
**MINUTES OF BRANDY HILL QUARRY COMMUNITY CONSULTATIVE
COMMITTEE MEETING**

Meeting Date: Thursday 21st February 2019

Venue: Raymond Terrace Bowling Club

Present:

Lisa Andrews (LA)	Independent Chairperson
Belinda Pignone (BP)	Graduate Environmental Planning and Compliance Coordinator
Andrew Driver (AD)	Eastern Region Development Manager
Chris Dolden (CD)	Metro Quarry Operations Manager Aggregates <i>(left at 5.58pm)</i>
Nichole Stanfield	Hanson
Brad Nelson	Hanson – BH Quarry Manager
Grant Lahiff (GL)	Hanson – Transport Supervisor
Dan Taylor (DT)	Hanson – Maintenance Supervisor
Martin Bretag (MB)	Hanson – Drivers’ Representative <i>(left at 5.12pm)</i>
Rob Adams (RA)	Community Representative
James Moore (JM)	Community Representative
Pre McGee (PM)	Community Representative
Neil Ritchie (NR)	BHSAG Representative
Margarete Ritchie (MR)	BHSAG Representative
Peter Rees (PR)	VOWW Representative <i>(left at 6.30pm)</i>
Chantal Parslow Redman	Community Representative (alternate)
Nick Warren	Snr Env. Consultant with RW Corkery & Co. <i>(invited guest)</i>

ITEM 1: Opening & Welcome

The meeting was opened at 4.01pm by LA who welcomed all attendees and introduced Hanson company representatives.

ITEM 2: Apologies – Nil

Shaun Boland (Hanson).

ITEM 3: Declarations

LA declared that she is an approved Independent Chairperson by the Department of Planning & Environment, engaged by Hanson to chair the meeting. No changes to members’ previous declarations.

ITEM 4: Business Arising from Finalised Minutes

ITEM	ISSUE	RESPONSIBILITY
1	Consider notification options to advise neighbours of when blasting will occur	AD/SB
2	Consider air monitoring equipment being placed on property of CPR.	AD
3	Community representatives to prepare a list of questions and submit to Hanson by 29/11/18 (Complete – received 26/11/18)	CCC members
4	Hanson to look at sub-contractor drivers placing identifying numbers on trucks.	SB

Responses:

- 1 Hanson are considering placing a sign at the front along Clarence Town Road, stating blasting procedures, in lieu of sending text messages. PLM commented that the text on the sign should be large enough to read whilst driving. Hanson are reluctant to advertise the specific time of the blast, as this may vary, depending on weather conditions, etc. CD explained the potential environmental parameters that need to be taken into consideration prior to blasting, DPE & EPA requirements. NR commented that not everyone that may be affected by the blast drives along that road, so would prefer to see an email distribution list for community groups so they can forward on to members.
- 2 Dust monitoring undertaken in November 2018. CPR commented on potential structural changes to Giles Rd properties from blasting in the past and suggested monitoring be set up to record activities.
- 3 Questions received from community representatives on 26/11/19 and response prepared and provided by RW Corkery.
- 4 Hanson considering placing identifying numbers on trucks. PLM suggested using BHQ as a pilot site, prior to introducing it at all Hanson quarries. MR commented that the ID must be large to view from a distance and clearly visible.

ITEM 5: Correspondence as emailed with Meeting Notice on 2/2/19 with 5 additional items:

- 26/10/18 - Email from Bronwyn White, resigning from BHQ CCC.
- 16/11/18 – Email/Letter from Bronwyn White formally resigning from the CCC & requesting letter be forwarded on to other members for their information.
- 26/11/18 - Email from Margarete Ritchie with the list of questions from the CCC & BHS Action Group. This email was forwarded through to Hanson.
- 28/11/18 – Email to members with the draft minutes for review.
- 5/12/18 – Email to members with the finalised minutes.
- 9/1/19 - Email from James Moore chasing up response to questions from community representatives. Forwarded through to Hanson for follow-up.
- 18/1/19 – Email to members with response to questions prepared by Nicholas Warren from RW Corkery. This information forwarded through to members.
- 30/1/19 – Email from Belinda Pignone advising of the first “Have a Chat” session on 6/2/19
- 30/1/19 – Email to members advising that the Q&A document is able to be distributed to the broader community.
- 30/1/19 – Email from Pre McGee recommending that residents along Seaham Road from Brandy Hill Drive to just past Hinton Road also be included in the letterbox drop-off area advice. This feedback was forwarded on to Hanson.
- 1/2/19 – Email from Belinda Pignone advising that the recommended area will be included in the letterbox drop.
- 2/2/19 – Email to members with the Meeting Notice for this meeting, including the Correspondence Report.
- 13/2/19 – Email from Peter Rees, requesting logistic truck movement information to and from the site and feedback from the Chat Session (including letter box drop details).

- 13/2/19 – Email to members with a copy of Hanson’s draft Community & Stakeholder Engagement Plan (as requested by N&MR)
- 20/2/19 – Email advising that Shaun Boland would be an apology.

CPR reminded LA that Bronwyn White had requested that a copy of her resignation from the CCC be sent to all members. **Action.** Noted: that CPR would replace Bronwyn White on CCC as full community representative.

Accepted.

Discussions

- Drivers’ Code of Conduct Update – CD advised that following a complaint received, that a generic truck had driven badly, further investigations revealed that it had been a load from BHQ. The sub-contractor driver breached the code of conduct and has been suspended for 6 months. This sent a very clear message, as this was the drivers’ only source of work.
- Have not be able to secure a location for the speed monitor/trailer as it is unregistered and needs to be located on private property (not Council).
- AD sought clarification on PR’s enquiry on truck movements as it was a significant task to prepare data. PR advised, the number of trucks leaving the quarry and in what direction - **Action.** AD advised that the information would be provided, but stated it would be “commercial in confidence”.
- Discussions on the letter box drop, advertising the Have a Chat session. It was decided that the letterbox drop will incorporate a larger area in future and that the session should be less ‘formal’ with the start time to be more convenient for people that work. MR suggested distribution to all of Brandy Hill (suburb), Seaham Road, Giles Road, Clarence Town Road, Noongah Rd, etc. Suggestions on the design/improvements to the flyer. Hold next session, sooner, rather than later. *(Further discussed in General Business recommending additional distribution locations.)*
- PR advised he did not want precise details of the destination of the outgoing loaded truck traffic as the direction of trucks would suffice; however, he would, if necessary, use the information at any hearing of the SSD application.
- Discussions over what constitutes a close neighbour. Whether area was considered residential properties and the impacts from two separate quarries.
- NW advised that some activities on site have been modified to mitigate issues, ie rock breaker starting at 7am now instead of 6am.
- MR stated that minimum standards are not being met, with CD stating that the standards are set by the regulatory bodies and that Hanson is compliant.
- Discussions on night time operations. Hanson advised that they have listened to the concerns raised by the community and considered economic opportunities to achieve what is needed against these impacts on the amenity of the area and are proposing to DPE a tighter window for despatching. This concession will be that instead of 365 nights per year, moving to 20 nights per year, during the hours of 10pm to 5am. Limited to 58 truck laden loads. PR sought clarification on the number of movements – confirmed it will be 58 ins and 58 outs.

- For more control, Hanson will use its own trucks and any changes will be advertised to residents, providing adequate notice. PM stated that this happened at Williamstown Airport and seemed to work well when residents were forewarned.
- PLM commented that this was a massive improvement/dramatic drop in movements.
- MR asked if the operations were still 24 hours? With AD answering yes, that loading, hauling, primary crushing and pit operations will be limited from 5am to 10pm, Monday to Saturday for load/haul activities and primary crushing.
- This means that the original proposal has been changed to reduce movements at night.
- Discussion over primary crusher enclosure being an effective noise mitigation with NW confirming that there will be a marked improvements. (Quoting noise level modelling figures from the EIS.) The secondary plant is less intrusive. JM commented that the benefits of enclosure vary, depending on the sound frequency of the noise being generated.
- Additional noise monitoring in Giles Road, who appear to be the most affected with the domination of noise in the environment and potential loss of amenity due to noise intrusion.
- CPR asked about the “doof doof” noise from the quarry. NW began his answer by referring to minimum standards being met and that birds and crickets have higher dB reading. MR argued that CPR and her family moved to their location for the bird/natural noises (irrespective of their dB). This constitutes a change of character and ‘sense of place’.
- Hanson requested feedback from the committee of the draft Community & Stakeholder Engagement Plan that was forwarded on 13/2/19. **(Action.)**
- CPR tabled an email received from a Giles Road resident asking questions in relation to the project (tonnage, dust controls, noise, blasting, etc). The document was taken on notice with BN committing to telephoning CPR to arrange a meeting between the author and CPR to address questions. **(Action.)**

ITEM 6: Reports & Updates

Project Update

- The modification of the application doesn’t require another submission. It is a part of the consultation/RTS and will be taken to DPE to inform them of the reduction of movements.
- AD provided an update on the Voluntary Planning Agreement and recent meeting with Port Stephens Council. NR enquired why PLM wasn’t invited to the meeting. AD advised it was a matter for Council. (PLM advised that he will ask the question to the GM.)
- MR – changes in Council doesn’t give confidence on decision making and whether it was possible for CCC members could be invited to future VPA discussion with Council. PLM advised that Council has a committee that considers VPAs. AD advised that a response should be received from Council next week on the agreement which includes proposed infrastructure, such as pathways and bus bays.
- MR advised that they were not comfortable in providing suggestions on where the location of the bus bays would be.

- PLM responding that Council would prefer community input/suggestions on where they would prefer the bays as a starting point, which would then be considered by the Traffic Committee.
- AD advised that Hanson had met with Maitland Council. It was likely that requirements for road maintenance contributions will be a condition of approval, instead of a formal VPA.
- JM asked if it was possible to walk through the plant with CCC representatives to gain a baseline prior to the site changing. It was confirmed that a site inspection was held the previous year. BN acknowledged that a plant walk through for a small group could be facilitated in the near future. Will also seek expressions of interests from attendees at the Have a Chat sessions.

Presentation

- A PowerPoint presentation was shown to the committee, comparing the proposed amendments to the original application. Including:
 - Hours of Operation
 - Transport Management
 - Community and Stakeholder Engagement; and
 - Environmental Impacts
- Members were asked to provide feedback. LA to email presentation for members consideration and response back to Hanson asap. **(Action.)**

ITEM 7: General Business

- The Community Engagement Plan will be a condition of consent as with all State Significant Developments (not a VPA).
- Discussion on the “final void” following the quarry’s end of mine life. The rehabilitation of the site and final land use will be considered as part of the consultation process for the Closure Plan, which will include Council. PR asked whether Hanson would place a restriction as to user on the title restricting specific future development as he would not like to see it used as a land fill. NW advised of a quarry in Hornsby that had been remediated into a nature reserve. Hanson commented that it would be premature to pre-empt Council’s future land uses for the area, stating that Hanson will continue to rehabilitate the site in accordance with its management plan by re-grassing, tree planting, etc.
- CPR enquired about the tank water analysis undertaken on her property in relation to the chromium levels and whether there was an opportunity to test other water tanks in the area. CPR has been in discussions with a scientist (undertaking a PhD on tank water), who stated that a better sample amount of other tanks would be more representative of what was occurring in the area. Hanson requested a copy of the scientist’s body of work and took question on notice stating that testing had also occurred on its site. JM commented that these results could close the gap on dust monitoring results by providing trace element analysis samples (positive/negative results). AD asked CPR if she was still drinking the water and if so, questioned her concerns.
- MR commented on a dust cloud over the quarry on 13/2/19. BN stated that this was probably as a result of dust storms out west; however, stated that in these extreme conditions that activities are mitigated on site, such as reduction in crushing, orientation of

equipment, truck movements and additional water suppression is used. MR posed a further question, that if dust problems are already severe in the area (cumulative impacts) the understanding is that the quarry will stop operations? Hanson commented that customer demand will also need to be taken into consideration. Any dust monitoring exceedances will be reported to DPE & EPA, investigated accordingly and could involve a fine being issued.

- PLM asked if Hanson had seen the letter from Umwelt regarding Daracon’s withdrawal of their proposal to its haul route (Map 2). Nothing going down Brandy Hill Drive at all, with all movements going through Maitland. Hanson were unaware of this. PLM to email letter to LA for distribution. **(Action.)**
- There was further discussions on the distribution of the “have a chat” leaflets. It was recommended that streets down off Brandy Hill be included (whole suburb), Sophia Jane Drive & Hinton Road (off Seaham Drive), Clarence Town Rd to Woodville Bridge & Carmichael’s Creek.

ITEM 8: Next Meeting

Thursday 2nd May 2019, commencing at 4pm – Raymond Terrace Bowling Club.

Hanson requested feedback from the CCC members on the following issues:

- I. The Community and Stakeholder Engagement Plan
- II. Possible Bus Bay locations
- III. The information contained within the presentation.

LA advised that she would email documents to the CCC members and seek response at their earliest convenience.

Meeting closed at 6.36pm with LA thanking all for their attendance.

ACTION ITEMS

ITEM	ISSUE	RESPONSIBILITY
1	Consider additional site tours for interested residents/CCC members	BN
2	Email copy of Bronwyn White’s resignation to all CCC members	LA
3	Meeting to be arranged between Hanson, CPR & Giles Rd Resident to discuss questions raised in email tabled by CPR.	BN
4	Hanson to consider testing additional water tanks.	AD
5	Email documents to CCC members for their information/response. (Letter from Umwelt regarding Daracon’s change to its Haul Route, presentation showing comparison from the existing application to the proposed application, questions from Giles Road resident & resignation letter from Bronwyn White.)	LA
6	Logistic movements as requested by PR (truck movements/direction leaving the site)	AD