

## Grants Rd Sand Community Consultative Committee Annual Report 2021

<b>CCC / Project Name:</b>	Grants Rd Sand	<b>Reporting Period:</b>	March 2020 to March 2021
<b>Independent Chairperson:</b>	<b>Lisa Andrews</b>	<b>Proponent Contact:</b>	<b>Steve Jones</b>

### 1. Executive Summary

Grants Rd Sand is a family owned and run sandstone quarry located on the Central Coast of New South Wales that supplies sand, sandstone and sandstone products for domestic and commercial projects.

The project operates in accordance with its approval (No. 080099 25 July 2014, which was modified in April 2018 to provide more improved biodiversity outcomes).

In October 2018, a Community Consultative Committee was established as per Schedule 5, Environmental Management Reporting & Auditing, condition 6 of the development consent:

#### **Community Consultative Committee**

*6. If directed by the Secretary, the Proponent must establish and operate a Community Consultative Committee (CCC) for the project to the satisfaction of the Secretary. Any such CCC must be operated in general accordance with the Community Consultative Committee Guidelines: State Significant Projects (2016).*

The CCC operates in accordance with the guidelines. The membership consisted of:

- Three local community representatives
- One Central Coast Council delegate
- Two company representatives and
- One Independent Chairperson.

The meetings are held bi-annually, usually March and September, however, the March 2020 meeting was postponed to July, due to the COVID-19 situation. The September 2020 CCC was held on site. It should be noted that at that meeting, it was decided that the CCC would move to an annual meeting, as there are no outstanding issues with activities on and around the project site. Of course, extra-ordinary meetings are able to be called at any time, should the need arise.

Following the resignation of a community representative (due to moving away from the area), recruitment was undertaken in accordance with the CCC guidelines. Despite writing to several stakeholder groups and advertising in the local area, the campaign only resulted in one community representative nominating, which was approved by DPIE. This still allows for an effective committee membership.

As is often the case with sand mines and aggregate quarries; the main issue of concern for the community is traffic movements, road/pedestrian safety and dust.

The Grants Rd Quarry is located in a rural area at the end of a dead-end road and therefore, only provides one way in and out access. This combined with another sand quarry off Grants Road (Reservoir Rd) presents cumulative impacts for local residents.

The proponent has shown its willingness to work with the community and has recorded no complaints since the CCC's establishment, except for one received that was not attributable to the site (road contractors working in the area on a Sunday).

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

It is also pleasing to report that Central Coast Council has listened to the concerns of the community and provided additional signage on Grants Road, indicating speed limits, stop signs, parking signs, etc. Road maintenance works have recently been undertaken to mitigate safety concerns. Council's representative attends each CCC and any concerns raised by the community are investigated and appropriate action taken.

The CCC is an effective communication forum between the community, the Council and the company. It functions well and accordingly, fulfils its objectives under the Department's guidelines.

## 2. CCC activities over last 12 months

- The committee met in July and September 2020.
- The proponent provided members with an update on how COVID-19 restrictions have impacted their business and employees.
- Members received information from the proponent in relation to its environmental monitoring, etc. No non-conformances have been recorded.
- Members received information from the proponent regarding its 2020 Annual Report, which was accepted by DPIE.
- The committee membership is small, however attendance is high, with apologies received from members only because of other competing commitments.
- There were no joint CCC's held.

## 3. Key issues

Trending topics of committee discussion can be summarised as:

Issue	Actions Taken	Outcome
<b>Concerns with the speed at which motorists drive along Grants Rd and other local roads.</b>	There has been extensive correspondence with Central Coast Council and Roads & Maritime Services. Speed limit signs have been posted.	Matter considered by the Local Traffic Committee Signage has been installed for 80kph, which has actually meant that motorists have increased their speed as they previously thought it was a 60kph area.
<b>Road shoulder work, maintenance and improvement to drainage</b>	Central Coast Council has undertaken works. Residents have been encouraged by LGA delegate to register any concerns with	As with most LGAs, budgets allocated for road maintenance are in great demand from all communities.

	Central Coast Council to ensure there is a record for investigation.	Accordingly, most residents in LGA's would prefer more money be spent in their area.
<b>Concerns raised with Council's delegate regarding a local road</b>	Delegate to look at the surface at the intersection of Keighley Rd & Vitasalo Rd for possible mitigation.	For investigation by Central Coast Council and appropriate action if deemed necessary.
<b>Concerns with intersection works with Piles Rd &amp; Wisemans Ferry Road</b>	A community representative raised an issue with Central Coast Council's proposed upgrade and traffic movement works for the Pile Rd/Wisemans Ferry Road intersection, citing safety.	Whilst not really an issue for this CCC, the chair wrote to CC Council informing them of the community's concerns about safety. Council acknowledged this correspondence.

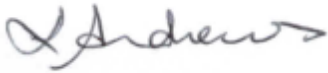
#### 4. Focus for next 12 months

The planned activities for 2021 will be guided by the contributions of the CCC members. These activities are likely to include:

- A site inspection.
- Updates on environmental monitoring of the site.
- Drivers' continued compliance with the road rules and driving to conditions.

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

CCC minutes and presentations are available on the project website.

Signature of Chair:	
Date:	21 April 2020