

## Update on post fire activity at the proposed quarry site

As outlined in our previous correspondence, Hanson recognises the magnitude of the impacts of the recent Bunyip State Park fires on the community, and we hope this Project Update finds you safe, well and recovering.

These impacts, together with ongoing safety concerns, are top of mind for Hanson.

Safety appraisals of the proposed quarry site have been undertaken, the external fences have for the most part been reinstated and clean up works are commencing.

## Resumption of Technical Reference Group (TRG) meetings

On Monday 27 May 2019 the Bunyip North Quarry TRG convened for its 5<sup>th</sup> TRG meeting. The meeting largely consisted of project updates, project scheduling and a walk over by TRG members of the project site. The project, and the subsequent TRG meetings, have been in hiatus due to a number of factors, including additional time required to finalise the proposed quarry pit design, staging plan and details of the proposed processing plant. Additional delays in project engagement were also enacted to allow the community time in the immediate aftermath of the fire.

These delays subsequently impacted the project schedule and, due to additional complexity related to the impact of the recent fires on individual studies (refer **Existing Condition Reports** on Page 3), the Project Schedule has undergone some changes, particularly with regard to the grouping of studies being aligned to TRG meetings.

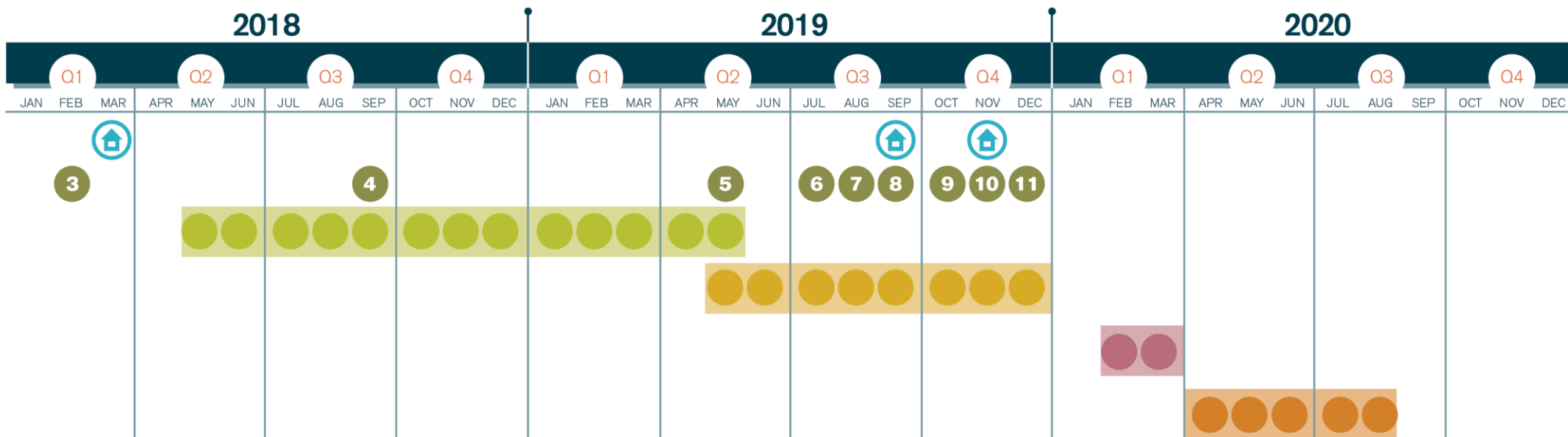
## Project Schedule

An updated project schedule outlining the timeframe for the Environment Effects Statement process, including technical study submissions, subsequent TRG meetings and Open House forums has been prepared and is presented on Page 2.

As explained above, detail regarding the grouping of studies has been generalised with detailed information regarding the content of the TRG meetings to be provided closer to the meeting dates via Project Updates.

# BUNYIP NORTH PROJECT SCHEDULE

## AS AT JUNE 2019



### Technical Reference Group (TRG) Meetings

- 3. Feb 2018
- 4. Sep 2018
- 5. May 2019
- 6. Jul 2019
- 7. Aug 2019
- 8. Sep 2019
- 9. Oct 2019
- 10. Nov 2019
- 11. Dec 2019

### Studies Completed (May 2018 - 2019)

- Planning
- Historic Heritage
- Site Visit
- Flora & Fauna existing conditions
- Blasting
- Project Update 1
- Project Update 2

### Open House

- 1. Mar 2018
- 2. Sep 2019
- 3. Nov 2019

### Public Exhibition

Feb – Mar 2020

### Studies to be completed (June 2019 - December 2019)

- Air
- Noise
- Greenhouse Gas
- Geotech
- Groundwater
- Surfacewater
- Visual
- Aquatic
- Terrestrial Ecology
- Traffic
- Social
- Land use planning
- Hazard & Risk
- Work Plan
- Rehabilitation Plan
- EES Chapters

### Response to Submissions, Panel Hearing, Ministers Decision

Apr – Aug 2020

## Traffic Studies

Over the past couple of weeks you may have noticed that Hanson's traffic consultants installed traffic counters in the land adjacent to the interchange between the Princes HWY and Tonimbuk Road. These traffic counters have been installed to collect updated traffic data for input into the traffic assessment.

## Noise Monitoring

In the coming weeks noise monitoring devices will be set up at 7 locations on Hanson property to measure existing background noise in the location. The noise loggers do not record audio, they just meter noise levels and record numerical data. The loggers are expected to be onsite for approximately two weeks. This information will inform the noise impact assessment.

*The size of the loggers is quite small; they are housed in a case with a microphone on a stand approximately 1.5m high*



## Visual Assessment

Consultants will be conducting visual assessments from public viewpoints and also from some select residences surrounding the proposed quarry site in the next few weeks.

## Existing Condition Reports

In accordance with the Environment Effects Act, Hanson is required to engage with the community as part of the Environment Effects Statement process. Due to the complex nature of the assessment process, and the fact that many technical studies may inform other technical studies, technical reports are subject to change and will not be made available until exhibition of the EES.

This EES process has been further challenged by the impacts of the recent bushfires, which will need to be considered for each technical study assessment. This is particularly relevant with regard to the existing conditions against which the proposed quarries environmental impacts will be measured against.

In light of this, Hanson proposes to take a conservative approach to how we define the existing conditions of each study by considering the 'worst case' existing conditions, for both pre and post fire conditions with advice from the TRG.

In addition, as part of Hanson's efforts to engage on the EES, it is proposed that the existing conditions information for each technical study will be made available for public review following its presentation at the TRG meeting.

Hanson is aware that provision of this level of information prior to exhibition of the EES is above and beyond our obligations for community engagement under the EES process and hope that it will be seen as a show of good faith.

**For further information** about the Bunyip North Quarry project, or to contact the Project Manager:

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