

Hanson Bass Point Quarry Community Consultative Committee

TUESDAY 14TH NOVEMBER 2023

MINUTES (Version 1.0)

Location

Site Office, Bass Point Quarry

Attendance

Mike Archer (MA)

Les Brooks (LB)

Judith Harrington (JH)

Mark Miller (MM)

Robby Stephenson (RS)

Stephen Butcher (SB)

Chelsea Flood (CF)

Independent Chairperson

Community representative

Community representative

Shellharbour City Council

GM – Links Shell Cove

Hanson Quarry Manager

Hanson Supervisor – Environment,
Sustainability & Safety

Invited (Other)

Maddie Avsec (MAv)

Hanson Graduate Management Trainee

Apologies

Graham Bush (GB)

National Parks and Wildlife Service (NPWS)

Absent

Meeting Start Time

16:30

Item No.	Discussion Point
1.0	Introduction
1.1	Acknowledgement of country (MA).
1.2	Welcome to all members (MA).
1.3	Pecuniary interests and code of conduct (MA). MA disclosed that he is paid by Hanson to fulfil the role of Independent Chairperson. No other pecuniary interests were declared.
2.0	Apologies/Absent
2.1	GB an apology. MAv joining the meeting as an observer.
3.0	Confirmation of the Minutes of the Previous Meeting
3.1	<u>Q3 2023 meeting</u> Confirmed – JH Seconded – LB Minutes from the Q3 2023 meeting carried as confirmed.
4.0	Business Arising from the Previous Minutes
4.1	No business arising from the previous minutes
5.0	Company Reports and Overview of Activities
5.1	<u>Operational Report (SB)</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Quarry development continuing in the west pit RL18, and the south pit RL45. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Development in the southern end of the eastern pit is progressing well with the top level, RL45, being almost completely quarried to the extraction boundary. The dropcut down to RL30 is now the current focus. ○ The stripping campaign in the North-west end of the West Pit is all but complete.
6.0	Environment & Community
6.1	<u>Modification 3 (MOD 3) (CF)</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MOD 3 report submitted 01/09/2021 • Application fee finalised 19/11/2021 • Public exhibition from 15/12/2021 to 19/01/2022 [extended from typical 2 week period to 4 weeks due to holiday period] • Extraordinary CCC meeting held 02/03/2022 to discuss Response to Submissions • Response to Submissions submitted 31/05/2022, accepted by DPE 02/06/2022 (i.e. assessment has commenced) • DPE requested further information for their assessment 28/06/2022 • Hanson submitted response 15/09/2022 • DPE requested further information for their assessment 30/09/2022, Hanson have submitted a response. • DPE requested further information for their assessment 16/06/2023, Hanson submitted a response. • DPE requested further information for their assessment, Hanson are preparing a response.
6.2	<u>Recycling project (Modification 6; MOD 6) (CF)</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hanson lodged a Scoping Letter to DPE.

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hanson are preparing the Draft Modification Report. <p>MA noted that the letter was received from Hanson last week and was forwarded to the CCC at the earliest opportunity. CF confirmed that the letter had only been received at site level (i.e. to CF and SB) last week.</p> <p>MA acknowledged that LB had asked some questions via email. LB confirmed that CF had answered these questions via email.</p> <p>CF reaffirmed that the draft report will be provided to the CCC when available.</p> <p>SB noted that Hanson do not know how DPE will respond to the modification report.</p> <p>LB commented that this appears to be a good news story, which is why he had suggested engaging media about this modification. The CCC's role is, in part, to ensure that modifications are subject to necessary (respectful) scrutiny, which is why it is important to discuss.</p> <p>MA has a media background and would recommend against Hanson contacting the media. MA reminded CCC that he is the only person authorised to speak to the media on behalf of the CCC.</p>
6.3	<p><u>E-BAM relocation</u> (CF) <i>Hanson to investigate relocating E-BAM real-time dust monitor – to discuss at Q1 2022 meeting.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Maintenance Supervisor and site electrician are currently planning to retrofit the existing E-BAM with solar panel(s), in consultation with the manufacturer. As a potential alternative, Hanson has started scoping alternate real-time dust monitoring technologies with predictive/source capabilities. As the project progresses, Hanson will update the Air Quality Management Plan for submission to DPE as they would need to approve any relocation of air quality monitoring points. <p>CF added that this is a project Hanson is working on with the NSW EPA; the EPA would like to set up an air quality monitoring network across local quarries. Hanson had already started looking to improve the air quality monitoring network prior to the EPA contacting Hanson, as it was an improvement recommendation from the recent Independent Environmental Audit.</p> <p>MA queried whether the existing real-time monitor is a weather station.</p> <p>CF confirmed that the existing monitor collects data on PM₁₀ (dust fraction), wind speed and direction, barometric pressure, relative humidity [added: atmospheric temperature]. It is not considered a weather station.</p> <p>MA queried whether the existing data is reported anywhere or provided to anyone.</p> <p>CF confirmed that the data is for internal monitoring purposes, not compliance. However, it is included in the Annual Review lodged to DPE each year.</p>
7.0	Complaints [as per complaints register]
7.1	<p><u>Dust – quarrying activities</u> (30/10/2023)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> As per complaints register. LB noted that there is visible dust over the quarry at night, due to the lights. It is especially noticeable when there is minimal wind. He queried the potential safety implications for workers. SB confirmed that the site conducts dust exposure monitoring for workers, with monitoring coming due shortly. Dust is a big focus for site currently; Hanson are aware that this is an important issue for the community. SB committed to – at the next meeting – providing an update on dust management measures and improvements being implemented on site.

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LB queried dust on BPQ Road and to the [added: Buckleys Road] roundabout; it appears to be associated with trucks rather than residential traffic. • SB advised that maintenance on the recurring water issue and subsequent road degradation at the entrance to BPQ Road is planned for Christmas shutdown period; this should alleviate dust concerns at that point. Engineering investigation and works to date have not found a solution. Dust is not being tracked out along the whole length of Bass Point Quarry Road.
7.2	<p><u>Noise – quarrying activities (08/11/2023)</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • As per complaints register. • LB noted that he hasn't seen the acoustical consultant completing quarterly monitoring recently; he used to see the consultant completing the monitoring. • CF confirmed that the noise monitoring has been completed as scheduled. • LB commented that maybe the monitoring location had changed. • CF and SB confirmed that monitoring is being undertaken in the locations approved by DPE. Previously, there was some confusion about the rigidity of noise monitoring points. CF noted that any change to monitoring locations would need to be approved by DPE; potentially not just via update to the Noise and Blast Management Plan, but also a renewed noise assessment. The monitoring points were established as part of the Environmental Assessment process when Hanson applied for Project Approval from DPE. • LB suggested that establishing an additional monitoring point could be useful, rather than changing monitoring points.
8.0	General / New Business
8.1	<p><u>Christmas shutdown period (MA)</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MA queried whether there will be a Christmas shutdown period. • SB confirmed that production typically shuts down, but there would likely be maintenance activities on day shift. Trucks transporting products are likely to be on break over Christmas, to recommence in the New Year. Production then likely to recommence the week following. • LB queried whether some lights could be turned off over Christmas. • SB advised that Hanson will investigate if this is possible.
8.2	<p><u>Extraordinary meeting for MOD 6 (MA)</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MA queried whether Hanson would facilitate an extraordinary CCC meeting for MOD 6. • CF confirmed this is absolutely possible; to be confirmed pending receipt of draft MOD 6 report.
9.0	Next Meeting – Tuesday 13th February 2023
9.1	MA: Next meeting to be held Tuesday 13 th February 2024.
9.2	<p>MA thanked all attendees for their time. SB thanked MA and the committee for their efforts during the year.</p>

Meeting Closed

17:01