

Hanson Bass Point Quarry Community Consultative Committee

TUESDAY 26TH NOVEMBER 2019

MINUTES

Location

Bass Point Quarry, Main Site Office, Boardroom

Attendance

Mr Philip Thompson (PT)	Independent Chairperson
Mr Les Brooks (LB)	Community representative
Mr Mark Miller (MM)	Shellharbour City Council
Robby Stephenson (RS)	Links Shell Cove
Mrs Vicki Steele (VS)	Community representative
Mr Stephen Butcher (SB)	Hanson
Miss Chelsea Flood (CF)	Hanson
Miss Kelera Livia (KL)	Hanson
Mr Stephen Sellers (SS)	Hanson

Invited (Other)

Apologies

Mr Luke Daniels (LD)	Killalea State Park
Mr Simon Webb (SW)	Principal – Shell Cove Public School

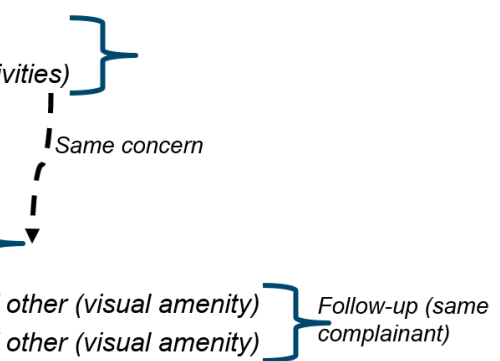
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Meeting Start Time	16:30:00
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1.0	Introduction		
1.1	Welcome to all members (PT).		
2.0	Apologies/Absent		
2.1	As above.		
3.0	Declaration of Pecuniary and Other Interests		
3.1	None declared.		
4.0	Confirmation of the Minutes of the Previous Meeting		
4.1	Primary – VS Secondary – LB Carried.		
5.0	Business Arising from the Previous Minutes		
5.1	None.		
6.0	Correspondence		
6.1	None received.		
7.0	Company Reports and Overview of Activities		
7.1	<p>Project Update (SS)</p> <p><u>Weighbridge</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Operational <p><u>Office</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Operational <p><u>Lab and amenities</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Carpark complete, working towards moving lab equipment and then personnel <p><u>Secondary plant</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – In process of tuning to meet operational objectives for tonnage and quality. Now at >90% utilisation and >10 000 THD capacity – Silo load-out operational – Demolition of old plant – tenders have closed. Exact demolition date TBC 		

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Upgrade of existing pier (a.k.a. the “jetty” or “gravel loader”) – estimated for 2020. Scheduled to commence early next year 		
7.2	<p>Operational (SB)</p> <p><u>Major Supplies Projects</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Westconnex (M5) continuing – Berry to Bomaderry Bypass continuing – Asphalt plants, State Asphalts and Fulton Hogan – Internal aggregate supply to concrete plants – Western Sydney Airport – <i>Upcoming: the Northern Road, Stage 2 of Westconnex (M5) project</i> <p><u>Quarry Development</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Development continuing to the north west and to a smaller extent to the south of the eastern pit – Western pit has been dewatered – Old plant has been recommissioned to meet demand, intend to switch off by 20th December 2019. <p><u>Audits</u></p> <p><i>Resources Regulator</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Planned inspection ‘Roads and other vehicle operating areas’ on 2nd October 2019 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Good outcome, only a few minor suggestions for improvements <p><u>EPA</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Site visit on 21st October 2019 to introduce our new EPA officer 		
7.3	<p>Environmental and community (SB)</p> <p>There are a number of items proposed to Management (see below 7.3 to 8.3) by a committee member that have been included as agenda items, for committee discussion, and management to answer. Most relate to the consent for this project and should be addressed through appropriate channels to the Chairman and</p>		

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	<p>Committee for inclusion in the next meeting agenda. This gives management and committee members time and a chance to review these items. Future items from Committee members should be addressed the same way (PT).</p> <p><u>Progressive Rehabilitation</u> <i>Northwestern bund</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Approx. 100 native small trees and shrubs were planted in late September <p><i>Southern landscape mound</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – 200 native plants to be collected on Friday 29th November for planting over the weekend <p>LB queried what “native plants” entails. SB clarified that there is an approved species list in the Landscape Management Plan. CF also noted the important role that Jamberoo Native Nursery has in plant selection; they select plants based on the approved species list as well as siting requirements (i.e. provide their professional advice).</p> <p>VS queried age of a site aerial photo displayed whilst explaining the location of progressive rehabilitation activities. SB clarified that the image is a few months old.</p> <p>CF noted that the image is used because the site boundary and extraction limit are included.</p> <p>VS noted that the image was unsatisfactory, and that she had requested a more recent image via email so that the committee could discuss the scale of works being undertaken.</p> <p>CF sourced the latest available aerial photo of the area, which was from September 2019.</p> <p>VS observed that the image was still not very recent.</p>		

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	<p>VS requested clarification about the future of the southern landscape mound, and the extent of future works.</p> <p>SB stated that there will be overburden removal and stockpiling works at the south-eastern upper levels of the southern landscape mound in the future. It is unlikely that the lower portion of the southern landscape mound will be used as an overburden dump in the future because the engineered design capacity has been reached in that area. With that in mind, due to the long life of the quarry (approx. 25 years) plans may change to suit the operational requirements of the site.</p> <p><u>Complaints – summary</u></p> <p>Complaints</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – 10th September 2019: Transport (driver conduct) – 23rd October 2019: Dust (blasting) – 23rd October 2019: Dust (blasting and quarry activities) – 28th October 2019: Dust (quarry activities) – 28th October 2019: Other (rocks on public road) – 7th November 2019: Noise (quarry activities) – 12th November 2019: Other (visual amenity) – 12th November 2019: Other (visual amenity) – 12th November 2019: Dust (quarry activities) and other (visual amenity) – 26th November 2019: Dust (quarry activities) and other (visual amenity) <p><u>Complaints - discussion</u></p> <p><i>General discussion about dust (associated with blasting and/or general quarry activities)</i></p> <p>SB discussed the challenge associated with there being multiple dust sources in the area, and the difficulty to access scientific technology that can distinguish between these different sources. SB also noted that there is not definitive evidence to suggest that the alleged increased dust load in local communities (e.g. Minnamurra) is attributable to the Bass Point Quarry, and that statements to that effect are not appropriate. SB also explained some of the dust suppression methods that have been trialled since the</p>		

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	<p>last meeting, which includes wetting down the entire blast impact area, and vacuuming the fines at the top of the blast area. SB also mentioned some trial ideas for the future.</p> <p>LB, PT, and VS noted that there seems to be a wider problem with dust at the moment, attributable to both local projects and prevailing weather and climate conditions (e.g. bushfires, drought).</p> <p><i>General discussion about southern landscape mound</i></p> <p>VS concern about the scope and fast progress of the works, that the scope was unclear at the previous CCC meeting, and was not effectively communicated to residents before works commenced (via a newsletter or similar).</p> <p>SB confirmed that Hanson possessed the designs for approx. two years before the works commenced, and that the scope and timeline could have been better conveyed at the previous CCC meeting. CF noted that media coverage occurred after the newsletter had been released, and that Hanson are working on ways to increase consumption of Project-related content by the local community.</p> <p>SB acknowledged that more frequent newsletters are a good communication tool for future works with a visual amenity impact, but that there are also limited resources available to create these newsletters.</p> <p><i>General discussion about visibility of site lighting from local residences</i></p> <p>LB and VS noted that lighting is visible from their residences in Shell Cove and Minnamurra respectively.</p> <p>SB clarified that the Project Approval requires Hanson to implement all reasonable and feasible measures to minimise the visual impacts and any off-site lighting impacts, and that Hanson are</p>		

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	committed to working with the CCC to satisfy this condition and local residents. SS advised that amenities carpark will be illuminated in January 2020 which will involve additional lighting.		
8.0	General Business		
8.1	<p><u>Query about whether the Landscape Management Plan has been approved by DPIE, as per Project Approval requirement (VS)</u></p> <p>SB confirmed that the DPIE have approved the Landscape Management Plan.</p>		
8.2	<p><u>Query about whether there is a Vegetation Management Plan as per the Project Approval requirement (VS)</u></p> <p>CF confirmed that this is encompassed within the approved Landscape Management Plan, which is available on the website.</p>		
8.3	<p><u>Query about establishment of an access route from Killalea to Bass Point, as per the Project Approval (VS)</u></p> <p>CF confirmed that this is a requirement for the final landform (i.e. the approved final land use) rather than during the operational phase of the quarry, due to inherent safety concerns. CF also confirmed that the suite of approved management plans (available on the website) explain how we are fulfilling – or intend to fulfil – the various requirements of the Project Approval.</p>		
8.4	<p><u>Query about noise monitoring regime - monitoring does not seem to occur when there is audible quarry noise (LB)</u></p> <p>SB clarified that monitoring is always undertaken when site is fully operational. LB confirmed that he will contact SB when there is audible noise so that SB can check production records to try and identify whether there are any patterns.</p>	SB	04.12.2019

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	<p>CF noted that the independent acoustic consultant was on site for a meeting prior to conducting the last round of sampling, and observed that the plant was operational.</p> <p>SB to follow up with independent acoustic consultant to obtain outstanding reports from 2nd and 3rd quarters.</p>		
8.5	<p><u>Query about upload of blast monitoring results to the website (LB)</u></p> <p>LB noted that blast monitoring results are being updated less frequently on the website.</p> <p>SB confirmed that he will follow up with the responsible Hanson personnel to ensure the blast monitoring results are updated more regularly.</p> <p>LB noted that 2018 blast monitoring results appear to link to the 2019 results. CF to confirm and arrange correction.</p>	SB	28.11.2019
8.6	<p><u>Local resident interested in a site tour (LB)</u></p> <p>SB confirmed that he will follow this up with LB outside of the CCC meeting.</p>	SB & LB	06.12.2019
8.7	<p>SS commended the commitment of the CCC and their contribution to the quarry.</p> <p>SB joined in giving thanks to the CCC and advised that there is a small token of thanks for CCC members.</p>		
9.0	Next Meeting (PT)		
9.1	<p>Proposed date: CCC to discuss over the coming month, and select a Tuesday in March 2020 (i.e. choose from: 03.03.2020, 10.03.2020, 17.03.2020, 24.03.2020, 31.03.2020)</p>	All	15.12.2019

Meeting Closed

18:00:00