



The Miner's Right

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Representing Miners, Prospectors and Associated Industries

June 2010

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Next Meeting:

Monday

12th July

12.30 pm

Mareeba Leagues

Club

President's Comment June 2010 Additional 40% tax on mining income.

I am sure most members are still trying to understand the implications of this new tax. To date the new Prime Minister remains uncommitted on her position on how the tax will be introduced. Both sides are poised to recommence 'Consultation' by way of multimillion dollar advertising campaigns.

In its current form the tax will impact on all mining profit above 6% return on investment. Any suggestion that this is a 'super profits' tax, or is aimed only at 'super rich miners' is nonsense. It will impact on any miner that makes a profit and this includes the smallest small miner.

I recently attended the International Tin Conference in Vancouver at which statements were being made that the current Australian government announcement places Australia as the country with the greatest sovereign risk to mining investment globally. (Sovereign risk is where a miner develops a project and once it become viable the government steps in and takes it over- this is mostly seen in third world countries where corrupt governments 'nationalise' the mine once it is proven viable). This new exorbitant tax is exactly the same thing when applied to existing or developing projects.

The Australian mining industry has only just begun to find a path through the Commonwealth Native Title Act Right To Negotiate process, which devastated the mining industry when a 'freeze' was placed on the grant of all mining tenure on 26th December 1996. This was followed by a decade of uncertainty and frustration as those miners that did not have granted tenure either shifted off shore or went broke trying to fathom out a way to get mining tenure granted.

It is only the last couple of years that the grant of mining tenure has started to move again. Many of the small scale miners in north Queensland are still waiting for the first batch in the State Government instigated grouped Right to Negotiate process to be advertised.

This Notification commences the process that has no known outcome. (This is not a criticism of native title in general, as I leave that to others to debate, my argument has always been with the Federal Government that singled out one industry and forced that industry into a situation where it must negotiate a new compensation agreement with no assistance or guidelines. The outcome was a decade of hopelessness for the industry).

Now we have a new tax that singles out one industry and imposes what appears to be a mammoth and crippling tax on that industry. It is not hard to believe there is a conspiracy against miners.

I have difficulties fathoming out how the government came up with some of the figures in the first place.

The government intends to impose an increased tax on tobacco products. The intent of this tax increase is to stop smoking, yet the projected revenue from this increased tax is \$5B. What happens if the purpose of the tax works and everyone stops smoking?

The new 'Super' tax on mining has a projected revenue of \$10B, yet this tax will force an exodus of mining exploration companies with their associated employment and flow on to support industries that will cause a massive hole in current tax revenue. It doesn't make sense.

There does seem to be some favourable changes coming through as this goes to print.

2010 Gold Panning Event

A reminder that the annual NQMA North Queensland Gold Panning event will again be held at Mareeba Centenary Park on Saturday 14th August.

More volunteers are always needed in the lead up and also on the day –please contact Lyn Byrne, Fiona Abbey or myself to volunteer.

NQMA Photo Competition.

Also a reminder about a new event this year, a photo competition . Photos must relate to the mining industry in north Queensland . Please provide a brief description of the subject and a date taken if possible. All Photos must be received by 5pm Friday 12th July.(NQMA Meeting) The photos will be on display at the Gold Panning Event and will be judged and the winners announced on the day .

There will also be a ‘people’s choice’ winner.

Please send (or drop off) your photos to the NQMA Secretary, Fiona Abbey at Angle Tenures Management, shop 3/165 Byrne Street, Mareeba. 4880. or bring them to the July NQMA meeting.

Next meeting Monday 12th July .

Regards

Ralph

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Parachute Jumping

On the first day of training for parachute jumping, a blonde listened intently to the instructor.

He told them to start preparing for landing when they are at 300 feet.

The blonde asked, “How am I supposed to know when I’m at 300 feet?”

“That’s a good question. When you get to 300 feet, you can recognise the faces of people on the ground.”

After pondering his answer, she asked, “What happens if there’s no one there I know?”

WANTED

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NOTICE

The group of seven Mining Leases known as Maddens Flat and surrounding EPM are withdrawn from sale from all agents. Signed G. Byrne/T. Edwards

Tools - Definitions

Electric Hand Drill: Normally used for spinning pop rivets in their holes until you die of old age.

Skill Saw: A portable cutting tool used to make studs too short.

Pliers: Used to round off bolt heads. Sometimes used in the creation of blood blisters.

Belt Sander: An electric sanding tool commonly used to convert minor touch-up jobs into major refinishing jobs.

Vise-Grips: Generally used after pliers to completely round off bolt heads. If nothing else is available, they can also be used to transfer intense welding heat to the palm of your hand.

Welding gloves: Heavy duty leather gloves used to prolong the conduction of intense welding heat to the palm of your hand.

E-Z Out bolt and Stud Extractor: A tool ten times harder than any known drill bit that snaps neatly off in bolt holes thereby ending any possible use.

Band Saw: A large stationary power saw primarily used by most shops to cut good aluminium sheet into smaller pieces that more easily fit into the trash can after you cut on the inside of the line instead of the outside edge.

Two-Ton Hoist: A tool for testing the maximum tensile strength of everything you forgot to disconnect.

Phillips Screwdriver: Normally used to stab the vacuum seals under lids or for opening old-style paper-and-tin oil cans and splashing oil on your shirt; but can also be used, as the name implies, to strip out Phillips screw heads.

Straight Screwdriver: A tool for opening paint cans. Sometimes used to convert common slotted screws into non-removable screws.

Hose Cutter: A tool used to make hoses too short.

Hammer: Originally employed as a weapon of war, the hammer nowadays is used as a kind of divining rod to locate the most expensive parts adjacent the object we are trying to hit.

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Next Meeting

Monday 12th July

12.30 pm

Mareeba Leagues Club

All Welcome



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North Queensland Miners Association presents:
“Annual Gold Panning Championships 2010”



Marcus Binks and Kim Hillier, both previous winners, pan off for 3rd in the Open

When: Saturday 14 August 2010 from 8:30am
Where: Heritage Centre, Mareeba (next to the Markets)

All age groups catered for.. And a great way to get the kids interested in fossicking for gold!!!
Lots of fossicking/mining information available....

Events being held:

Junior (under12)
Junior (12-16)
Novice Women
Novice Men
Skilled Women
Skilled Men
Veterans (over 60)
Open
Teams

“New to 2010 events”
Traditional Pans
(like the olden days!)

Entries to the Photo Competition will be judged on the day with a People’s Choice also to be awarded. If you would like to enter a photo on the subject of “Mining” please ring Fiona Abbey on 40926431. Entries close Friday 9th July 2010. 1st Prize \$150, 2nd \$100 and 3rd \$50. Winning photo will also be published in the NQMA 2011 calendar!!

Other things to do:

Colouring Competition for the kids hosted by Old Mines and Energy.

Stalls on Mining/Fossicking

The GOLD rush where you can stake your own claim and closest to the gold wins!!

Amazing jewellery raffle to be won.

Please contact Lyn Byrne on 40914905 or Fiona Abbey on 40926431 for further information. Or visit our newly launched website at www.nqma.org.au
Come along for a good day out and support the north Queensland mining industry

**G & K DISCOVER NEW ORE BODIES AT
SPEAR CREEK Part 1**

It would have been about 1962 that the Mount Isa Junior Chamber of Commerce decided to hold a Mining Exposition. A couple of the members called at my office and asked me if we could support the exposition by exhibiting an exploration drill in action.

I told them that it would be a very expensive operation indeed to engage in such a programme and explained a bit about how technology and geology play an important part in the cost of such an operation, not to mention the tremendous cost of diamond bits. However I was enthused by their determination to stage a good show and told them to leave it with me for a few days while I thought over how we could help.

That evening a great idea popped into my head, but it would take the co-operation of senior executives of Mount Isa Mines Ltd.

The idea was to drill a twelve and a quarter inch hole in our allotted area of operation with our water well drill, then fill it with some rich lead and copper oxide and copper sulphide ore, cementing it into place with a sand and cement mixture. Then the idea was to rig up a small mineral exploration drill and core the column over the two days of the show. I was hoping that the sandy cement holding the specimens together would look like a sandy shale as our core drill recovered it.

So I made an appointment with Mr Jim Foots, the General manager of MIM, and told him what I had in mind. Mr Foots smiled at hearing the story and asked how he could help. I said that I would need some lead and copper ore crushed to about four inch minus, and would need his co-operation to get it from the mine.

Mr Foots instructed me to go and see Mr Malcolm Rose who was at the time the Underground Superintendent of the Mine. "By the time you see him, Malcolm will know what you are after and I'm sure he will help you", he said. I was on good terms with Malcolm and when I arrived, he was all smiles at being involved in this conspiracy, to hopefully, have a successful exploration drilling demonstration. Malcolm, s very astute fellow, who enjoyed a bit of fun, did not need to be told that it was a highly "secret" operation.

We had six weeks to organise our plan. I contacted the men from the Junior Chamber of Commerce and explained that we would need to know where our particular exhibition site would be, because we needed to make certain preparations for our exhibition. However, I did not tell them exactly what we were up to, as I thought we would reserve that for them as a pleasant surprise.

It was indeed fortuitous that our water well drill was at that time, about to move from the Barkly Tableland, in the N.T., where it had been drilling some water bores, to the Boulia district, south of Mount Isa, to drill a series of experimental/discovery water wells for the Queensland Irrigation and Water Commission.

So, when the drill arrived back in Mount Isa, one afternoon Kevin Morgan, the drill operator and myself took the drill to the Spear Creek sports oval out next to the aerodrome. We drilled the twelve and a quarter inch hole, sixty feet deep, transported all of the considerable cuttings away and filled the sixty foot hole with our new "ore body". We had a cement mixer and lots of Fondu cement, and procured a utility load of clean sand from nearby Spear Creek. Fondu cement, by the way, is a quick setting black coloured cement, which I thought ideal for the job.

I decided to place twenty feet of lead sulphides on the bottom, followed by twenty feet of copper sulphides and then about twenty feet of copper oxides to the surface. I left the last foot free of "ore" and just used soil for that section, so that the "ore body" would be suitably covered. We drilled another six inch hole about ten feet deep very close to the first hole. I filled it with concrete and a chain to use for an anchor to hold down our little exploration drill when it arrived. I then cleaned up the site, spread a small bag of fertiliser around our site, so that in the coming weeks it would all recover and be nice and green. I made sure it was, as I watered it a couple of times a week during the waiting period.

I was also careful to take bearings from a couple of sighters so that we would not lose our "ore body". At that time, no more than about five people knew of the impending operation, and of course we all knew how to keep a secret. In the case of drillers, they are forbidden to talk about a client's prospect in any case, especially after the drilling starts.

However, all of our preparation nearly came to nothing as the men running the show at the last minute, for some critical Reason, wanted to move our site to the other side of the ground. They rushed into my office two days before with their new floor plan to show me why they had to move us. They had a great number of eminent mining supply companies displaying their wares, it was going to be a memorable show. Of course I then had to explain to them that our "ore body" which we had planted six weeks ago could not be moved.

Then they asked me if it would be inconvenient to plant a new "ore body". I explained that that option was impossible. The drill that drilled the hole was now down at Boulia drilling water wells for the State Water Authority. I also explained that I needed the Mindrill site next to me. Mindrill Limited was the principal drilling equipment supply company in those days. I had organised them as a fellow exhibitor, to hopefully add to the exploration drilling flavour of the show.

Thank you to Mr Ronald Kitching for giving permission to print this story. Part 2 will continue in the next newsletter.

ADVERTISING is available in the Miners Right.

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NORTH QUEENSLAND MINER'S ASSOCIATION INC.

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APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

I/We.....
the undersigned, being an eligible person, partnership, or company, hereby apply for Membership of the North Queensland Miner's Association Inc. (See eligibility clause below)

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.....POSTCODE.....

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Phone No during day:.....Fax No:.....

E-mail address if available.....

NUMBER and LOCATION of MINING TENEMENT/S held or ASSOCIATION WITH MINING INDUSTRY.....
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I/We hereby agree to comply with the Rules and Regulations as prescribed in the Constitution of the North Queensland Miner's Association Inc.

Full Membership. Enclosed herewith is Annual Membership Fee of \$100.00.

Eligibility for Membership: *'Any person, partnership or company who: is actively involved in mining or prospecting (including metal detecting); holds or has an application for any mining tenure allowable under the Queensland Mineral Resources Act 1989 or any Act that replaces it; has a tenement before the Land and Resources Tribunal; or has a direct professional interest in the mining industry.'*

Corporate Membership. Enclosed herewith is Annual Membership Fee of \$250.00.

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Associate Membership. Enclosed herewith is Annual Membership Fee of \$40.00.

Eligibility for Associate Membership: *'Any person, partnership or company that provides goods or services to the mining industry but is not directly involved in mining'.*

SIGNED DATE/...../.....

Please send Application form to: NQMA, PO Box 133, Malanda, Q4885

Update on The Native Title Act Section 29 - Right To Negotiate

by Paul.E.Crossland (NQMA representative for Native Title matters)

As at the end of June 2010 all the details for the Section 29 Notices advertising have been finalized. The advertising offers were sent out to the various mining applicants in the first 3 batches- the Western Yalanji Claimed Areas and the Western Yalanji Unclaimed Areas, and the Southern Area with a few other applicants included in this batch of advertising as well. The cost of the advertising was \$380.00 per tenement application. This advertising batch has 43 tenement applications by some 22 applicants.

The scheduled dates are:-

Advertising: Koori Mail- 30 June 2010. Tablelands Advertiser - Friday 2nd July.

Notification date: 21 July 2010

3 month closing date: 21 October 2010

4 month closing date: 21 November 2010

During the time up to the November date it is expected that the negotiation meetings will be scheduled to negotiate an agreement with the relevant Native Claimants. This agreement is expected to contain agenda similar to the present Small Scale Miner I.L.U.A.s.

The department within the Department of Employment, Economic Development and Innovation (formerly The Department of Natural Resources and Mining) to deal with Native Title matters is the Indigenous Land Access Unit. The Unit will be reviewing the batched R.T.N. system to identify what has worked and what has not worked. From this, the process can be streamlined and made more effective.

I would like to remind all members that to obtain the best outcome in the R.T.N. matters we need your input as to agenda you would like to be included in the agreement negotiations.

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Graham Steene 0438726854

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Update on the Small Scale Miner Area I.L.U.A.s

The State Government at present is supportive of the negotiation of 3 Small Scale Miner I.L.U.A s. These are the Western Yalanji, the Djungan and the Ewamian.

The N.Q.M.A. has applied for financial assistance from the Attorney General's Department to support this association with the considerably large costs we will incur from being a party to the I.L.U.A. negotiation process.

We are working together with the Indigenous Land Access Unit (D.E.E.D.I.) and the North Queensland Land Council to identify issues in the Small Scale Miner I.L.U.A.s which are relevant to the mining sector and the Native Title Claimants. The N.Q. Land Council has been conducting meetings with the 3 Traditional Owner Groups who have agreed to work closely together in order to work out the issues they have in common in order to achieve a uniform template for the negotiation of the new I.L.U.A s. It is expected that there will be minor variations in respect to the conduct of Cultural Heritage site clearance inspections which may incorporate specific cultural matters that the individual groups may seek to have recognized.

Once this process has been finalized, meetings will be scheduled for the N.Q.M.A. to meet with the Native Title Claimant groups to discuss the various issues which have been identified as relevant to the negotiation of these new I.L.U.A.s. The State Government representatives will also be present at these meetings.

The N.Q.M.A. has written to the Minister, Stephen Robertson, requesting that the other Small Scale Miner I.L.U.A s be included for continuance as well.

A copy of the Application for Financial Assistance from the Attorney General will be available for viewing at the July 12th general meeting.

John Moffat Family Day Saturday August 7th 10 am till late

Irvinebank is once again hosting its yearly celebration in memory of John Moffat. During the day there will be demonstrations of Hand Steel, Rock Drilling and Panning. Entertainment will also include Bush Poetry and music by the Hillbilly Goats as well as the local markets which will start at 10am. Food is available during the day. A Jumping Castle and face painting will keep the kids happy. The Museum and School of Arts Hall will be open and historic vehicles and old motors will be on display. Tea/Coffee and fresh lamingtons will be available at the Freethinker Cottage. The day will end with food available at the Irvinebank Tavern and a live band. Step back in history by visiting a famous old mining town which has many attractions including old buildings and mines. Excellent camping facilities are available on the old town common.

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NORTH QUEENSLAND MINERS ASSOCIATION INC

Minutes of the General Meeting held at Mareeba Leagues Club, Monday 10 May 2010

Meeting opened 12:35pm

Present: R DeLacey (president), T Edwards (treasurer), F Abbey (secretary), G Byrne, M Hoy, P Crossland, G Steine, V Lake, J Santacatterina, F Markert, L Coleing, J Cavill-Jones, Phillip Kidson, Simon White, Bill Arlidge, Mike Collins, Mike Scott, Sue Kidson, Ken Wilson, Donald Walker

Apologies: Cheryl Fitzgerald, Paul Turpin

Proxies: Nil

Minutes of Previous meeting: the minutes of the previous meeting were taken as read. There being no amendments it was move by Frank Markert and seconded by Vicky Lake that they be approved as a true and correct record of the meeting, and carried.

Matters arising from the minutes: no matters were raised.

Correspondence: The correspondence file was circulated for member's information. Moved by Jay Santacatterina and seconded by Graham Byrne as approved.

Treasure's report: The Treasurer tabled his financial report (attached), showing a balance of \$26069.93 Current membership is 105. Financial Report accepted and carried.

General Business:

Membership Fees – Jay Santacatterina tabled that a discussion be held on the requirement to raise the membership fees. It was noted that the original prices was \$100 per full membership but due to previous hard economic time is was reduced. Jay Santacatterina moved that it return to the price of \$100 per full membership and \$40 per associate membership and introduce a third tier of Corporate Membership at \$250, seconded by Terry Edwards and carried by all members present.

Further levies will need to be discussed if the costs increase for NQMA to represent members for Native Title, Wild River, EPA etc.

Queensland Mines and Energy – Luke Croton, Rachel Cronin, Tom Saunders and Peter Wilson

Rachel Cronin gave a presentation on the Streamlining Project currently being undertaken by Queensland Mines and Energy to enable faster processing times for mining tenures across Queensland. Rachel explains the recommendations that were relevant to the Northern Region and what has been progressing to date.

One change to date has been to abolish the need for mining lease applications where NO objections have been lodged at the close of objections, be referred to the Land Court for a hearing and recommendation. This will apply to mining lease applications lodged after 1 April 2010 and should shorten the application process by up to 90 days.

Other topics discussed were:

- Current staffing levels at the Mareeba Office

- Definition of “small miners’ and what will this mean to the industry and what benefits will it have. A common definition must be reached for all of Qld with support of other associations.
- The requirement to mark out the mining lease with a peg in every corner
- The need for NQMA to have input and/or be consulted for any major changes and not just seek input from QRC and larger companies.
- And it was briefly suggested that the application fees may increase for all mining tenures (no time-frame and no amounts were discussed)

Native Title Issues – Tom Saunders

- The batching has been delayed due to unforeseen circumstances. At present the add is being prepared for the Koori Mail that will include 16 mining lease application in one. Final approval has not been given to date, but once done it will reduced the cost to miners per add. (Whole Page add is \$5000, 16 mls per add)
- There are 70 mining lease applications in 6 batches currently progressing.
- Once cost for each application is assured it will be introduced that the advertising cost be paid at lodgement of application therefore not delaying advertising waiting for payment etc.
- The land clearance reports (NT and Cultural Heritage reports) completed under a current ILUA should continue if the ILUA expires and the ML proceeds through RTN, with no further fees to be paid.
- NQMA advised that want all 7 ILUAs to be support for re-negotiation. Tom advised that only workable ILUAs with significant mining leases will be supported and where all parties support the new ILUA.
- It was brought up that some NT parties believe the industry is abusing the definition of small miner under the ILUA due to family members holding tenures and working them under the same mining project. It was asked by members of how this was abuse and how it dis-advantaged the NT group.
- Ewaimian are preparing their own draft ILUA terms and conditions due to also having to negotiate with individual miners.

Web Site – Simon White

The web site has a registered name under NQMA.org.au, the meeting endorsed payment of web site licence cost etc. Being approx \$100 per year.

Ralph has been given security records for web site as backup to Simon. Simon is to continue updating and maintaining the site. All suggestions or ideas of what is to be put on the site are welcome. The Miner’s Right is to be scanned and included.

Environmental Issues –

- The matter of the increase and annual fee is ongoing with meetings being held to insist on the immediate suspension of removal of the annual fee. No further positive comments to report. Kate Jones (Minister) answered that she did not know how it could be removed. Reassurance needs to be given that the fee will be refunded if the tenure does not proceed to grant.
- Discussion was held about Plan of operation and the needs to address all EA conditions in the operations. Also discussed the discrepancies between the allowed disturbed areas. Inconsistencies are still arising with advice given from individual staff at EPA that also includes the categories applied to the plan of operations and discounts given on financial assurances.

Miners Right – please send in any contributions and/or advertising and note two weeks prior to publication is preferable to editing and set up is not rushed at the last minute. Please contact Lyn for further information.

Other general business –

- Wet Tropics WRP -Fiona Barron /Michele Wood were unable to attend this meeting however will attend in the near future.
- CYR NRM - No representative was put forward for on behalf of NQMA therefore we will have to accept that the rep will be from either Tourism or small business. Vicky Lake may be able to attend as an observer.
- Henry Tax Review – no detailed information was released from Govt to date. Further discussion will be held at the next meeting when clearer detail is known.

Promotion – Graham Byrne to attend Moffat Day 7 August to promote NQMA and Gold Panning Championship.

Gold Panning Championship –

- Sponsorship is coming in. (\$200 to sponsor a tub or be named, \$500 for the gold strike event)
- Rob Ryan will be there to run the 2010 event with John Cavil-Jones to run 2011 event
- Jack Guadian has advised that he can supply the gold
- Traditional pans are required x 15
- Frank is organising Ergon Energy tent, road signage, PA system, sausage sizzle
- Barry Jarman is not holding a stall but will be the major contributor of the raffle
- A further small marquee is required
- Photo competition to be closed Friday 9 July before next meeting on 12 July
- Raffle will be quite significant with 1st 2nd and 3rd, jewellery donated by Barry Jarman. 2000 tickets available at \$2/ticket.

Next meeting to be held Monday 12 July 2010
Meeting Closed 4.50pm

President to sign.....

