

DIXON SAND (PENRITH) PTY LTD

MINUTES OF THE BI-ANNUAL COMMUNITY CONSULTATION COMMITTEE MEETING

4610 Old Northern Rd

1.00pm, 6th of June 2012.

1 INTRODUCTION AND APOLOGIES:

The meeting opened at 1.00pm.

1.1 PRESENT

Carolyn Hall (CH) (*Chairperson*)

Patricia Schwartz (PS) (*Community Representative*)

Kristine McKenzie (KM) (*HSC*)

Daniel Giffney (DG) (*HSC*)

Tim Mouton (TM) (*Dixon Sand-OSEM*)

Rebecca Storey (RS) (*Dixon Sand-OSEM*)

Noel Kenny (NK) (*Dixon sand Representative*)

Farley Roberts (FR) (*Community Representative*)

Neridah Davies (ND) (*Bush-It*)

Peter Harkins (PH) (*Maroota Public School representative*)

1.2 APOLOGIES

David Dixon (DD) (*Dixon Sand General Manager*)

David Gathercole (DG) (*DECCW*)

Tim Baker (TB) (*Bush-it*)

George Mobayed (GM) (*Department of Planning*)

1.3 INTRODUCTION

CH opened the meeting with introductions and acted as chairperson for the meeting.

2 PREVIOUS MINUTES

CH went through the previous minutes from the CCC meeting undertaken on the 11th of November 2011

3 BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

CH went through the actions of the previous minutes.

Tim was to go through EPL in the EA in relation to the front gate access road dust gauge, to see if we can move it to a more appropriate location as to obtain more representative dust results. Tim explained that he has been through the EPL and that there is no specific requirement relating to the location of the front gate access road dust gauge.

Tim went onto explain that the front gate dust gauge is still producing inconsistent results that are not representative of the Dixon Sand Quarry works.

NK explained that the front gate dust gauge is picking up dust from PF Formations (another sand quarry company).

KM suggested that this needs to be discussed with the EPA before the front gate dust gauge is officially re-located.

In relation to other actions NK went onto announce that the Maroota Public School planting day will not be happening due to public liability.

In relation to the action from the previous minutes regarding that groundwater levels be recorded in metres and represented in graphs in metres, this has been undertaken.

4 WORK ACCOMPLISHED IN THE PERIOD

NK described the works being undertaken throughout the Dixon Sand Quarry site. NK explained that works are still underway at stage two of Lot 1. NK also explained that clay from this area is being used in silt pond walls which are currently in the process of being stabilised and the drainage finalised. Rain has slowed works down but hopefully over next six months all the clay will be moved.

NK went onto explain that work at Haerses road has not changed much. Within the last 6 months they have moved approximately 50,000 tons of material. Works at Haerses road has also been slow due to rain and the supply and demand.

5 *MONITORING RESULTS*

Tm went through maps of monitoring locations for Old Northern Road and Haerses Road.

5.1 *TEOM MONITORING*

TM supplied examples of monthly data to the CCC to review. The data indicates that dust levels have been acceptable. TM overall concluded that the rolling average for TEOM PM10 is well under the criteria.

NK stated that when the new office is built a projector will be purchased and used at CCC meetings to make the presentation of monitoring data and graphs easier to see and understand.

KM reminded NK that consent will be needed from the Council for the new office.

5.2 *STATIC DUST MONITORING*

TM went through and explained the dust data, dust gauge location and interpretations. TM also showed that all dust results are under the annual criteria except for the front gate dust gauge.

PH suggested that high levels experienced at the dust gauge located near the Maroota Public School may not have been entirely from Dixon Sand Quarry alone as MPS was undertaking landscaping in April which may have contributed to high dust levels.

TM again emphasized the need to relocate the front gate dust gauge and went through possible alternative locations.

TM also said that if the relocation of the front gate dust gauge is denied then the stabilisation of the front access at the corner near the dust gauge is needed and should be undertaken.

5.3 *NOISE MONITORING*

TM provided a noise monitoring report with graphs which illustrated the noise levels of the different noise monitoring sites.

TM then described and explained the noise monitoring results and how noise is monitored and the results interpreted. TM also discussed the locations of the noise monitoring sites and the timescale on which the locations are monitored (monthly). TM also explained setback calculations.

PH showed curiosity to whether noise at MPS will increase.

NK answered PH by saying that there will be no potential noise increase or effect until at least another year which is when works will get closer to MPS. NK believes even when works get closer to MPS noise will still not be an issue

as Dixon Sand Quarry will construct a Bundwall that will reduce most noise. Noise will be assessed when works get closer to MPS.

TM overall concluded that although background noise levels are above criteria the setback calculations which are undertaken indicate that noise results are below criteria.

5.4 GROUND WATER DEPTH MONITORING

TM explained groundwater borehole data and the differences between the new and old boreholes and what the differences in their results indicate. Overall the new boreholes are more consistent than the old boreholes. TM also went through the methodology used in relation to groundwater quality sampling.

5.5 BUSH REGENERATION WORKS

ND went through the regeneration works being undertaken at both Haerses Road and Old Northern Road. ND explained all the weeds they have targeted and treated and all the planting they have undertaken. The Crofton weed has been an issue and Bush-It has addressed the issue appropriately and has effectively reduced the threat from this weed. ND went through all the approaches used to address the Crofton weed.

ND also announced that there is a new general manager for Bush-It as Tim Baker is travelling overseas.

ND suggested that more planting of tube stock be undertaken (approximately 250 plants).

TM suggested site inspection of zone 1 with CCC members for the next CCC meeting.

6 GENERAL BUSINESS

TM went through the status of approvals for lot 1 and 2 and said that they are just waiting on a response from the Department of Planning.

NK said if approved they will be able to mine deeper.

Review of management plans are also to be undertaken.

NK said that a review timetable will be prepared.

TM explained that there was audit undertaken on the Dixon Sand Quarry which went well and that from now himself and RS will audit themselves every six months to make sure all requirements are being complied with and that all management plans are up to date.

TM also went on to explain that the EPA have made changes to the publication of monitoring data and have made new regulations. TM went

through the new changes and regulations and said that a Pollution Incident Procedure is currently being prepared.

PS stated that trucks are still an issue in relation to speeding and driving too close to public vehicles.

PH said that trucks are the main issue for MPS. PH also observed that the truck issue has improved since the installation of lights.

KM suggested that the next CCC meeting be held in the first or second week of November.

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SITE INSPECTION

Site inspection was not undertaken due to the wet weather.