

Central Coast Sand Quarry Community Consultative Committee – Annual Report for 2020

CCC / Project Name:	Central Coast Sand Quarry	Reporting Period:	May 2019 to March 2020
Independent Chairperson:	Lisa Andrews	Proponent Contact:	Andrew Driver

1. Executive Summary

The Central Coast Sand quarry is situated on Reservoir Road, Somersby, on the Somersby Plateau, approximately 9 kilometres to the north-west of Gosford on the NSW Central Coast.

The land is surrounded by rural properties with ranging agricultural uses, such as orchards, market gardens, poultry farming and grazing.

The quarry activities have been occurring for over four decades and the site is currently owned by Hanson. The CCC was established in November 2017 and operates in accordance with the guidelines. The membership consists of:

- Three local community representatives
- One LGA - Central Coast Council delegate
- Three company representatives (Hanson); and
- One Independent Chairperson.

Meetings were held in May, September and November 2019 with a lot of the focus being spent on the maintenance and upgrading of Grants Road, Somersby, which is a one way in and out to two sand quarries and a number of rural properties. The CCC has benefited from information presented by Central Coast Council on where the contributions (levy) paid by Hanson to maintain the road has been spent. The meetings have now moved to bi-annual and will be held in May and November. Of course, extra-ordinary meetings may be called at any time.

The committee receives information from the project operators regarding its compliance with the conditions of consent including the monitoring of environmental, air, noise, rehabilitation and water management on the quarry site.

The CCC is an effective communication forum between the community and the company.

2. CCC activities over last 12 months

- The committee met in May 2019, September 2019 & November 2019.
- Attendance is consistent, with some apologies recorded depending on competing obligations experienced by volunteer members.
- Presentation from Central Coast Council regarding the maintenance and programmed works for Grants Road, Somersby.
- Independent Environmental Audit presentation.
- Mining of cells.
- Dams (tailings & freshwater).

- Dust management and suppression.
- Bush Fire Management.
- Feral Animal Management.

3. Key issues

Trending topics of committee discussion can be summarised as:

Issue	Actions Taken	Outcome
Concerns with truck movements to and from the site	Drivers operate under a Drivers Code of Conduct and the company demands strict compliance.	It was determined that Hanson trucks are complying with their Code of Conduct. Residents confirm that Hanson trucks are not causing problems.
Reducing speed limit on Grants Rd for all motorists	Following representations to Council's Traffic Committee (RMS, Police, Council, etc). The 100km speed limit was reduced to 80km.	The road was previously not signposted, so motorists generally drove to the road conditions, however, now the new signs have been erected there seems to be some motorists increasing to this limit.
Bund Wall Rehabilitation	Following failed attempts to rehabilitate the bund wall in accordance with the project approval, a new contractor was engaged and presented their proposal to the CCC.	Works are being undertaken and proving to be very successful.
Maintenance of Grants Rd	Following representations to Council, its delegate presented to the CCC advising that the road levy paid by Hanson to Council is placed in the general fund for road maintenance in the shire.	Road maintenance works continue to be undertaken by Council.
Noise	Noise from reversing machinery on site.	Mitigation measures put in place.
Dust	Dust has been a major issue over the past 12 months, due to the prolonged dry weather period.	Extra dust suppression measures put in place. Neighbours encouraged to contact Hanson direct if there experience any issues.
Health Concerns from Dust (silica)	Neighbours have raised potential health issues due to mining activities on site.	Hanson provided detailed information of monitoring undertaken on the site.

Bush Fire Management	Members raised concern with bush fires in the area.	Hanson to provide where feasible, its water cart to assist the RFS.
Transport Management Plan	Transport within quarry – Traffic Management Plan update. One way cycle trial to be undertaken, to utilise the site as a whole. Change of entry point for road trucks, utilisation of secondary gate. More road truck traffic but less haul truck traffic near neighbours.	CCC members to be kept informed of the outcome of the trial.

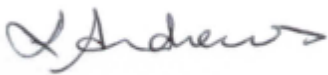
4. Focus for next 12 months

The planned activities for 2020 will be guided by the contributions of the CCC members. These activities are likely to include:

- Updates on environmental monitoring of the site, including weed maintenance program, groundwater/surface water and bore monitoring.
- Continued rehabilitation of the site, including the bund wall, with results presented to the CCC.
- Update of trial for internal truck movements (Traffic Management Plan) to be provided to the CCC.
- Drivers' continued compliance with the road rules and driving to conditions in accordance with the Drivers Code of Conduct.

To the best of my knowledge, there are no outstanding or emerging issues that have not been addressed.

CCC minutes are available on the project website.

Signature of Chair:	
Date:	20 April 2020