

# TRIP REPORT

## Mackenzie Valley Environmental Impact Review Board

**Subject:** EA99-004

**Date:** October 6, 1999

**Prepared by:** Louie Azzolini

**RE:** Trip to Dettah

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Development: BHP Mine Extension  
Departure Date: October 6, 1999, Louie Azzolini  
Return Date: October 6, 1999  
Mode of Travel: vehicle  
Reason: Attend public meeting  
Public Notification: No notification provided  
Meetings: No meetings attended  
Cost: Approximately \$75

Louie Azzolini attended a meeting on October 6, 1999. The meeting at the Dettah community hall started at 7:30 PM and finished at about 10:30. There were outstanding items that will get discussed at another meeting including the mine extension. The following is a summary of the points recorded at the meeting.

Small Business Spending	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Request for more detail on the distribution of contracts and other work to small business.</li></ul>
Other Business Services to BHP	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Request for information on what business opportunities there are (and upcoming) for goods and services that can be produced by band members.</li><li>BHP indicated that the local IBA office could provide BHP a listing of businesses and service providers that are in the community, from the Band.</li></ul>
Capital (money)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Some attendees indicated that they lacked the capital to open and develop businesses.</li></ul>

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On-Site Business opportunities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Attendee wanted to know if BHP has on-site commercial area that it makes available for lease or free to entrepreneurs. BHP indicated the on-site commissary is available and that resellers could develop business arrangements with the organization that has the contract for the commissary.</li> </ul>
Social Issues	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>An attendee said that there were stress related problems in the community - alcohol and marriage problems.</li> </ul>
Promotion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>An attendee indicated that opportunities for advancement into positions such as the foreman seem limited and that there are problems with stress on the family and the community.</li> <li>BHP indicated it had training and progression plans and that they worked with GNWT health service providers.</li> </ul>
Certainty about the Quality of Information Reported	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>An attendee asked what the unemployment rate was calculated and how those numbers were calculated and just how accurate they were.</li> </ul>
BHP Family Benefits	Question about BHP employee benefits to the extended family.

The meeting finished at about 10:30 with outstanding items on the agenda. Another meeting would be scheduled to complete discussion on the mine extension and the MVRMA.