

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

Minutes – 03 May 2022 2:00pm

Attendance

Kristine McKenzie – The Hills Shire Council (THSC) – Chairperson
Henry Nemme – 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) via zoom
Lisa Aylward – Maroota Public School
Marianne Sheumack - Resident

Apologies

Shaunagh Hitchcock - Resident

Minutes of Previous Meeting

Last meeting on 9th November 2021

- Accepted

Matters Arising from Minutes

- None

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

- Kristine asked about works being carried out on Patricia Fay Drive, Josh explained the driveway was Crown Land and the pipeline was outside the surveyed licensed area. We received a direction from Crown Land which gave us 6 months to remedy and move the pipes. We also had to cut off 50mm of asphalt that was also outside the licensed area.
- It has been a challenging start to 2022, the rainfall has made it very difficult for us to operate. We have received around 950mm of rain over 4 months. All water was contained on site due to the dam capacity we built at the southern catchment area of the site, the dams flow inward back to the clean water dam, which assisted with containing the water.
- Our pit voids were inundated with water, and most of our haul roads were not usable. We did eventually run out of raw feeds and had to stop production altogether.
- We had an inspection from DPE compliance on the 13th April 2022, the inspection was to investigate the clearing of the boundary along Lot 2 DP 555814, and inspecting of erosion and sediment controls. The inspection was on foot due to poor vehicle access. No formal correspondence has been received following the inspection however no issues were raised by DPE on the day.
- No complaints were received since our last meeting.

Reporting

- The MOD 1 application was approved by DPE in December 2021. DPE asked us to withdraw the revised offset strategy proposed in the application in order to approve the application. DPE were not satisfied that the revised strategy covered clearing on the setback areas at Lot 2, and other areas that were approved by the LEC approval.
- An EPL variation application was submitted following approval, the variation has since been approved.
- The approval allows for the importation of ENM and recovered waste under a waste recovery order and exemption. The truck sub limit of 20 imported was removed and is now within the total approved truck numbers of 200 per day.
- We were asked to withdraw our management plans again and re submit them with changes capturing the revised development consent. This has been done.
- The traffic management plan has also been submitted, and consultation requested with TfNSW via the portal. No response yet. Additional speed limit signs will be put up on Patricia Fay Drive.
- NSW government have released a new SEPP which repeals SREP 9 and included special provisions for quarries in the Sydney area.

Report on Environmental Matters by Melissa Mass (SEE)

- The main issue is the excessive amount of water that has been dumped on site. It has made it difficult to do the monitoring. Down the back of Lot 198 we had a minor washout of the creek (which has re-lined the creek bed) although it is a naturally occurring event so was not needed to be reported to the EPA but will be noted on the end of year monitoring results.
- Ground water is obviously up and the highest level Melissa has seen in the last 7 years.
- Surface water quality has been good considering the circumstances
- Air quality is good due to the rain
- Rehabilitation has been slower due to the rain. We were keeping on top of the weeds prior to the excessive rain.
- Dust monitoring over at site 2 had a spike. Melissa was unsure why but believes it could have been agriculture activity, but the spike is still under the approved levels.
- Melissa was asked to go look at Phil Accurso's to see how the drainage line coped in the rehab area and report back to us next meeting.

General

- It was explained that Section 7.11 contributions is collected by council for repairs to state owned roads. The money is collected by council and the money given to TfNSW to carry out repairs and upgrades.

Site Visit

- No Site inspection due to wet conditions in the quarry

Next Meeting

- The next meeting will be held on the 8th November 2022 at 2.00 pm