

Cabbage Tree Road Sand Quarry

Welcome to **Edition 4** of the Cabbage Tree Road Sand Quarry Newsletter. The purpose of the newsletter is to provide the community with updates on how the project is progressing.

Since the last newsletter in October 2016, the proposed sand quarry received approval from the Joint Regional Planning Panel (JRPP). The JRPP approved the quarry on 9 May 2018 subject to a comprehensive set of Consent Conditions.

Williamstown Sand Syndicate (WSS) has been developing management plans in consultation with government agencies and to the satisfaction of the Secretary of New South Wales (NSW) Department of Planning Industry and Environment (DPIE). WSS has also been working with the NSW Roads and Maritime Service (RMS) to develop detailed plans for the construction of the intersection on Cabbage Tree Road.

START OF CONSTRUCTION

Construction of the intersection, workshop and office area is anticipated to start in August, pending final approval of the intersection design details by the RMS. Construction is expected to take approximately 12 weeks. On this basis quarrying and processing of sand is expected to begin in November 2019. Construction of the intersection and roads will be undertaken by a major earth moving contractor, supported by WSS.

Construction will include building the following:

- A left-in and left-out intersection onto Cabbage Tree Road.
- A bitumen sealed access road.
- The erection of a koala exclusion fence along the boundary of 282B Cabbage Tree Road.
- A workshop, office, and weighbridges.

CONSTRUCTION ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT PLAN

Under the Project's Conditions of Development Consent, WSS must consult with the landowners adjacent to the proposed intersection to minimise the effects of its construction on residents. A Road Construction Management Plan must be developed to consider noise, vibration, dust, and property access impacts of the construction impacts and set out ways to avoid, minimise or offset impacts or provide respite for affected residents from extended periods of construction. WSS have developed a Construction Environmental Management Plan (CEMP) to document these controls. A copy of the CEMP is available to any interested resident for review (see contacts below), and to provide input into controls. A summary of the key controls are provided below. This newsletter is intended to form the basis for plan consultation and encourage input to its refinement.

Vibration

Given the setback of properties from Cabbage Tree Road, no vibration impacts to structures are considered likely to occur. Notwithstanding, landowners within 300 m of the intersection are entitled to make a written request for WSS to engage an independent qualified person to undertake a baseline condition assessment of the structures on their property. In the event of damage, expected by the landowner to be caused by quarry construction activities, the landowner may request further assessment of any damage and if caused by the quarry agree for WSS to repair that damage. The properties within 300 m of the intersection works include numbers; 447, 444, 441, 435, 431, 425, 415, 409, 407, 397, 393, 383, 379, 375, 373, 365, 363, 350, 343, 340 and 336 Cabbage Tree Road, Williamstown.

Noise

Construction will be undertaken during the standard industry construction hours of 7 am to 6 pm Monday to Friday, 8 am to 1 pm on Saturdays with no works occurring on Sunday or a Public Holiday. The noise assessment anticipates that some properties may be noise affected (background plus 10 dB) for some portion of the works, but no

dwelling would be highly noise affected (75 dB(A) or higher). Noise monitoring will be undertaken during construction to assess noise levels.

Dust

Standard dust controls will be applied during construction (e.g. minimise disturbance area, water cart, stabilise bare sand areas as soon as feasible). An air quality monitoring network has been established for the project and includes an air monitor directly opposite the intersection. This air monitor will provide the quarry operators a real-time measurement of air quality and the ability to proactively respond to increasing dust levels from construction to minimise impacts on nearby residents.

Property Access and Traffic

The construction of the intersection will require the implementation of a traffic management plan to the satisfaction the RMS. The traffic management plan will be developed with the successful earth moving contractor, but is considered likely to include; closure of the east-bound road shoulder in the area of the intersection, reduced speed limits and construction warning signage. Despite these controls, during the works, it will be important for residents and visitors of properties opposite the works area to take care accessing the property and preferably access them from the west bound lane as there will be no shoulder available for vehicles to overtake turning traffic.

Input and Feedback

Should residents have any questions, suggestions or concerns in relation to the management plan and proposed construction works, please contact Jonathan on the details below. Prior to the commencement of construction, additional details of the construction manager will be provided.

COMMUNITY CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE

The DPIE appointed John Turner as the Independent Chair Person for the Cabbage Tree Road Quarry Community Consultative Committee (CCC). Public notices calling for CCC members has been made and the CCC is in the process of being formed. If you are interested in being a member or finding out more about the CCC please contact John at ctrsgccc@gmail.com.

CONTACT US

If you have any comments or would like more information, or have any questions or feedback relating to the Cabbage Tree Road Project, please contact:

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