spent hours & hours racking our brains and wasting rehemms of paper explaining things that will be of no consequence. I'm a cynic and the CCG process is making me more cynical.
15	OK if role is to be a link - a conduit of information both ways, it's better than nothing ; but if the CCG is supposed to be a representative cross section of the human population of the region & have a purported role of being able to speak in the name of the community, then it's poorly performing. eg. The majority of the public rejects native forest logging for woodchips.
19	Struggling (to have any impacts on the E.I.S). The CCG is <u>not</u> having any direct influence upon decision making. The Consultants - M & M - are following a predetermined path in an attempt to arrive at a deadline <u>before</u> full discussions (have taken place) on items in Q3 and others of great importance.
5	Nil comments
12	Not particularly well. It would be interesting to see some of the final reports and have them discussed in a full and frank manner, without time constraints.
16	I think its doing well. Because most of the members can discuss matters seeing all angles not just their own views.
14	Participation is high but the level of performance is very hard to gauge.
2	I believe the CCG role is being fulfilled to probably no more than 60% of it's potential. the major reason being that the group itself is, to my thinking, not truly representative (proportionally) of community (real) interests.

5. Since our last CCG meeting (from 3rd May to 17th July) how much time have you spent discussing the EIS with

- other CCG members. (Please estimate the No. of hours =)

Participant	Hours	Additional comment
11	0.5	
18	7	Many phonecalls.

15	20	& working on
19	1.25	
5	0	
12	5	
16	0.5	
14	0	
2	1	
Total	35.25	

- **non CCG members (Please estimate the No. of hours =)**

Participant	Hours	Additional comment
11	4	
18	16	Addressed 1 meeting & reported to another.
15	5	
19	0.5	
5	10	
12	4	
16	10	
14	4	
2	5	
Total	58.5	

6. **In terms of how the 4th CCG meeting was structured or run, what worked well and what didn't work well ?**

Participant	Worked well	Didn't work well
11	More general consensus. Reasonably good chairing. Forest & ERM Good with facts & Data.	Members in attendance. Time ran out. Too much talking from Margaret. Greens not <u>listening</u> to explanation.
18	Much friendlier exchanges with forestry and ERM Mitchell McCotter folk. Can better understand their workload. Some satisfactory developments.	Too much information supplied on table. It would help if we had it mailed to us a day or so before. Some intolerance of those who feel they can't proceed as things are. Not enough time to interact with a variety of CCG members outside business.

15		<p>* Criteria ranking & weighting cover sheet says total 45 points when it should total 39 points (13 criteria). It was confusing & I bet there are invalid responses.</p> <p>* Lack of access to plot based results of bats & birds.</p> <p>* GIS mapping & interactive data overlaying continues to be elusive.</p>
19	<p>Details on the NSW Govt. reforms re CAR's, CRA's & RFA's by K.Lyons.</p> <p>Decision to discuss matters as a group and not as originally proposed in smaller splinter sections.</p> <p>General input from <u>other</u> CCG members and not the usual group of speakers.</p> <p>Having SF representative available for special information particular to current management of SF's.</p>	<p>Knowledge that the NPWS have <u>not yet</u> made any decisions on additional conservation areas of the EIS.</p> <p>Too much time spent on ranking & weighting <u>before</u> deciding upon "alternatives for management"</p> <p>Mitchell McCotter still unable to appreciate the urgent need to decide upon "Alternatives" first.</p>
5	The meeting in general.	
12	Presentations. Questions & clarification. Priority process.	
16	Being able to openly discuss matters around the table in plain English.	A member walking out because she didn't think things were going her way.
14	Open type discussion Answers from SFNSW staff	Indecision about criteria form completion
2	Clarification of criteria definitions. Explanation of state and federal policies and their impact on EIS	<p>Weighting and ranking of criteria (because it didn't happen).</p> <p>The way in which questions were invited during the presentations.</p> <p>Should have waited till presentation completed.</p>

15	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What total did your criteria weightings add up to ? 2. What motivates you to be involved ? 3. What skills would you like to have had some training in to help you get more out of the CCG process ? 4. Do you want to continue your involvement with the management of your forests ? In what way ?
19	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Does the CCG consider they have made <u>any</u> contribution to the E.I.S. If not, why not ? 2. Have there been adequate discussions on the present woodchip harvesting methodology ? 3. Have there been adequate discussions on the selection of Conservation Reserves within S.F ? 4. Are CCG members confident that rare and/or endangered species will be protected by habitat retention ?
5	No comments
12	Do you feel the CCG process has been one that has been deliberately manipulated ? What do you see as the long term future for the State Forests in the region ? (Long term = 50 to 100 years, 100 to 200 years).
16	Whether what we are trying to do will be taken notice of by the Government?
14	Do they wish to have an ongoing native timber industry ? Do they realise the consequences of stopping same ?
2	Nil comments

<p>Please read each question carefully and then place a cross over the symbol which best sums up your opinion e.g. <input checked="" type="radio"/> ☹ ? 😊 😊 would indicate that you strongly disagree with the statement in question.</p>	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Undecided	Agree	Strongly agree
Stakeholders had sufficient information for them to participate with informed opinion	☹	☹	?	😊	😊
The public had sufficient notice of the EIA Project's existence	☹	☹	?	😊	😊
The EIA project had sufficient ongoing media coverage	☹	☹	?	😊	😊
I was well informed of my likely influence on the EIS	☹	☹	?	😊	😊
I was sufficiently aware of my role and how to participate most effectively	☹	☹	?	😊	😊
The EIA process and procedures were adequately explained to me	☹	☹	?	😊	😊
I was kept informed of EIA progress and any changes in circumstances affecting the EIA	☹	☹	?	😊	😊
Current forest management policies and practices were adequately explained to me	☹	☹	?	😊	😊
I was given enough information describing the environment	☹	☹	?	😊	😊
I was provided with timely information	☹	☹	?	😊	😊
I had sufficient access to information	☹	☹	?	😊	😊
The information I received was in an understandable form	☹	☹	?	😊	😊
All my relevant questions and data requests were adequately answered	☹	☹	?	😊	😊
I had enough time to digest and comprehend the information provided	☹	☹	?	😊	😊
The Study Team's preferred proposal was adequately explained to me	☹	☹	?	😊	😊
I had sufficient opportunity for interaction and involvement	☹	☹	?	😊	😊
I received sufficient feedback and acknowledgment of my input	☹	☹	?	😊	😊
Community consultation was early and ongoing	☹	☹	?	😊	😊
The consultation process fostered mutual education	☹	☹	?	😊	😊
I had adequate, easy and informal access to the Study Team	☹	☹	?	😊	😊
The CCG and Study Team were exposed to the full range of stakeholder viewpoints	☹	☹	?	😊	😊
Mutual rapport and trust developed between CCG members and the Study Team	☹	☹	?	😊	😊
I felt comfortable in discussing issues openly with the Study team	☹	☹	?	😊	😊
The Study Team addressed all relevant issues and comments raised by participants	☹	☹	?	😊	😊
The consultation process was open and balanced	☹	☹	?	😊	😊
The CCG's input was not dominated by any interest group	☹	☹	?	😊	😊
The consultation process was flexible enough to suit the needs of the participants	☹	☹	?	😊	😊
The Study Team influenced my opinion regarding the preferred proposal	☹	☹	?	😊	😊
Participants influenced the Study Team's opinions regarding the preferred proposal	☹	☹	?	😊	😊
I was treated fairly and equally by the Study Team	☹	☹	?	😊	😊
The CCG was representative of a broad cross section of community interests, views and concerns	☹	☹	?	😊	😊
The selection process for the CCG was fair and reasonable	☹	☹	?	😊	😊
The Study Team received sufficient input from the CCG	☹	☹	?	😊	😊
Participants had equal opportunity for input	☹	☹	?	😊	😊
If there had been no community consultation the preferred proposal would be different	☹	☹	?	😊	😊
Participants adequately confirmed who the stakeholders were	☹	☹	?	😊	😊
Participants sufficiently identified reasons why the forests were valued by stakeholders	☹	☹	?	😊	😊

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Undecided	Agree	Strongly agree
There was adequate two-way communication and open dialogue between participants and the Study Team	☹	⊗	?	☺	☺
Participants adequately identified the range of stakeholder expectations, preferences and priorities	☹	⊗	?	☺	☺
Participants adequately identified which key issues and concerns should to be addressed in the EIA	☹	⊗	?	☺	☺
The CCG sufficiently commented on the adequacy of EIA surveys, reports, mitigation prescriptions and other data	☹	⊗	?	☺	☺
CCG consensus and division on key issues was made clear to the Study Team	☹	⊗	?	☺	☺
Possible alternative management options were clearly identified by the CCG	☹	⊗	?	☺	☺
The CCG clearly identified possible environmental impacts for each alternative management option	☹	⊗	?	☺	☺
The information provided by the Study Team was not deliberately misleading	☹	⊗	?	☺	☺
The Study team adopted the CCG's recommendation:	☹	⊗	?	☺	☺
The Study Team were genuine in seeking community input	☹	⊗	?	☺	☺
The CCG adequately defined, ranked and weighted the criteria to be considered by the Study Team in selecting the preferred proposal	☹	⊗	?	☺	☺
CCG members adequately consulted the wider community and provided feedback to the Study Team.	☹	⊗	?	☺	☺
Participants supplied sufficient local knowledge, expertise, and scientific / technical data not already available to the Study team	☹	⊗	?	☺	☺
Participants provided sufficient comment on the Study Team's preferred proposal and it's likely environmental impacts	☹	⊗	?	☺	☺
The community consultation process was adequately conducted	☹	⊗	?	☺	☺
The community consultation process was meaningful and worthwhile	☹	⊗	?	☺	☺
Participants had sufficient opportunity for input	☹	⊗	?	☺	☺
The Study Team's preferred proposal would be publicly supportec	☹	⊗	?	☺	☺
Enough time was allocated to complete the EIS correctly	☹	⊗	?	☺	☺
The EIA planning process was transparent, unbiased, objective and process oriented	☹	⊗	?	☺	☺
Meetings and field trips were well run	☹	⊗	?	☺	☺
There was sufficient discussion of key issues and concerns	☹	⊗	?	☺	☺
There was sufficient discussion on the range of alternative proposals available	☹	⊗	?	☺	☺
The Study Team interacted well with the CCG	☹	⊗	?	☺	☺
The CCG answered all the Study Team's questions and data requests	☹	⊗	?	☺	☺
The CCG adequately modified the consultation process to suit members	☹	⊗	?	☺	☺
The CCG was active in the local community	☹	⊗	?	☺	☺
The CCG gave a clear direction of which alternative the community wanted	☹	⊗	?	☺	☺
There was adequate discussion of the criteria for selecting the preferred proposal	☹	⊗	?	☺	☺

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Undecided	Agree	Strongly agree
State forests did not undertake other activities that could have undermined the consultation process	☹	☹	?	☺	☺
The CCG adequately consulted the wider community and provided feedback to the Study Team	☹	☹	?	☺	☺
The CCG was cooperative and non adversarial	☹	☹	?	☺	☺
Information provided by the CCG was not deliberately misleading	☹	☹	?	☺	☺
CCG members had adequate involvement in the EIA process	☹	☹	?	☺	☺
CCG members treated each other fairly and equally	☹	☹	?	☺	☺
CCG members put forward realistic recommendations for alternative proposals	☹	☹	?	☺	☺
CCG members interacted and participated equally	☹	☹	?	☺	☺
The wider community would be satisfied with the performance of the CCG	☹	☹	?	☺	☺
CCG members gave the EIA a fair chance and reasonable opportunity to succeed	☹	☹	?	☺	☺
The CCG was effective in providing community feedback to the Study Team	☹	☹	?	☺	☺
CCG members maintained an objective and balanced approach	☹	☹	?	☺	☺
The CCG was truly representative of the wider community	☹	☹	?	☺	☺
The CCG adequately performed the role of community watchdog	☹	☹	?	☺	☺
The CCG brought significant pressure to bear on the Study Team	☹	☹	?	☺	☺
CCG members were flexible to compromise and negotiation	☹	☹	?	☺	☺
The CCG was given enough data for members to develop informed opinion	☹	☹	?	☺	☺
CCG members shared and acknowledged each others viewpoint	☹	☹	?	☺	☺
Every CCG member had the same opportunity to have input into the EIS	☹	☹	?	☺	☺
The CCG significantly influenced the development of the preferred proposal	☹	☹	?	☺	☺
The EIS meets my expectations	☹	☹	?	☺	☺
I successfully lobbied CCG support for my interest group's case	☹	☹	?	☺	☺
The consultants were adequately qualified	☹	☹	?	☺	☺
I sufficiently influenced the Study Team's opinion regarding the preferred proposal	☹	☹	?	☺	☺
I educated other uninformed CCG members and corrected misunderstandings	☹	☹	?	☺	☺
I adequately represented my interest group's expectations, preferences and priorities	☹	☹	?	☺	☺
My viewpoints were sufficiently understood, acknowledged and appreciated by others	☹	☹	?	☺	☺
I gained mutual support from other CCG members with similar interests	☹	☹	?	☺	☺
I was able to identify threats to my interest group to better focus my lobby efforts	☹	☹	?	☺	☺
My knowledge has improved as a result of the consultation process	☹	☹	?	☺	☺
I am better prepared for future action if necessary	☹	☹	?	☺	☺
I gained useful information for other pursuits and forums	☹	☹	?	☺	☺
I achieved my personal objectives	☹	☹	?	☺	☺
I protected my group's interests	☹	☹	?	☺	☺
I achieved gains for my interest group	☹	☹	?	☺	☺
I established new and useful contacts	☹	☹	?	☺	☺
The CCG experience contributed to my interest group's longterm goals	☹	☹	?	☺	☺

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Undecided	Agree	Strongly agree
The Study Team was professional in conducting the community consultation process	☹	☹	?	☺	☺
I am satisfied with the Study Team’s preferred proposa	☹	☹	?	☺	☺
All EIA procedures were of high quality	☹	☹	?	☺	☺
All likely impacts were addressed sufficiently	☹	☹	?	☺	☺
Survey and analysis methodologies used for the EIA were technically correct	☹	☹	?	☺	☺
Baseline environmental data was sound	☹	☹	?	☺	☺
The EIS complements current state government policy	☹	☹	?	☺	☺
The Study Team was competent and professional in undertaking the EIA	☹	☹	?	☺	☺
There was sufficient discussion of issues	☹	☹	?	☺	☺
I sufficiently influenced the opinions of other CCG members regarding the preferred proposal	☹	☹	?	☺	☺
State Forests are environmentally responsible and competent forest managers	☹	☹	?	☺	☺
The Open Day was a worthwhile event	☹	☹	?	☺	☺

The following questions help to describe the social attributes of the CCG. Please place a cross next to the appropriate answer.

Which age bracket do you fit into ?

15 to 24

25 to 39

40 to 54

55 to 69

70 +

What is the highest level of qualifications you have obtained ?

Degree or higher

Diploma

Trade

Not qualified

Other

Are you currently a member of any other committee or advisory group ?

Yes

No