

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

Minutes – 08 November 2022 - 2:00 pm

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)

John Graham – PF Formation (PF)

Dianna Rea – PF Formation (PF)

Melissa Mass – South East Environmental (SEE)

Shaunagh Hitchcock - Resident

Marianne Sheumack - Resident

Apologies

Lisa Aylward - Resident

Minutes of Previous Meeting

Last meeting on 03 May 2022

- Accepted

Matters Arising from Minutes

- None

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

- Work on the crown land access road have been completed, the pipelines were redirected to follow the haul road, and are now within the Lot 198 property boundary and the license area. The kerb and haul road encroachment near Wisemans Ferry Road has been rectified. DPE carried out a site inspection on 13th October 2022, PFF representatives were not present at the inspection and no correspondence in relation to the inspection has been received thus far.
- The heavy rainfall affecting parts of NSW over the last 6 months has not heavily impacted our site however there are areas of our site that are still not operational due to saturated ground conditions and inundated pits.
- Sand extraction has occurred predominantly on Lot 198 and the trig pumping station was temporarily decommissioned for maintenance.
- A large quarry void located behind the old trig reserve will be backfilled with validated imported materials. The haul road leading to the void from Wisemans Ferry Road will be sealed to allow road vehicle access to the area.
- No material was imported from Maroota Lodge Quarry as the site is currently not operational.
- No complaints were received since our last meeting.

Reporting

- The Environmental Management Strategy, Air Quality Monitoring Program, Landscape Management Plan and the Noise Management Plan have been approved by DPE.
- The Water Management Plan is yet to be approved by DPE, we are addressing the matters raised by DPE and will re submit the plan. The issues raised by DPE relate to the formatting of the document rather than the technical information provided.
- Transport for NSW (TfNSW) have not responded to our request for consultation in relation to the Traffic Management Plan, we cannot submit the plan to DPE until consultation with TfNSW is carried out.
- The Annual Review will be submitted in December, the review has been completed other than the noise report.
- The Independent Environmental Audit is due to occur next year.

Report on Environmental Matters by Melissa Mass (SEE)

- Groundwater monitoring results were presented and continue to show elevated groundwater levels across the site, this is not surprising given the amount of rainfall received in the past 12 months.
- Deposited dust monitoring results were presented and discussed; dust levels remain low in the area. A spike occurred in August 2021 at Site 1 and it was noted that the paddocks were slashed in the vicinity of the site. Dixons TEOM recorded a high reading also, it was on a Sunday, which was when the paddock was slashed.
- Ongoing weed management is required in the rehabilitation areas, the conditions have been ideal for weed growth so more work is required to keep on top of weeds.
- An inspection at Accurso's property was carried out following Kristine's request from the previous meeting, the rehabilitation area is looking good, the erosion control measures have stopped further erosion occurring in the rehabilitation area.

General

- Shaunagh asked Kristine if council can maintain the grass around the bus shelter on Wisemans Ferry Road. Kristine explained that TfNSW are responsible for maintaining the bus shelter but she will follow up for her.
- Marianne asked Josh about a tuck rollover on Wisemans Ferry Road, the truck was known to PF and was carrying our products, the cause of the accident was mainly attributed to the poor condition of the road.
- Josh asked Kristine if the S7.11 contributions will be used to fund road repairs from the floods. Kristine explained that the S7.11 funds are allocated by a works program only and are not used for significant road repairs.

Site Visit

- A site inspection was carried out.

Next Meeting

- The next meeting will be held on the 2nd May 2023 at 2.00 pm