

Williamtown Sand Syndicate (WSS) Cabbage Tree Road Sand Quarry Community Consultative Committee Meeting

30 January 2020
9:00-11:00
Mercure Hotel, Williamtown

Meeting Number: 2nd Meeting **Type of meeting:** General
Chairperson: John Turner **Note taker:** Eliza Altmann

Attendees: Wayne Sampson (Resident) – WS
Janet Meyn (Port Stephens Council) – JM
Jonathan Berry (Kleinfelder) – JB
Barry Davis (Resident) – BD
Shirley Davis (Resident) – SD
Darren Williams (WSS) – DW
Paul Bourne (WSS / Newcastle Sand) – PB
Keiron Rochester (Resident) - KR
John Simpson (Hunter Water Representative) - JS

Apologies: None

Observers: Kay Rochester (Resident) – Kay R

Meeting Open: 9:00am

Minutes

Agenda item: 1 Apologies **Presenter:** John Turner

Discussion:

No apologies.

Agenda item: 2 Declaration of Pecuniary Interest **Presenter:** NA

Discussion:

John Turner (Chairperson) – Paid for service by WSS.
Wayne Sampson (Resident) – Deed with WSS.
Janet Meyer (Port Stephens Council) – Representative of owner of land who receives royalty for sand.
Jonathan Berry (Kleinfelder) – Consultant employed by WSS.
John Simpson (Hunter Water Representative)
Barry Davis (Resident) – Nil.
Shirley Davis (Resident) – Nil.
Keiron Rochester (Resident) – Nil.
Kay Rochester (Resident) – Nil.
Darren Williams (WSS) – Quarry owner.
Paul Bourne (WSS / Newcastle Sand) – Quarry employee.

Agenda item: 3 Correspondence

Presenter: John Turner

Discussion:

Minutes from the last meeting were circulation.

Minutes moved by JM. Minutes seconded by SD. All Agree.

Actions from Previous Minutes

- JT. Has the updated Complaints Register been uploaded to the website and the Pre-intersection Newsletter delivered?
- JB. Yes, newsletter was delivered pre-intersection construction. The latest complaints register has not been uploaded to WSS website. This will be uploaded asap.
- KR. Has Complaints Register been updated?
- JB. Yes, Complaints Register has been updated, just not uploaded to the website.
- JT. BD have your cabinets been shaking?
- BD. No shaking cabinets.
- JT. Previous minutes noted consideration of differing road surfaces and noise levels.
- JB. Neil from Spectrum Acoustics is scheduled to undertake further monitoring.

Agenda item: 4 Proponents Reports and Overview

Presenter: Jonathan Berry

- * progress of the project
- * monitoring and environmental performance
- * community complaints and response to these complaints
- * information provided to the community and any feedback

Discussion:

- JB. Update on monitoring and environmental performance. Air monitors on Sampson property have had some errors, now corrected. Air monitors picked up the smoke from bushfires, has now reduced. Technician scheduled for coming weeks. Groundwater levels have continued to drop. PFAS (6.2 FTS) found in the water bore closest to the Defence site (BH6) in December. Follow-up testing in January, including duplicate and triplicate sampling did not identify any PFAS. Suggests, this may be an error, isolated sample contamination or a false positive result. Noise monitoring has been undertaken by Spectrum Acoustics and JB when onsite. Found road traffic to be the main noise source, with the internal machine noise not a major noise issue.
- JT. Does anyone have any questions or comments on the above?
- BD. People cutting wood with chainsaws at 8pm at night across the road from his house in the road reserve.
- DW. Gave a resident permission once 3 months ago. Wood was in the road reserve. Quarry did deliver a load to the resident once, so this won't happen again.
- BD. Rang the Council but no one answered. Called the police and they arrived. The other resident had left by then.
- JB. Advised BD to called PB or DW and the Police if it happens again.
- KR. Once all trees are cut down, they should be moved back onto the quarry site.
- JS. When the timber is cleared it should be used onsite for rehabilitation purposes, not given to the public.
- JM. Council does have an after-hours number to call.
- DW. All timber will be removed daily and put back on the quarry site.
- BD. Doesn't have DW's number.
- DW. BD you have my number, you have called it numerous times.
- KR. What is the action plan for the false positive PFAS test?
- JB. Will double check if a positive and work out if it is to do with the quarry. Also look at the Defence results. Annual Review is due end of March 2020.
- PB. Progress of Project. Works have started in the road reserve. Road base and turning circle has been completed internally. Large equipment has arrived on site with the aid of escort vehicles turning right into site.

- BD. Has seen multiple vehicles turning right into site including a Nissan Patrol. He has the number plates.
- SD. The No Right Turn sign has been taken down.
- WS. Police have increased their patrols in the area due to vehicles not complying with reduced speeds.
- PB. WSS have contacted Police to get more patrols in the area to limit speed limits after concerns about disregard for reduced speed limit.
- SD. 1 to 2 trucks per day are turning right in and right out.
- JT. Send evidence to PB of trucks turning right in and right out.
- WS. How many trucks have turned right in?
- PB. 3-4 Large trucks have turned right in due to their size and were escorted by a Robson vehicle.
- KR. Can a camera be installed to catch the trucks and vehicles turning right in and right out?
- JB. Cameras are not allowed to record in a public space.
- Kay R. Can the camera face the road?
- DW. No, as it is recording in a public place.
- JT. Department has issues with cameras recording in public places.
- PB. Continuation of progress of the project. Quarry equipment will start to be setup. Power has been run into site. Internal fences are going up to secure all the new equipment.
- JT. Are there any community complaints?
- SD. Wasn't notified that the water board was accessing the property. Two people walking around her yard looking for the connection for the water across the road.
- JS. Hunter Water employees wear shirts with the company logo and drive company cars.
- Kay R. Water was turned off last Tuesday and next Tuesday. Not given much notice.
- WS. His water is connected to the line closest the Quarry's, as dirty water came through last week.
- BD. Are the water pipes made of asbestos?
- JS. Will look into the water connections when he arrives at his office. Will also find out what the pipes are made of.
- DW/WS. Water pipes appear to be cast iron.
- KR. How does the quarry's sprinkler system work?
- DW. The sprinkler system is on a timer. It works off our own water connection. Not bore water.
- WS. We are in a drought. Is the quarry not allowed to use Speer point water? Had his tested and he is able to use bore water.
- DW. We have to use town water, not allowed to use bore water, however we would prefer to use bore water.
- JS. Has company considered the bore water?
- KR. Prefer to get the Annual Report first for final testing results before an agreement to lock into applying for a bore license.
- JB. The water sprinklers on timers are more efficient now than the use of water carts.
- KR. Are they sprinklers automated?
- DW. They are all wired up, powered connect and now waiting for Wi-Fi for it to be automated.
- JB. Newsletter went out. No feedback received. Next newsletter is due when the quarry turns operational. When utilities are resolved and a firm road end construction date. Approx. 2 months.
- JM. Newsletters should be quarterly.
- SD. Notification for when the phones will be cut off?
- JB. It is not up to the quarry. It's up to the contractor and utility company to notify the residents.
- DW. We have an approximate schedule date of 19.02.2020 for the Telstra cut over. We will find out more information and confirm the date.

Conclusions:

Key actions from the above discussions summarized below:

Action items	Person responsible	Deadline
✓ Update complaints register and upload to the website.	DW	6/02/2020
✓ Newsletter to be delivered prior Quarry being operational.	DW	TBA

Action items	Person responsible	Deadline
✓ Neil from Spectrum to do more noise monitoring	PB	TBA
✓ SD & BD to at least contact PB, DW & then Police (if they like) next time there are any issues associated with the Quarry, such as the removal of wood from the road reserve and any vehicles that are not complying with road rules.	SD, BD	As needed

Agenda item: 5 Other Agenda Items **Presenter:** John Turner

Discussion:

- JT. No other agenda items?

Agenda item: 6 General Business **Presenter:** John Turner

Discussion:

WS. New Business. When pulling right into my driveway will vehicles have plenty of room to get around me?

PB. Yes, the centerline to the face of the island's kerb is 3.5 - 3.6m total. [**Post Meeting Clarification:** After reviewing plans the width is 5.5m total comprising a 3.5m wide travel lane and a 2.0m wide shoulder, note existing centerline to existing seal is 5.6m].

KR. General Business. Will there be a site inspection before commencement? Is there any feedback on the site inspection from Ann at the Department of Planning, Industry & Environment? What are the operation start times? Do the machines start before 6am?

PB. We were questioned about the extraction levels and provided her with a survey document.

JT. There will be a site visit. There has to be 1 per year.

DW. Once operational no machinery will be started before 6am, only toolbox talks beforehand. We can't help if there are trucks sitting on the road reserve before opening hours. Unless the residents are happy for us to open our one or both of our gates to get the trucks off the road, noting approval from DPIE would likely be needed for this to occur.

PB. The deceleration and acceleration are no stopping zones.

KR. Are airbrakes disallowed?

PB. Yes, airbrakes are disallowed, this is in the driver induction.

JT. No general business from BD, SD, JM, PB, JS, DW and JB.

Action items	Person responsible	Deadline
✓ Quarry to advise WS of the travel lane widths when turning right into his property	PB	7/02/2020

Agenda item: 7 Next Meeting

Presenter: John Turner

Discussion:

JT. Next meeting will be 30th April 2020.

Action items	Person responsible	Deadline
✓ Agreed next meeting on the 30 th April 2020	JT to arrange meetings	Next 30 th April 2020
✓ Site inspection agreed next visit, subject to operational restrictions if applicable.	PB	Immediately before next meeting and operational.

Other Information

- Minutes to be provided as draft in the next week.
- Committee members have one week to provide feedback on the minutes to the Chairperson.
- Within two weeks of receiving feedback the minutes will be finalized and distributed to members and placed on the website.
- SD and Kay R requested hard copy and the electronic copy. Hard copy to be dropped off in mail box.

Meeting Close:

9:54 am