
**MINUTES OF CALGA QUARRY
COMMUNITY CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE**

MONDAY 16 MAY 2022

Present: Lisa Andrews (LA) Independent Chairperson
Annette Wilby (AW) Community Representative
Margaret Pontifex (MP) Community Representative
Tassin Barnard (TB) Community Representative
Paul Slough (PS) Calga Quarry Manager
Belinda Pignone (BP) Environmental Planning and Compliance Coordinator
Jessica Keegan (JK) Environment, Sustainability & Safety Officer
Russell Pontifex (RP) Observer

Apologies: Clint Banks (CB) Quarry Supervisor
Graeme Ausburn (GA) Community Representative
Dave O'Bryan (DO) Community Representative
Andrew Driver (AD) Eastern Region Development Manager

1 Opening & Welcome – The meeting was opened by LA at 5.09pm and all members were welcomed. LA introduced Jessica Keegan, Hanson's new Environment, Sustainability & Safety Officer who is working between the CC Sands, Calga & Kulnura quarry sites. LA acknowledged that Russell Pontifex was in attendance as Margaret's carer.

2 Apologies – as listed above.

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

4 Business arising from previous meeting minutes

The minutes from the meeting held on 25th October 2021 were finalised and sent to members on 18th November 2021. LA apologised for the delay stating that there were a number of questions asked, requiring investigation and response. All matters raised were incorporated into those finalised minutes.

Action Items

Item	Action	Responsibility
1	Contact neighbour regarding access points used by trail bikes entering Hanson property. PS advised that he had been away for two months and with the wet weather, COVID impacting staffing he hopes to make arrangements asap.*	PS
2	Chair to send a card to MP (Complete - 29/10/21)	LA
3	Liaise with Hanson on recruiting for new membership on this CCC. Heldover. TB provided LA with the name of a resident that may be interested.	LA/BP

* Item 1 – TB expressed her concern at the length of time it has taken to address this issue. The logs that had been placed on site 10 years ago, rectifying the problem, have since rotted and these need to be replaced and/or additional sandstone blocks put in. TB stated that the bikes are causing damage to the environment including endangered species, as well as noise nuisance. *Aside:* Hanson does not agree with the comment that the bikes are causing damage, although note that this is a potential to cause damage. PS responded that Hanson are unable to do anything near the easement, stating that the tracks are too wet to access this area. Notwithstanding this, he has committed to viewing the area with JK and investigating what can be done to stop the trail bikes accessing the area. **Action:** Face-to-face with Gerald is to be organised (previously postponed due to Covid restrictions and a change in management on site with a new supervisor, Clint Banks joining the team).

5 Correspondence Report as emailed on 2/5/22:

- 25/10/21 – Email to BP with recommendation to recruit for new membership on the CCC.
- 29/10/21 – Card to MP wishing her a speedy recovery on behalf of the CCC.
- 3/11/21 – Email to members with the draft minutes for review.
- 4/11/21 – Email to members advising of the Independent Environment Audit and asking if they would like anything included.
- 11/11/21 – Email to members with the finalised minutes.
- 11/11/21 – Email to IEA advising that the CCC meets in accordance with the project's consent conditions and DPIE's CCC guidelines for SSD. No additional information requested for inclusion by members.
- 12/11/21 – Email from IEA confirming that dust and air quality, noise, and traffic will be included in the review.
- 17/3/22 – Email from PS nominating Jessica Keegan (Environment, Sustainability & Safety) with Hanson onto the CCC. Governance forms sent to JK for completion & return.
- 30/4/22 – Email to Dept of Planning with the CCC Annual Report for 2021-2022.
- 2/5/22 – Email to members with the Meeting Notice & Agenda for this meeting.
- 2/5/22 – Letter to MP with MN&A.
- 14/5/22 – Email to members with the reminder for this meeting.

6 Reports & Updates

Compliance

- Conducted quarterly compliance noise monitoring (RWDI - Wilkinson & Murray) – no exceedances to report, details available on the business website (Hanson Australia - www.hanson.com.au).
- Dust monitoring (CBased Environmental) – no exceedances to report, all monitoring data available on business website.

Independent Environmental Assessment completed. Details available on business website
Annual Environmental Monitoring Report has been completed, submitted and approved by the DPIE. Details available on business website.

- Ground / surface waters (CBased Environmental) monitoring conducted, details available on business website.
- Complaints register – No complaints registered for the reporting period.

PS advised that Hanson have been discharging a lot of water from site in accordance with licence conditions. Water is treated prior to leaving the site to meet compliance.

TB enquired where the stages were in relation to Walkabout Park. PS advised that the areas will be rehabilitated, dewatered, capped, etc. It will be a slow process as if you put the silt pond in too quick it displaces the material.

TB asked what the steps for the other stages would be. PS advised – rehabilitation. Hanson are currently in the process of developing a final quarry plan for mine closure.

AW asked if it would stay as a dam, with PS responding, yes.

TB raised concerns with the evaporation rate affecting the aquifers. PS stated this would have been considered in the Closure and Post-Closure Calga Groundwater Management Plan. TB stated that she would be happy if it was capped. PS advised that this was a decision for DPE.

AW asked if Hanson drivers could be reminded to slow down, especially in the Calga village. MP stated that if complainants ring Hanson with details of the trucks, they can be assured that their concerns will be investigated, as Hanson has a thorough system in place. PS confirmed that GPS loggers are in each Hanson truck. Suggesting that fleet numbers or registration numbers be supplied to investigate.

TB enquired about the rock crusher. PS advised that Hanson did not proceed with this proposal.

Extraction / Processing

- Stage 3/6 - extraction location with winning by dozer, load and haul operations as normal.
- Stage 3/5 – In preparation for future tailings storage.
- Stage 3/3&4 - current tailings storage locations.
- Importing quarry material for blending to meet current product specifications.
- Importation of VENM for capping of Stage 3/1 (from Gosford Quarries).
- Dozer utilized for track rolling oversize rock for reprocessing through powerscreen and washplant.

Photos of Extraction in Stage 3/6 & 3/5 Tailings storage shown.

Environmental

- Rehabilitation / revegetation maintenance has been minimal due Covid restrictions and wet weather.
- Annual Environmental Monitoring Report has highlighted certain quadrats which need intense Weed management.
- Trail maintenance after recent rain events to environmental monitoring locations within southern extension.
- Routine sealed road maintenance during the period for dust control purposes. Stage 3/6 Stage 3/5 3.

- Capping of Stage 3/1 & 3/2 for future rehabilitation.

Discussions regarding weed removal. TB showed photographs of 'fire weed', which is now on her property. LLS officers have confirmed this and she is currently working on removing it. She is concerned about the neurological affect it is having on the kangaroos. RP suggested Dorper Sheep or Goats for eating the weed as it doesn't affect them.

Photos of revegetation work shown.

General Business

- PS explained that Hanson is looking at sustainability in a big way to reduce its carbon footprint.
- PS advised of a new recycling program on site.
- JK is instrumental in ensuring recycling is undertaken correctly.
- PS showed "Sub Pod" system (composting) information.

Links: [ABeeC Hives - Australian Native Bee Hives - Stingless OATH Beehives](#)
[Below-ground composting that actually works! – Subpod AU](#)

8 Next Meeting

📅 Monday 24 October 2022 commencing at 5pm on site.

Meeting closed at 6.01pm with LA thanking members for their attendance and contribution.

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