

Community Alliance for Positive Solutions

Representing 300+ members of our communities and growing.....

Mission Statement & Proposal

To create a collaborative effort between the communities of Yarloop, Hamel, Wagerup, Cookernup, Waroona, Harvey, and other impacted areas, that maintains the integrity of these communities and preserves the quality of life required by their citizens, while supporting Alcoa in creating positive, viable solutions for environmental and community sustainability.

CAPS propose that:

1. The recommendations of the CSIRO Research study of July 2003, as approved by the community, be implemented by Alcoa as soon as possible, with emphasis on health and social impact.
2. The entire towns of Yarloop/Hamel be designated a buffer zone, which will require total relocation of the towns and all residents to be compensated. Relocation and compensation will encompass:
 - a. The construction of new towns, including buildings and infrastructure, for the residents of impacted areas, located within 20 km of their current locations.
 - b. No resident to be out of pocket for any expenses incurred in the relocation. Value of the new residence and features of the property will be the total replacement value of the current residence and property, plus compensation and relocation costs.
 - c. Residents remaining in impacted areas until the buffer zoning is completed will be compensated with necessary transport, financial assistance, and other support needed to maintain their quality of life.
 - d. Residents who wish to relocate in a community other than the new location, will be compensated with total replacement and relocation costs.

CAPS is NOT associated with the Communities Alliance Party.



The Proposed “New Town”

CAPS have presented, and will continue to present, our proposal for relocating affected towns to Alcoa and the State Government. At this time, Alcoa does not support relocation. Our discussions continue with the government, and as no party wants to see this area become another Wittenoom, we are hoping that an agreement will be reached in the near future. Below is a summary of our relocation proposal:

1. No one to be out of pocket.
2. Exchange of land in Yarloop area for new site between Johnston Rd. and Riverdale, west of Old Coast Rd.
3. Property exchange – new for old. Eg, if you now have half acre 3 X 2, lawn, 2 roses, you receive same –plus compensation for disruption of life, etc.
4. Mining of Yarloop. Royalties to be negotiated. Original residents have first choice to retain rights or have first option to buy back property when mining is finished. Otherwise, mined land can be used for farming and tree plantation at Alcoa’s discretion.
5. New emergency/recovery hospital with frail aged care accommodation (serving region).
6. Centralised police station.
7. School could accommodate Yarloop and surrounding districts.
8. Central fire station.
9. Water sourced from Stirling Trunk to service new town and can be extended to service Preston Beach.
10. All other amenities for new town.
11. The freeway will be continued past Mandurah through to Bunbury from Perth, constructed close to Johnston Rd in Yarloop.
12. With the expansion at Pinjarra and Wagerup, Australind will not be able to travel on same line because of increase in Alcoa freight trains, therefore there is a need for a new line which can parallel new freeway.
13. Southwest Highway can be redirected to bypass Alcoa site.
14. Preserve history, eg. reconstruction of original hotel. Keep heritage buildings where they can create some sort of tourist attraction.

*Proposed site for
New Town*

Why is this a good plan? The CSIRO study could be implemented ASAP. Then new state-of-the-art technologies can be created and included in expansion plans, benefiting Alcoa through new patents, saving money by not having to retrofit at later date, and being recognised as a world leader in community and environmental care.

The community wins with the creation of a new town. Residents can start new life. All residents in impacted communities have a choice to move or stay and keep similar lifestyle, with compensation.

The government wins by being recognised for its strong leadership, working closely with the community and Alcoa to support win/win situation.

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CAPS meeting 12-13-04 summary of minutes

Fifteen local residents attended. It was reported that over 300 people have signed on in support of the CAPS goals.

CAPS members have met with Clive Brown twice with their concerns, which included current health problems, the proposed expansion of Alcoa, and CAPS goals. CAPS have sent submissions to the DoE concerning the Calciner 3 upgrade and to Minister Judy Edwards regarding Alcoa's license. Minister Clive Brown had also requested a response to some of his questions about the expansion. CAPS responded with a comprehensive submission that was also forwarded to 11 other ministers, along with support letters from Chrissy Sharp and John Bradshaw. *<Copies of the submissions are available for CAPS members>*

Giulio Casella, WA Operations Manager for Alcoa, responded to a letter from CAPS stating that we did not recognise CCN as valid representation of the community. Mr Cassella defended CCN and rejected the idea of relocating the town. His letter was addressed personally to two CAPS members, instead of to our organization.

It was made clear that there is no connection between the new Communities Alliance Party (CAP) and our organization.

Information about "white asbestos" created by caustic from liquor burners adhering to dust particles was presented, and the possibility of its contribution to mesothelioma.

A move to pursue legal channels concerning the violation of human rights due to environmental damage was discussed.

A report on property purchases was tabled. Equity, Identity, and Care should be the key points in helping the community and the affected residents. A proposal detailing the relocation of the town was presented.

Public relations strategies were discussed, and the possibility of another community survey. Application for incorporation of CAPS was discussed and approved.

It was generally agreed that Alcoa needed to be held accountable for their impact on the quality of life in local communities.

Current Housing Stats

Before 1996, Yarloop was growing at a rate of 6.4% annually, mainly in zone A. It dropped into a steady decline around 1998. Since 2001, more B zone properties have sold to Alcoa than A zone. By mid-2004, Alcoa had spent \$24 million in buying properties, including approx. 117 residences and 38 vacant blocks in zones A and B. Purchases continue. Now, Alcoa has control of the town, around 80% of zone A is sold and will not be resold, and zone B residents are scrambling to get out. So why is there all this talk about rejuvenating Yarloop? How will this town possibly survive when Alcoa eventually owns all the land?

HOW CAN YOU HELP?

- Your donations to help CAPS cover the cost of this newsletter and other expenses are appreciated.
- Wear a black ribbon to show that you mourn the loss of the quality of life in this area.
- Sign on as a member & encourage others to sign.
- Tell us your story.
- Contact CAPS at 9733 5011 or 9733 5244 for more information.



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Website soon!

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Why we do not recognise Tripartite and CCN...

The South West has a rich cultural and ethnic heritage that stretches back through early Aboriginal habitation, the immigration and settlement of Italian and other European families, and recent decades, when former Perth residents moved "down South" to escape the stresses of city life. This area has offered fertile soil, beautiful landscapes, forests, sea, a tranquil lifestyle, and many natural resources to all its inhabitants and visitors.

Of course, it was one of those resources that attracted Alcoa to this area. The American company moved in, and unfortunately, over time proved to be a bad neighbour. Not only have the subsequent pollution and land management issues upended the quality of life here, but Alcoa's obligatory consultation processes have proven historically to be weak and disempowering for community residents.

The Tripartite group is not a true tripartite, one where three distinct, equal and separate bodies liaise to create

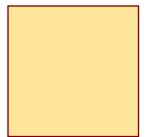
solutions. Instead, it functions as one exclusive group, driven by the government and Alcoa. The CCN is a group created by Alcoa, and oversees the expansion Working Groups. Though community members may give input, Alcoa has the upper hand in facilitation of the process and is the ultimate decision-maker. Alcoa is in control.

CAPS is a community-driven process of consultation, one where people in the community are the decision-makers, taking charge of their own destiny and spelling out the terms under which Alcoa must function to share this community with us.

CAPS acknowledge the need for industry such as Alcoa. We do not wish to shut them down. We offer a plan that holds Alcoa accountable for the damage done to this community, controls further damage, supports Alcoa and the government in doing the right thing, and brings the power back to the people. We need to remind Alcoa that :

WE WERE HERE FIRST.

A healthy environment for living and working is your basic human right.



TO THE HOUSEHOLDER