

**Community Consultative Committee  
Hitchcock Road and Lot 198 Maroota  
Sand Extraction and Rehabilitation Projects**

**Minutes  
12 November 2013**

**Attendance**

Kristine McKenzie – Hills Shire Council (HSC) - Chairperson

Robert Buckham – Hills Shire Council (HSC)

Daniel Giffney – Hills Shire Council (HSC)

Marianne Sheumack – Resident

Shaunagh Hitchcock – Resident

John Graham – PF Formation

Peter Cummins – PF Formation

Joshua Graham – PF Formation

Absent: Kane Winwood – NSW Department of Planning

Peter Harkins – Resident

**Minutes of Previous Meeting**

- Accepted

**Report on Current Status of Operations by John Graham (PF)**

- There have been no complaints in the last 6 months
- Operations have been relatively stable
- Rehabilitation has continued to progress but the dry weather has been challenging. Additional planting has occurred on the corner of Wisemans Ferry and Old Northern Roads in spring. Autumn planting is much more successful and in the future PF will not plant in summer or spring.
- The tailings pond on the southern side has been capped and further significant overburden has been stockpiled there.
- The property at the southern side of the Development is largely extracted with only friable sandstone to be extracted.
- The Surveyor General and the Department of Planning have given approval for the removal of Sydney Hinterland Transitional Forrest (SHTF) area. The removal may occur in 2014 depending on the sand demand. There has been a greater demand for colour controlled material lately. Any SHTF will be moved directly to a rehabilitation area of the same size.
- Operationally the business has picked up in the last couple of months and PF are confident that the business will return to previous levels next year.
- Truck movements are down and have reduced over the years due to the increased average truck loads.
- Lot 1 (Accurso's) is due to be finished next March. Rehabilitation has been slow but PF is aware of the deadline. Seed stock has been sourced for the rehabilitation area.

**Reporting**

- The Annual Environment Management Report (AEMR) for 2013 is on the website. No matters of significance arose in the Report. The independent audit will be done next year.

**Environmental Matters**

- The monthly dust deposit results were reviewed and discussed.
- The results were low for the 6 months
- The quadrant testing of the rehabilitation area by Parsons Brinckerhoff will occur in the next month.

**Other Matters Discussed**

- The draft Hills Shire Works Program for the Section 94 roadworks as prepared by RMS was tabled and discussed
- Peter Cummins to contact the RMS representative, David Blackmore, to invite him to our next meeting

**Site Visit**

- A site inspection was not conducted due to the wet weather.

**Next Meeting**

- 10.00 am Tuesday 6 May 2014