

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

09 December 2022

9:02-9:45am

Mercure Newcastle Airport

Meeting Number:	10 th Meeting	Type of meeting:	General
Chairperson:	John Turner - JT	Note taker:	Jonathan Berry
Attendees:	Wayne Sampson (Resident) – WS Shirley Davis (Resident) – SD Stephen Kuehn (Resident) – SK Paul Hardes (Resident) – PH John Simpson (Hunter Water Representative) – JS Darren Williams (WSS) – DW Jonathan Berry (Wedgetail Project Consulting) – JB		
Apologies:	Greg Callaghan (Resident) – GC Peter West (Resident) – PW Barry Davis (Resident) – BD		
Observers:	None		
Meeting Open:	9:02am		

Minutes

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

Discussion:

Peter West (Resident) – PW
Barry Davis (Resident) – BD
Greg Callaghan (Resident) – GC

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

Discussion:

John Turner (Chairperson) – Paid for service by WSS.
Wayne Sampson (Resident) – Deed with WSS.
Jonathan Berry (Wedgetail Project Consulting) – Consultant employed by WSS.
Shirley Davis (Resident) – Nil.
Greg Callaghan (Resident) – Deed with WSS
Paul Hardes (Resident) – Deed with WSS
Stephen Kuehn (Resident) – Deed with WSS

Agenda item: 3 Minutes to be adopted

Presenter: John Turner

Discussion:

Minutes from the last meeting were noted.

Minutes moved by PH. Minutes seconded by WS. All Agree.

Agenda item: 4 Business Arising from Previous Minutes

Presenter: JT

- Response to issues raised or provision of additional information requested;

- Nil

Agenda item: 5 Correspondence

Presenter: John Turner

- See presentation.

Agenda item: 6 Proponents reports & overview of activities, including; Presenter: Jonathan Berry

- Progress of the project
- Monitoring & environmental performances
- Community complaints & responses to these complaints
- Information provided to the community and any feedback

JB – Gave presentation of slides.

Community Complaints slide:

SD – There have been no complaints as there is no point as the response is always the same and nothing is done, still trucks turning right, air brakes being used, sand on the road. Disappointed that nothing seems to change. No action on removing the traffic island.

DW – To be clear, Newcastle Sand has never committed to remove the traffic island that was installed consistent with the TfNSW requirements. Newcastle Sand stated that it would consider any TfNSW instructions.

JT – Traffic Island has been discussed multiple times, this is a TfNSW matter.

Modification Slide:

JS – With respect to the alternate timber management, judging from the photographs in the presentation the timber cover seems fine and he (HWC) would like to see substantial evidence it was too high prior to any reduction or significant changes to current practice. RZM's later rehabilitation was done in a similar way (i.e. timber placement rather than burning as originally done) and has been effective. Reductions in the timber cover once placed are likely to cause more damage than beneficial.

DW – Noted timber levels may be OK.

Monitoring Slide:

JS – HWC has observed PFAS in very low concentrations at several locations in the area, many times lower than what has been observed from Defence. Most of the observed changes in water chemistry are likely to be related to natural changes due to the changing water levels.

JS – What happened with water meeting called by neighbours in Barrie Close due to the high water levels? The presence of swamp mahogany in their yards suggest the water is naturally very high.

DW – Met with some of the owners and demonstrated with GPS that the reasons they thought the quarry may be related to the high water levels could not be related to works at the quarry. There was some concern the road connecting the north and south resource areas was once a creek that the quarry and obstructed. Elevation data showed this was not the case.

Action items	Person responsible	Deadline
✓ Nil		
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Agenda item: 7 Other Agenda Items **Presenter:** John Turner

Discussion:
JT – There were no other agenda items received.

Agenda item: 8 General Business **Presenter:** John Turner

Discussion:
JT – Is there any general business?

Action items	Person responsible	Deadline
✓ SD – Can someone please drop off a copy of the minutes to my letter box?	Newcastle Sand will drop of a copy	When completed
✓		

Agenda item: 9 Next Meeting **Presenter:** John Turner

Discussion:
JT – The meeting is now closed at 9:45am, the next meeting to be advised.

Action items	Person responsible	Deadline
None.		

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.

Meeting Close:

9:25 am