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At the 22 August Water Engagement Initiative (WEI) meeting Rio Tinto was asked to provide more information about the water license amendment received in 2012.

ACTION ITEM: Rio Tinto to provide information on the 2012 Water License renewal process.

- **Rio Tinto received an amendment to the Final Water Licence from BC on 19 July 2012**
- **The amendment was considered an ‘administrative amendment’ related to the second tunnel.**
- **The 2nd tunnel was partially constructed and the Intake constructed before the Final Water License was issued**
- **The Final Water licence issued in 1997 did not explicitly mention a second tunnel.**
- **The amendment provided clarity on the description of Kemano – to include a second tunnel and authorize completion of the second tunnel.**
- **Rio Tinto consulted with all parties identified by the Regulatory process for authorization of the second tunnel.**
- **Rio Tinto also held a public meeting in Vanderhoof and consulted with the District of Vanderhoof prior to the amendment.**