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**MINUTES OF SANCROX QUARRY**

**COMMUNITY CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE MEETING**

<b>Meeting Date:</b>	Friday 6th July 2018	
<b>Commenced:</b>	11:04am	
<b>Venue:</b>	Bayside 3, Rydges Hotel, 1 Hay Street, Port Macquarie	
<b>Present:</b>	Lisa Andrews (LA)	Independent Chairperson
	Andrew Driver (AD)	Eastern Region Development Manager
	Jeremy Keefe (JK)	Area Manager
	Simon Jones (SJ)	Sancrox Quarry Manager
	Belinda Pignone (BP)	Grad. Environmental Planning and Compliance Coordinator
	Maurice Driscoll (MD)	Community Representative
	Maureen Churnside (MC)	Community Representative
	Hilton King (HK)	Stakeholder Representative (Residents Action Network - RAN)
	John Cassegrain (JC)	Community Representative
	Geoff Freeman (GF)	Community Representative
	Sandra Bush (SB)	Port Macquarie-Hastings Council delegate
<b>Apologies:</b>	Anthony Thorne	Community Representative
	Jeff Gillespie	Community Representative

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**ITEM 1: Opening & Welcome by Independent Chairperson**

LA welcomed all members and provided a briefing on why the CCC was established and the role of members, the community and proponent (Hanson) in ensuring an open forum of communication for the proposed expansion of the Sancrox Quarry.

Attendees were invited to introduce themselves and state their position on the committee.

**ITEM 2: Apologies – Anthony Thorne & Jeff Gillespie.**

**ITEM 3: Guideline overview (inaugural meeting)**

LA provided a briefing of the Community Consultative Committee Guidelines for State Significant Development, November 2016, including Code of Conduct, Pecuniary &

Non/Pecuniary Interests, Minutes procedure etc. There were no objections to Hanson providing a minute taker at the meetings.

#### **ITEM 4: Declarations of Interest**

LA declared that she is an approved Independent Chairperson with the Department of Planning & Environment and engaged by Hanson to establish the CCC and chair the meetings. Members submitted completed forms.

#### **ITEM 5: Correspondence**

- 2/3/18 - Email from Secretary - DPE appointing LA as chair of this CCC
- 21/6/18 - Email to DP&E with assessment report for consideration
- 26/6/18 - Email from DP&E with endorsement of committee members
- 26/6/18 - Emails to all successful committee members, enclosing Code of Conduct, Pecuniary/non-pecuniary interest forms and the Guidelines.
- 28/6/18 Email to members seeking an early inaugural meeting. Emails back and forth regarding availability.
- 29/6/18 - Meeting Notice & Agenda confirming date as 6/7/18.
- 4/7/18 - Email to members with the venue and agenda for this meeting
- 4/7/18 - Email from Port Macquarie Hastings Council advising that Sandra Bush, Senior Strategic Planner would be its delegate on the CCC.

#### **ITEM 6: Presentation**

##### Background

- AD provided a description of the current project overview
  - Operating hours
  - Hanson employee numbers (14)
  - Investigation of available resource in NSW – 10 year replenishment. DP&E grant approvals for 30 years
    - Hanson contacted DP&E last year to extend project life another 10 years
  - EIS process started in August 2017, nearly completed.
  - Noise, Air Quality, Transport/Traffic, Water (surface and GW), Biodiversity, Social and economic impacts.
  - Requirement to consult with community – new rules regarding CCC, requiring establishing CCC prior to submission of EIS
  - Hanson is engineering project to minimise impacts across all studies.
  - Current land holdings explained by AD
    - Current Quarry layout
    - Future Quarry layout
  - AD explained the imagery displayed and terminology
  - Clarification of resource accessibility/requirements under *State Environmental Planning Policy (State and Regional Development) 2011*
- HK – What are the current level of complaints from the existing quarry
  - SJ explained complaints over the last few years (minimal)
  - JK explained requirements of keeping complaints register under legislation

- GF advised that the land east of the project site has been zoned industrial. Working south of Sancrox Road and working north. This could impact on environmental levels within the area of Sancrox Quarry, most importantly dust.
- Has the quarry received complaints by any properties west/south of the site? JK/SJ clarified that no complaints have been received from those particular land holders.
  - The quarry is an important resource, Fernbank Road locality to the east/south of the winery has been identified as the next area for residential land use). This is for future demand - 30-40 years.
  - Highway/Express Way work infrastructure has impacted on how the local area is perceived.
    - Infrastructure is catalyst for urban growth.
- JK explained the importance of the quarry location and explained how the road upgrade has helped in transport management.
- Winery land has been rezoned as tourism.
- MD requested that environmental monitoring requirements be explained at future CCC meetings.
  - AD - Air Quality background levels are investigated with the modelled prediction of what the Quarry will be generating at full capacity added for a final level.
  - An OEH air quality monitoring station is required when formulating the modelling – the consultants forming the Air Quality Impact Assessment used Wyong in the study.
  - The use of this particular air quality monitoring station was queried by AD. Justification for its use is because it is more representative of where it sits in the environment and its neighbours.
    - However, background for Wyong is a little high (in terms of limits set out in legislation). Exceedances that have been triggered in the assessment are due to high background levels. Incremental levels are what the quarry will be contributing.
  - Further discussion on Hanson’s environmental monitoring requirements will be included in for future CCC meetings.
  - Air quality monitoring will be a requirement to Australian Standard – real time monitoring will be necessary for compliance monitoring.
  - Noise will not have real time monitoring – attended and unattended noise monitoring will be compulsory. Attended noise monitoring is carried out by a technician/operator who notes when spikes happen.
  - MD – based on experience, he is aware that when a mine is established, there are potential land acquisition rights and asked if there was a need to initiate this process.
    - AD advised that there are policies in place that trigger when land acquisition is required. Hanson are engineering the project according, to avoid this trigger.
- HK – raised the issue of dust; people are concerned with dust settling on vegetation and waterways, impacting on oyster farms down the road. AD confirmed that this would be included in the EIS.
- MC asked what the type of product was that comes out of the quarry. SJ described the type of rock that is being quarried (conglomerates with some associated mudstones, shales and coal). 10% silica, is an issue that is monitored for OHS reasons.
  - Past complaint occurred during highway upgrade and crushing experience.
  - Dust suppression – watercart takes water from water holding dams.

- Water testing is completed when discharged. EPL conditions/requirements explained
- JK - Hanson received an infringement due to one x 2 month testing report being missed. Hanson takes great care that all water discharge is of the correct standard.
- HK – asked if a visual impact assessment will be undertaken to determine if there will be any visual impacts.
- MD – asked about the rehabilitation plan for the site.
  - AD – Rehabilitation is required, feedback welcomed to final landuse by community members.
    - GF stated that Council had looked at the site in 1996, doesn't lend itself to a waste storage facility due to groundwater impacts to local community.
  - Discussion of acid-sulfate risks – quarry shouldn't be impacted.
- SB - flyrock concerns had previously been brought up in the past.
  - SJ - blasting is completed by contractors – flyrock hasn't occurred in the last 5 years. All blasts recorded for safety.
    - AD – blast impact assessment will be contained in the EIS.
    - SJ – blasting conditions are highly regulated. Technology allows for hole integrity to be checked.
    - JK – regulations under the mine act, quite stringent and regulated by authority. SJ – exclusion zone taken from amount of explosive used in blast. Bigger quarries that do larger blasts have community sitting closer to the quarry than when compared to Sancrox.
  - MD – Requested the site map be included in the minutes. **Action.**
  - MD commented on the importance of quarry safety.
    - JK - employee safety is of the highest importance. Employee safety is highly regulated due to legislation, however, it is also regulated within the company. Loss time injury requires contact with the General Manager and CEO of Hanson.
  - AD – pit plan modified from the image displayed. Along the planning process it was discovered that a flooding event could impact the pit so the pit has been reduced in the north-west corner of the pit design.
- AD – explained the use of the Hanson project website:
  - Ran through Project Approval for a SSD (Wagga Wagga as an example – link to be included with minutes)
  - SSD, 500000tpa or 5 million tonnes of resource
  - LA – explained what a VPA was and the differences between CCC or Council run VPAs.
- SB asked when ERM will finalise the EIS.
  - AD – in about 4 weeks. Requires adequacy checks, review from other government departments, and response to submissions (both from government departments and general feedback from the public). The EIS needs to satisfy SEARS before being placed on exhibition.
- MC asked if Hanson had considered alternate sites.
  - AD – explained the constraints associated in finding an alternative site.
- HK – When did the existing quarry start? 1983. Not many complaints received in that period. Hanson has owned the quarry since 1996.
  - JK – Workers have been with the quarry, local connection is still there. Social licence is considerable for this project.

- AD – within the EIS, Hanson is asking for permission of additional plants. Concrete batching plant, Asphalt plant and concrete recycling plant.
  - JK – Concrete plant will take Hanson out of the middle of town (Port Macquarie) and allows access to the highway. Concrete recycling plant, will not be bringing in demolition waste – waste by-product through Hanson concrete plant.
  - SJ – Council already practice concrete recycling.
  - JK/SJ – EPA highly regulates product that is received onto site. This includes soil.
  - JK – Asphalt plant, pug mill (stabilised road bases). Lime/flyash uses, regulations on stabilised bases.
  - SJ/JK – Asphalt approval allows for popup production at the quarry. There is rarely a permanent site established currently.

**ITEM 7: General Business**

- LA reiterated that this CCC is a conduit to the broader community. CCC members are encouraged to discuss the project with neighbours and residents and bring any questions/issues to the CCC for response.
- LA asked CCC members if they had any objection to their contact details being placed on the project website. Name & email address. No object raised.
- CCC members to take advantage of direct contact with the Quarry – any issues, please contact Hanson staff direct.
- Discussion on next CCC meeting – the next meeting to be held during the exhibition period. (Preferrably not on Wednesday and Thursday.)
- Same venue, however, arrangements will be made to provide parking under the venue to avoid any time constraints. (JK to provide details for the next CCC meeting).

**ITEM 8: Next Meeting**

Date to be confirmed once exhibition period is known. **Action: LA to advise**

***Meeting closed at 12.30pm with LA thanking members for their attendance.***

**ACTION ITEMS:**

ITEM	ISSUE	WHEN	RESPONSIBILITY
1	Provide copy of project map	With minutes	AD/LA
2	Future presentations to CCC (Dust – monitoring & suppression; Noise – monitoring and mitigation)	When available	AD
3	Link to project website	With minutes	LA
4	Advise CCC of next meeting date	When known	AD/LA

- 3: <http://www.hanson.com.au/About/Regulatory-Information/Projects/Wagga-Wagga-Extension-Project>  
*Website includes documentation of project approval, management plans, environmental monitoring, annual reviews.*