

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

**Minutes  
14 November 2017**

**Attendance**

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

**Apology**

Marianne Sheumack – Resident  
Melissa Mass – South Eastern Environmental

**Minutes of Previous Meeting**

- Accepted

**Matters Arising from Minutes**

- None

**Introduction by John Graham**

- John Graham has stepped down as a Director. Josh Graham and Luke Graham have taken over running the business as joint Managing Directors

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

- There have been no community complaints in the last 6 months
- After our meeting in May the Department of Planning made several site visits and required extensive additional information. It was found that the maximum depth level had been exceeded and sediment material had left the site in one area. Two \$15,000 penalties were issued and the Department monitored the backfilling of the out of depth area and the bunding and backfilling of the area where sediment left the site. A shell extraction plan and maximum mining depth plan with individual contours has been provided to and approved by the department. RL markers have been installed on the site and the shell plan is to be updated annually.
- PF have appointed South East Environmental to conduct monthly environmental inspections and to complete the Annual Environmental Management Reports.
- Operations have been routine with less tertiary sand and more sandstone being sold.

- Personal dust monitoring was conducted on all employees and the results were satisfactory. Further testing on bulldozer operators will occur every six months.
- The Maroota Lodge development at the end of Roberts Road has been approved by Hornsby Council. In the new year the vehicular crossing area at the entrance will be improved and bund walls done. When the pre-commencement conditions are met the operation will involve the transfer of up to 20 trucks per day to the Hitchcock Road site.
- With the recent dry weather staff were reminded at a safety meeting of their responsibility to advise of any areas requiring immediate watering to minimize dust.

### **Reporting**

- The Annual Environmental Management Plan ('AEMR') was completed in December and is on the website. No significant matters were raised.
- No significant reporting matters have occurred in the period.
- The independent audit recommendations from earlier in the year were completed.
- PF is continually updating the website with its regular monitoring information.

### **Environmental Matters**

- The monthly dust deposit results were reviewed and discussed.
- PF received no notification of high TEOM results in the period.
- No new vegetation rehabilitation has occurred recently but a review of the existing areas is currently being done by WSP.

### **Other Matters Discussed**

- Water usage in the area was discussed

### **Site Visit**

- A site inspection was conducted.

### **Next Meeting**

- 10.00 am Tuesday 1 May 2018