

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

**Minutes  
5 May 2015**

**Attendance**

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

Apologies: None

**Minutes of Previous Meeting**

- Accepted

**Matters Arising from Minutes**

- Lisa Aylward from the school has agreed to attend our meetings in place of Peter Harkins.
- The sandstone pile of material that can be seen from Old Northern Road is gradually being used and no more material added to it.

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

- There have been no complaints in the last 6 months
- Operations have been relatively routine.
- The recent extraordinary wet weather tested all our sediment control systems and PF was happy with the impact under difficult conditions
- No new planting has occurred recently. PF are aiming to continue with the Sydney Hinterland Transitional Forest (SHTF) planting next autumn. A new area to the left of the entry gate is also being prepared for planting next year. Overall the plants are going well.
- PF have 3 EPA licences. The EPA is reviewing all licences to change to a risk based system. Licence 3407 relating to the The Baulkham Hills Shire area was reviewed a couple of weeks ago. The EPA visited the site and completed a questionnaire and they indicated they were happy with the site. They will be categorizing all sites based on: a) the history of polluting; b) the industry and likelihood of polluting; and c) how good the reporting mechanisms are. All these considerations will be factored in to determine the fee category.
- A new loader with improved emissions was recently purchased.
- A change to the washplant will be made in the next couple of months to improve the sandstone washing capability

### **Reporting**

- PF Formation has not received a response from the Department of Planning relating to the updated monitoring strategies/plans/programs and reviewed vegetation offset bond sent to the Department last year. PF will follow up with the Department.
- The Lot 198 sand extraction consent is due to finish in December this year. PF will lodge an extension for this site until 2027 which will bring it into line with the Hitchcock Road Approval period which is appropriate as both are interrelated on Lot 198 Maroota.

### **Environmental Matters**

- The monthly dust deposit results were reviewed and discussed.
- The results were generally low for the 6 months other than the unexplained high results recorded in some months at the Roberts Road Old Northern Road deposit gauge (Jurd's). No sand quarry operations were occurring close to this site at that time.

### **Other Matters Discussed**

- Ongoing issue of truck volume in the Maroota area making noise and dust was discussed. PF stated its commitment to inducting truck drivers on safety requirements and reminding them of their obligations.
- Lisa made a request that Council seal the parking area at the front of the school on the verge of Old Northern Road where many parents are parking. Kristine advised that Old Northern Road is an RMS road and is not a Council road. Lisa is to be provided with the contact details of Steve Flint of Downer Mouchel (who have taken over responsibility for road maintenance works currently undertaken by RMS) to follow up with them.
- PF outlined its future development plans in Maroota.

### **Site Visit**

- A site inspection was not conducted due to the wet roads. Lisa to contact PF if she would like a site inspection before the next meeting.

### **Next Meeting**

- 10.00 am Tuesday 10 November 2015