

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

**Minutes
11 November 2014**

Attendance

Kristine McKenzie – Hills Shire Council (HSC) - Chairperson
Robert Buckham – Hills Shire Council (HSC)
Marianne Sheumack – Resident
Shaunagh Hitchcock – Resident
John Graham – PF Formation
Peter Cummins – PF Formation
Joshua Graham – PF Formation

Apologies: Kane Winwood – NSW Department of Planning
Daniel Giffney – Hills Shire Council (HSC)

Minutes of Previous Meeting

- Accepted

Matters Arising from Minutes

- Peter Harkins to be asked whether wants to continue on the Committee. Shaunagh advised that Lisa from the school was representing Peter's place on other committees and she would discuss a position on our Committee with her.
- Steve Flint from Downer Mouchel was invited to the meeting but we did not hear back from him
- It was confirmed that the minutes of the meetings are put up on the website. PF to investigate putting a counter on the website to track the number of visitors

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

- There have been no complaints in the last 6 months
- Operations have been relatively routine but getting busier.
- A couple of major new production items have been purchased. This equipment has improved emission outputs and noise levels.
- 3 recent new employees are from Maroota.
- A driver from a sand truck where the dog trailer rolled over on Wisemans Ferry Road was terminated by that transport company. Truck accidents have been in the news lifting the focus on truck safety.
- The trees planted recently on the corner of Old Northern Road and Wisemans Ferry Road have progressed well. The electricity company has cleared the trees in its electricity easement.
- The removal of the Sydney Hinterland Transitional Forest (SHTF) has progressed and PF is aiming to have prepared the remaining SHTF rehabilitation area in autumn next year.

- Kristine asked about the product stored along the Old Northern Road frontage (near the corner of Wisemans Ferry Road) as it can be viewed above the bund wall. John advised that this is a stockpile of product and is being stored temporarily while waiting to be processed.

Reporting

- PF Formation responded to the Audit Report recommendations to the Department of Planning and both the Report and Response are on the website.
- PF Formation has updated each of the monitoring strategies/plans/programs and reviewed the vegetation offset bond after considering the recommendations of the audit. These revisions were sent to the Department of Planning on 12 September 2014 for their approval. No response has been received yet.
- The 2014 Annual Environment Management Report (AEMR) has been completed and forwarded to the Department of Planning. It has also been uploaded to the website.

Environmental Matters

- The monthly dust deposit results were reviewed and discussed.
- The results were generally low for the 6 months with one unexplained high result recorded at the Roberts Road Old Northern Road deposit gauge (Jurd's). No sand quarry operations were occurring close to this site at that time.
- No significant matters arose in the 2014 AEMR.

Other Matters Discussed

- PF will be lodging a Development Application for extractive industry on Lots 1 and 2 DP 732708 Old Telegraph Road Maroota in the next week. This proposal will involve transferring a maximum of 20 trucks per day to the Hitchcock Road site for processing. The approval allows for 20 loads per day of imported material.
- Shaunagh asked, in relation to the future DA in Hornsby Shire, whether S. 94 contributions could be used to construct a footpath along Roberts Road so that pedestrians could use a path rather than walk on the side of the road given the increase in truck movements. Kristine advised that the S.94 contributions only relate to road works on Old Northern Road and Wisemans Ferry Road ie: they will not fund works on Roberts Road. Kristine advised this is a matter which would require further consideration given that the extractive site is in Hornsby Shire however Roberts Road is in The Hills Shire. The location in a rural area would also be a factor. Kristine advised she would discuss the request with the Manager-Infrastructure and Transport Planning. Kristine also advised Shaunagh that she should make this request to Hornsby Council while the DA is on exhibition.

Site Visit

- A site inspection was conducted.

Next Meeting

- 10.00 am Tuesday 5 May 2015