

DIXON SAND (PENRITH) PTY LTD

MINUTES OF THE BI-ANNUAL COMMUNITY CONSULTATION COMMITTEE MEETING

4610 Old Northern Rd

1.00pm, 13th of November 2012.

1 INTRODUCTION AND APOLOGIES:

The meeting opened at 1.00pm.

1.1 PRESENT

Patricia Schwartz (PS) (*Community Representative*)

Kristine McKenzie (KM) (*HSC*)

Daniel Giffney (DG) (*HSC*)

Robert Buckham (RB) (*HSC*)

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

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

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

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

Rod Mitchell (RM) (*Bush-It*)

Patrick Gregson (PG) (*Bush-It*)

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

1.2 APOLOGIES

Carolyn Hall (CH) (*Chairperson*)

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

David Gathercole (DG) (*DECCW*)

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

Farley Roberts (FR) (*Community Representative*)

1.3 INTRODUCTION

TM opened the meeting and acted as chairperson for the meeting as CH who usually chairs the meeting was unable to attend.

2 PREVIOUS MINUTES

TM went through the previous minutes from the CCC meeting undertaken on the 6th of June 2011

3 BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

TM went through business arising from previous minute which included the relocation of the front gate dust gauge. The front gate dust gauge was knocked over by a truck accidentally and was then relocated 20m further down the haul road as to get more indicative results of the dust levels from Dixon Sand Quarry as the previous location be being influenced by dust from PF Formations quarry activities as there haul road runs right next to the original front gate dust gauge location.

KM was curious as to whether the relocation would need EPA approval. TM responded by saying there is no mention of the front gate dust gauge location in the EPL or the ministers condition of approval but once we update the maps showing the new location of the front dust gate dust gauge we will submit the map to the EPA.

NK informed CCC members that there is no noise effect on Maroota Public School as of yet and the noise bunds are still approximately 3 years away.

TM stated that if there is a noticeable effect on the school from noise which is observed in the 6 monthly noise monitoring results then the noise bund will be built sooner.

TM informed CCC members that approval has been submitted to modify current conditions on lot 1 and 2 and is currently with department now.

TM also reminded CCC members from the last meeting minutes that the Dixon Sand website has been updated and monitoring data can be viewed on it as well as the Pollution Incident Response Plan that has been prepared.

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 and that the clay from this area is still being used in silt pond walls which are currently in the process of being stabilised and the drainage finalised. Excavation depth has also been increase in lot 29.

NK went onto explain that the intersection at Haerses road has also be finalised to allow maximum truck movements.

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.

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 and explained again why and where the front gate was relocated to.

KM voiced the need for a permanent solution to the front gate dust gauge due to the constant high dust levels at this location and wanted to know that when PF Formations stop moving their trucks along their haul road near the Dixon Sand front gate will we see a decrease in dust levels.

TM and NK both expressed their belief that yes the dust levels will decrease due to the relocation of the dust gauge and when PF Formations cease moving trucks along their haul road near Dixon Sands front gate.

TM stated that if dust levels do not improve after the relocation of the dust gauge and when PF stop using the haul road then other options such as stabilizing the access road will need to be undertaken.

KM wants to see improvement in the front gauge dust gauge in upcoming months by the next CCC meeting in June 2013.

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.

TM indicated that noise monitoring for June 2012 was all 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 and stabilised than the old

boreholes. TM also went through the methodology used in relation to groundwater quality sampling.

The next groundwater quality sampling will be December 2012 and will have the results for the next CCC meeting.

5.5 BUSH REGENERATION WORKS

ND went through the regeneration works being undertaken at both Haerses Road and Old Northern Road including hours worked and what weeds were treated and how they were treated. ND explained all the planting they have undertaken and when and what they want to plant in the future which includes 250 plants at Haerses Road regeneration site as a way of managing the Whiskey Grass. 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 is pleased with their target on the Crofton Weed. The Crofton weed was treated before September which is when it flowers and.

ND explained that the soil translocation has greatly enhanced the biodiversity within the regeneration area and is very pleased with the outcome so far.

ND also introduced Rod Mitchell who is the new general manager for Bush-It as Tim Baker is travelling overseas.

6 GENERAL BUSINESS

KM suggested that the next CCC meeting be held in the first week of May 2013.

7 SITE INSPECTION

The site inspection was undertaken at the soil translocation area at Haerses Road.