

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

**Minutes
13 November 2018**

Attendance

Kristine McKenzie – The Hills Shire Council (THSC) – Chairperson
Danial Giffney – The Hills Shire Council (THSC)
Shaunagh Hitchcock – Resident
Melissa Mass – South Eastern Environmental
Peter Cummins – PF Formation (PF)
Joshua Graham – PF Formation (PF)
Luke Graham – PF Formation (PF)

Apology

Lisa Aylward – Resident
Marianne Sheumack – Resident

Minutes of Previous Meeting

- Accepted

Matters Arising from Minutes

- None

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

- An updated Pollution Incident Response Management Plan has been developed. This deals with spill kits, safety issues and diesel tanks.
- The diesel fuel tank in the workshop area has been replaced by a smaller, 25,000 litre tank that is under cover and is compliant with the updated bund storage capacity rules.
- New offices building plans are awaiting final approval from Hills Shire.
- Amendments to the existing Project Approval 06-0104 are being prepared including a revised offset strategy and the removal of the commitments appended to the Approval. The Approval calls for long-term security of the offset which means ‘in perpetuity’ according to the Planning Department. PF Formation do not agree with this interpretation but are proposing alternative options in order to reach agreement with the Department. The proposed amendments will be given to the Department early next year.
- There have been no community complaints in the last 6 months
- Operations have been routine with less tertiary sand and more sandstone being sold.
- The Maroota Lodge development at the end of Roberts Road has been approved by Hornsby Council in 2017. The pre-commencement conditions have been achieved by PF Formation but are still waiting for Hornsby Council’s acknowledgement. The operation will involve the transfer of up to 20 trucks per day to the Hitchcock Road site.

- PF Formation has recently acquired the Arkzeal property. Extraction will have 30 metre setbacks.

Reporting

- No significant reporting matters have occurred in the period.

Environmental Matters

- The monthly dust deposit results were reviewed and discussed. The Jurd dust deposit gauge was high in September due to mowing around the dust gauge whilst the area was still dry (a gumnut was in the gauge). Given the dry conditions the overall dust results have been good.
- Mine safety health monitoring is conducted including lung screening. Now that there is base line data this testing will be done every 2 years. Personal testing has been done and the bulldozer now has a pressurized cabin.
- PF received no notification of high TEOM results in the period.
- The rehabilitation area is self-establishing and does not require any more planting. Some weed removal will be conducted.
- Groundwater at the monitoring locations has been starting to come up since the rain in October. The monitoring bore on the crown road near Old Northern Road was vandalized during the period.

Site Visit

- A site inspection was conducted.

Next Meeting

- 10.00 am Tuesday 7 May 2019