

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

**Minutes
2 May 2016**

Attendance

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

Apologies:

Daniel Giffney – The Hills Shire Council (THSC)
Marianne Sheumack – 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 access road had been reduced in width and in December it was sealed to prevent dust tracking to Wisemans Ferry Road
- A new purpose built water tank has been built with more sprays to improve the dust suppression.
- The previous water truck has been registered and a new 12,000 litre tank replaced the old tank. It now has all the fire brigade fittings so that it may assist in time of fires. It also has been registered and fitted with front spray bars to improve the watering capability.
- The quarry operations have settled down a lot more and operations have been more routine.
- Recently PF have had further survey markers placed around the site to better demonstrate how the extraction depths are monitored
- Recently PF have installed a modification to the washplant to improve the fine sand washing capability.

Reporting

- PF Formation has now 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. In general they are happy with the Plans but some minor queries are to be completed and the Plans to be sent to other Government Departments for comment.
- Quarterly updating of the website is continuing.
- The summary of the audit findings of the DOP for all sand quarries in the State was reviewed and discussed.
- The PF Formation “Summary of Project Approval Non-Compliances’ was discussed with the main issues being dust and improving controls to ensure material is not tracked on public roads. The sealing of the road to Wisemans Ferry Road and the new water trucks were the major actions taken by PF Formation in response to the audit.

Environmental Matters

- The monthly dust deposit results were reviewed and discussed.
- The dust results were very low with no aberrations.
- 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

- PF gave an update on its future development plans in Maroota.

Site Visit

- A site inspection was conducted.

Next Meeting

- 10.00 am Tuesday 8 November 2016