

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

**Minutes
1 May 2012**

Attendance

Kristine McKenzie – Baulkham Hills Shire Council (BHSC) - Chairperson

Robert Buckham – Baulkham Hills Shire Council (BHSC)

Daniel Giffney – Baulkham Hills Shire Council (BHSC)

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

David Gathercole – Department of Environment, Climate Change & Water

Peter Harkin - Resident

Minutes of Previous Meeting

- Accepted

Report on Current Status of Operations by John Graham

- Since the spring planting was done we have had plenty of water. Weeds have stabilized the planting area and we are confident there is a good coverage of natives.
- Our annual environmental reporting is done for the year to June so Parsons Brinckerhoff (PB) will visit our rehabilitation area in the next couple of months to sample some random quadrants and assess our progress.
- Along the Old Northern Road bunding and setback areas we have poisoned the kikuyu grass to prepare an area for further native planting.
- Sediment controls were well tested with the recent wet weather but there were no discharges. The sump pump system has been working very well minimizing run-off going to our main dam and making sure capacity is maintained. The speed hump near the main intersection has been limiting runoff at the intersection.
- No official complaints were received in the period since the last meeting. A phone call was made advising us that trucks had tracked mud across the intersection and it was immediately swept up.
- Due to the wet internal roads most recent extraction has been occurring at the extraction area near the entry from Wisemans Ferry Road. This area is close to the wash plant and minimizes the use of the internal haul roads. Whilst this location is very noticeable for people leaving our main quarry it is less noticeable for cars travelling 60kmh on Wisemans Ferry Road.

Reporting

- PF Formation updated the environmental management and monitoring strategies/plans/programs as required under the approval. These revised plans were approved by the Director-General of the Planning Department since the last meeting.
- All updated plans are available for viewing on the website.
- The Annual Environment Management Report (AEMR) incorporates environmental data to 30 June and therefore will be completed before our next meeting.

Environmental Matters

- The monthly dust deposit results were reviewed and discussed.
- Most monthly results were very low as was expected with the wet weather we have had.

Other Matters

- Rod Clair from OEH has provided PF Formation with details on the Energy Saver program whereby a subsidized review of energy use is conducted. The program looks good and will be considered over the next year as a follow up to the Energy Action review done in 2011.
- The issue in the news of truck speed limiters being disabled was discussed. PF Formation indicated that it did not see this being a concern because the majority of customers have company drivers who are paid on an hourly rate ie they have little incentive to speed. The examples in the media recently seem to relate to interstate work where trucks travel on major highways where 100kph speeds can be reached and where the trucks are under time pressure.
- The status of the Section 94 roadworks program was discussed and Council advised that the next 5 year is currently being reviewed by their Traffic Manager. The need for road repairs after the rain on Old Northern Road was discussed but generally this work is not funded from the Section 94 monies collected and is usually carried out on a regular basis by the Roads and Maritime Services as part of their general maintenance works. It was also noted that Old Northern Road is only partly in the Hills Shire with the other part in Hornsby Shire, with the Shire boundary generally following the centre line of the road
- Survey work has been occurring on Old Northern Road near the quarry. Apparently the Transport, Roads and Maritime Services are looking at widening this section of the road. It was agreed that an overtaking lane in this area would not be the best use of funds. Overtaking lanes are needed halfway between Glenorie and Maroota not at the Maroota end. SH was to talk to the Hills Shire Traffic Manager on this matter.

Site Visit

- A site inspection was not conducted because of the poor state of the internal roads due to the recent wet weather.

Next Meeting

- 10.00 am Tuesday 20 November 2012