

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

Minutes – 09 Nov 2021 2:00pm (via Zoom)

Attendance

Kristine McKenzie – The Hills Shire Council (THSC) – Chairperson
Robert Buckham – The Hills Shire Council (THSC)
Joshua Graham – PF Formation (PF)
Luke Graham – PF Formation (PF)
Dianna Rea – PF Formation (PF)
Melissa Mass – South East Environmental (SEE)
Lisa Aylward – Maroota Public School
Marianne Sheumack - Resident

Apologies

Shaunagh Hitchcock - Resident

Minutes of Previous Meeting

Last meeting in May 2021

- Accepted

Matters Arising from Minutes

- None

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

- Sand extraction has continued in 3 different areas, to the NE of the site near Old Northern Road, the trig hill area and the new area to the SE known as Pit 8. Building up the tailings pond walls at the southern end of the site on Lot 214 has continued, using clay material stripped from the trig area.
- No complaints were received since the last meeting
- COVID affected us with the construction industry closing, July and August of 2021 were largely impacted by the closures.
- We had an inspection from DPIE on 2/6/2021. The inspection was in relation to vegetation, landscape management and rehabilitation. The inspection concluded that the site is progressing in alignment with the Landscape Management Plan.

Reporting

- We have reviewed all the management plans and submitted them to DPIE via the Major Projects Planning Portal, the Water Management Plan will be re submitted at the end of the month.
- MOD 1 is still in progress.

Report on Environmental Matters by Melissa Mass (SEE)

- Our water catchment coped with the recent heavy rainfall. The groundwater table has recharged.

- Dust is below the criteria in all the locations
- Noise level have been consistent as well. Any exceedances are due to traffic and not quarry related.
- Rehabilitation is going well. There are some excessive weeds due to the regular rainfall but is being controlled.
- Josh added that we will offset 8 hectares of natural vegetation on Lot 214 in place of regeneration. It is a better offset than currently conditioned as the vegetation is established.

General

- Marianne asked about MOD 1, Josh explained what conditions are sought to be modified.
- Marianne asked if we have heard more about the Deerubbin project, Josh advises we haven't received any more correspondence about that.
- Marianne brought up if there is something we can do to control the trucks. More locals are complaining about the dangerous driving of the trucks. Kristine suggested to notify Police about dangerous driving. A particular trucking company was named, which is not related to our site however Council will investigate it and investigate trucks travelling on Halcrows Road also.
- Lisa advises the school has no issues to raise and that she now works at the school and will continue to represent the school for future meetings.

Site Visit

- No Site inspection due to zoom meeting.

Next Meeting

- The next meeting will be held on the 3rd May 2022 at 2.00 pm