

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

**Minutes
8 November 2016**

Attendance

Kristine McKenzie – The Hills Shire Council (THSC) – Chairperson
Daniel Giffney – The Hills Shire Council (THSC)
Marianne Sheumack – Resident
Lisa Aylward - Resident
John Graham – PF Formation (PF)
Peter Cummins – PF Formation (PF)
Joshua Graham – PF Formation (PF)

Apologies:

Shaunagh Hitchcock – Resident
Megan Dawson – Department of Planning ('DOP')

Minutes of Previous Meeting

- Accepted

Matters Arising from Minutes

- None

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

- There have been no complaints in the last 6 months
- The area adjoining the entry road has had soil placed on it to encourage regrowth
- The new water cart has been effective
- A new GPS device was trialed recently. It was used to confirm existing levels and markers. The use of the machine allowed further level markers to be created.
- The Department of Planning (DOP) has setup a new regulatory arm that will expand on its audit and monitoring activities.

Reporting

- PF Formation received approval from the Department of Planning relating to the updated monitoring strategies/plans/programs and reviewed vegetation offset bond sent to the Department last year. These updated Plans are available for viewing on the PF Formation website
- The summary of the audit findings of the DOP for all sand quarries in the State is available for viewing on the PF Formation website.

- The Annual Environmental Management Plan ('AEMR') has largely been completed for the 2016 year. A new environmental planner (& ecologist) has been used and the AEMR should be up on the website in the next week or so. No unusual or significant matters were identified in the AEMR.

Environmental Matters

- The monthly dust deposit results were reviewed and discussed.
- The dust results generally were low but the regular high August figure at the School monitoring station was again considered to be attributable to the annual Maroota School Muster.
- No explanation could be provided for the high August figure at 'Jurd's House'. The sample collected contained high levels of combustible matter and low ash content which would indicate the dust was not from the quarry.
- No new vegetation rehabilitation has occurred recently although soil is stored ready for use. Significant reshaping of the land has been done.

Other Matters Discussed

- At the meeting Lisa asked when the overtaking lane would be constructed on Old Northern Road. Kristine advised she would confirm the time frame and advise. Following the meeting, Kristine advised that the overtaking lane on Old Northern Road (north of Canoelands Road) is due to be completed by the end of the 2016/2017 financial year.

Department of Planning Matters

- The Department of Planning advised that if issues were raised that warranted it, they may attend a meeting to discuss issues further with the Community Consultative Committee. The Department will be invited to attend the next meeting to discuss the concerns.
- Following the meeting, Marianne provided a list of concerns. These concerns will be forwarded to the Department with the invitation to attend the next meeting.

Site Visit

- A site inspection was conducted.

Next Meeting

- 10.00 am Tuesday 2 May 2017