

DIXON SAND (PENRITH) PTY LTD

MINUTES OF THE BI-ANNUAL COMMUNITY CONSULTATION COMMITTEE MEETING

4610 Old Northern Rd

1.00pm, 26th of November 2010.

1 INTRODUCTION AND APOLOGIES:

The meeting opened at 1.00pm.

1.1 PRESENT

Carolyn Hall (CH) (*Chairperson*)

Kristine McKenzie (KM) (*HSC*)

Patricia Schwartz (PS) (*Community Representative*)

Ben White (BW) (*Dixon Sand- OSEM*)

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

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

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

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

Colin Massingham (CM) (*Dixon Sand*)

1.2 APOLOGIES

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

David Gathercole (DG) (*DECCW*)

Marianne Sheumack (MS) (*MPS Rep*)

Farley Roberts (FR) (*Community Rep*)

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

Kane Winwood (KW) (*Department of Planning*)

1.3 *INTRODUCTIONS*

CH opened the meeting with introductions, including the welcoming of Peter Harkins who will be replacing Marianne Sheumack in relation to the Maroota public school representative.

***Action:** PH needs to be added to the CCC contact list and also the replacement of MS with PH needs to be formalised*

2 *PREVIOUS MINUTES*

CH read through the previous minutes to verify they were accepted by all present. PS stated that Dixon Sands website has been updated with the previous CCC meeting minutes.

3 *BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES*

There was discussion held regarding the installation of flashing lights outside the Maroota Public School. Flashing lights have still not been installed outside of Maroota Public school and there is continued concern related to this issue. An email response from MS which was provided by BW states that there is still no progress towards the installation of flashing lights.

PH commented that although flashing lights have not yet been installed he appreciates DD willingness to provide funding for them and that he believes the main issue is not the Dixon Sand trucks but the speeding of cars. PH also commented that it is now not the decision of DD in relation to the installation of flashing lights outside of the Maroota public school but the councils and RTA's and recommended that the council continues to push for their installation.

KM related the information that the road located outside of the Maroota public school is an RTA owned road and that the RTA's response to the request of flashing lights is that there is a priority list of schools and that the RTA considers Maroota Public School to be a low priority case due to its location.

Both CH and KM agreed that one of the main problems with the installation of flashing lights is public liability and the consultation of the private land owners.

4 *WORK ACCOMPLISHED IN THE PERIOD*

4.1 *HAERSES RD INTERSECTION*

DD has received approval from the RTA in relation to the removal of a power pole. This work has not yet commenced as the power pole is connected to local powerlines so it has been postponed until after the summer season due

to summer experiencing a higher energy demand in relation to an increase in air conditioner usage.

4.2 *EXTRACTION ON OLD NORTHERN RD MAIN SITE*

The DA has given approval for the extraction on site 1 and site 2 located within the quarry. There are no further updates relating quarry extraction.

4.3 *ENVIRONMENTAL OFFICER*

The Environmental Officer, Mr Ben White, who comes from Onsite Environmental Management Pty Ltd, a consultancy specialising in environmental management for construction and other development sites will soon be handing the environmental management to Tim Mouton who also comes from Onsite Environmental Management Pty Ltd.

5 *MONITORING RESULTS*

5.1 *TEOM DUST MONITORING*

BW supplied an annual TEOM PM₁₀ graph to the CCC to review. The graphs show that dust levels have been acceptable during this time period (Dec 2009-Oct 2010). A TEOM PM₁₀ graph for the October month was also given to the CCC to review. The TEOM PM₁₀ graph for the October month also demonstrated acceptable levels during this time period. Further graphs such as average rainfall and humidity for the October month were also provided. CCC members were satisfied with TEOM data illustration.

5.2 *STATIC DUST MONITORING*

BW distributed a graph illustrating the annual average results of each static dust monitoring location (from Aug 2009-Oct 2010). The results showed that all dust monitoring sites are well within acceptable limits except one dust monitoring site located at the front gate which showed an average which was above acceptable limits. BW explained that this is due from the proximity of passing trucks to the front gate and the sand which consequently falls from the trucks as they pass and which is then caught by the dust monitor thus the front gate dust monitoring samples are subject to potential inaccuracies

TM supported this explanation by BW by stating that laboratory tests show a high presence of sand particles within the dust monitoring samples taken from the front gate location.

CM commented that in order to reduce the inaccuracies of the front gate dust monitoring site sweeping of the built up sand is undertaken every two to three months.

CCC members satisfied with static dust graphic illustrations and the explanation of the front gate exceedance.

5.3 *NOISE MONITORING*

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

CH expressed concern towards the future expansion of the quarry and its proximity to the Maroota public school and the potential noise impacts.

TM commented that as the quarry gets closer to the school over time the noise will be more intermittent than the quarry processing plant.

CH also requested that the noise monitoring data be progressive and recorded on an annual graph so that the progress and intensity of the quarry noise impact can be documented and addressed on a long term scale.

BW explained that every three years an audit is undertaken which includes noise monitoring data and which must be undertaken by an independent party. BW completed one of these audits in April 2010 as during this time he was an independent party. Unfortunately the Department of Planning are only just responding to it now and because BW is no longer an independent party thus another three year audit will need to be completed which will incorporate all the monitoring data.

5.4 *GROUND WATER QUALITY MONITORING*

Aerial photographs of the Old Northern Rd quarry section was handed out by BW which illustrated the locations of the groundwater bore holes, dust monitoring sites and the TEOM site.

BW explained that in relation to the groundwater results there have been inconsistencies experienced which have produced unusual results. So there is now discussion about the recent groundwater results and all previous results. BW stated that a reason for the unusual groundwater data may be due to the groundwater bore holes being incorrectly constructed resulting in unusually high turbidity levels and TSS levels.

CH recommended a reading which could prove useful called Maroota groundwater study undertaken by DLW.

Action: Re-do groundwater samples and find out more information relating to the unusual groundwater turbidity and TSS results.

Action: Read the recommended study by CH.

5.5

BUSH REGENERATION WORKS

ND produced a Bush-It report with useful images that helped the CCC better understand and visualise the bush regeneration process and progress. ND began by thanking Dixon Sand for their provided assistance, support and enthusiasm. ND explained the sandstone capping process and its purpose in preventing weeds from growing as well as the process of seed collection and the relocation of these native seeds to rehabilitation areas. ND further explained that fences have been constructed around new germinating plants to stop wallabies from destroying them. ND stated that the plants are doing very well and that she is so far pleased with their progress. ND also explained Bush-It has been monitoring for Crofton Weed and sprayed to prevent it spreading into local creeks.

CH stated that the Crofton Weed has been an ongoing issue for the local environment and is pleased that ND and the Bush-It team are targeting it. CH also expressed concern about the potential impacts that the seed collection and translocation could have on the natural clean water creek source but so far is pleased that there have been no observed effects.

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GENERAL BUSINESS

PS delivered a letter for DD from Corkill that needs to be passed on to DD. This letter was taken by Noel Kenny who assured PS that he would deliver it to DD.

KM requested that the next CCC meeting be held in the first or second week of May 2011. So far there have been no objections to this proposed date by the rest of the CCC members.

BW stated that the annual report for last year was approximately six months overdue and that TM and he has since completed an annual report and submitted it in June but are still waiting for a response from the Department of Planning. The next annual report is now due but as the previous annual report has not yet been addressed by the DoP the next annual report will be delayed.

SITE INSPECTION

Conducted by Noel Kenny, a short walk was taken from site office to the edge of extraction pit (Lot 29) looking east towards Maroota Public School.

Action: Send details of all CCC members to Noel Kenny