

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

**Minutes
12 November 2019**

Attendance

Kristine McKenzie – The Hills Shire Council (THSC) – Chairperson
Daniel Giffney – The Hills Shire Council (THSC)
Melissa Mass – South East Environmental
John Graham – PF Formation (PF)
Joshua Graham – PF Formation (PF)
Luke Graham – PF Formation (PF)
Dianna Rea – PF Formation (PF)
Lisa Aylward – Resident
Shaunagh Hitchcock - Resident

Apology

Marianne Sheumack – Resident

Minutes of Previous Meeting

- Accepted

Matters Arising from Minutes

- None

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

- Business has been noticeably busier, we are still experiencing soft market conditions however sales have spiked recently.
- The Department of Planning and Environment is now called Department of Planning Industry and Environment (DPIE)
- PF Formation have opened an account with the Major Projects Planning Portal and have lodged an application to modify the Project Approval. (MOD 1) The modification can broadly be categorized into the provision for the receipt of ENM, modification of the biodiversity offset strategy, modification and rationalization of the commitments and modification to extend the life of the Project by 10 years.
- The proposed biodiversity offset involves offsetting an area of 8 hectares of natural existing vegetation on Lot 214 DP 752039 in perpetuity, which will provide a better biodiversity outcome than currently approved.
- Overburden removal has commenced on Lot 2 DP 555184, this site has an existing LEC approval.
- No complaints were received in the period.

Reporting

- No significant reporting matters have occurred in the period.
- A copy of the 2019 AEMR was handed out and will be posted on the PF Formation website.

Environmental Matters

- The monthly dust deposit results were reviewed and discussed.
- High levels recorded at Maroota School in the month of August 2019 can be attributed to the Maroota Muster being held during that month.
- Given the recent bushfire activity air quality in the area has been poor, overall deposited dust results have been good.
- Groundwater at the monitoring locations has been stable with very little recent rain, monthly monitoring has continued. A new production bore has been installed on Lot 198.
- Plant growth has been slow due to the weather conditions, rehabilitation has mainly involved the removal of annual weed growth in the previously rehabilitated area. Further maintenance of this area will continue in the next few months.

Site Visit

- No site inspection was conducted due to the smoke hazard in the area, accordingly the quarry was not operating on the day.

Next Meeting

- The next meeting will be held 2.00 pm Tuesday 5 May 2020.