

Sancrox Quarry Community Consultative Committee – Annual Report for 2020

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

1. Executive Summary

The Sancrox Quarry is a hard rock quarry located in Sancrox approximately 8 kilometres west of Port Macquarie, within the Port Macquarie Hastings Council (PMHC) local government area on the Mid North Coast of NSW, 380km north of Sydney. The development operates under consents issued by Council since 1995, however, the company, Hanson, recently applied to extend the life of the quarry by expanding the approved extraction boundary to facilitate the extraction and distribution of construction materials for the use in civil infrastructure, concrete, road construction projects.

Accordingly, a CCC was established in 2018 as part of the consultation process for this application and the SEARs issued by the Secretary. The CCC operates in accordance with the guidelines and consists of the following:

- Six local community representatives
- One LGA delegate
- One stakeholder group delegate (Residents Action Network)
- Three company representatives (Hanson); and
- One Independent Chairperson.

To date only two meetings have been held – 6 July 2018 and 7 November 2019. The company is currently preparing its Response to Submissions (RTS) following the exhibition (November 2019) of the project and it is hoped that the next meeting will be held in August 2020 to share this information with CCC members.

The CCC will be an effective communication forum between the community and the company, during the assessment of the state significant development application.

2. CCC activities over last 12 months

- The committee met in November, 2019 and received a comprehensive presentation from the proponent on its development application to DPIE for the expansion of the quarry. The meeting was held during the exhibition period, to enable CCC members to ask questions in relation to the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS). The main issues of concern from the community included, but not limited to:
 - Whether there was sufficient resource to justify a 30 year extraction life
 - The pit footprint
 - Noise, noise envelopes, noise mounds (size), etc
 - Dust, blasting/vibration impacts
 - Impacts on existing and future residential development (conflicts, sterilisation, etc)
 - The management of the over burden, including containment, storage and disposal of material within the site
 - The impact of the development on local fauna and flora

Following concerns directed to DPIE, a Community Information Session was held in Port Macquarie on the 10th February 2020, hosted by DPIE to hear from the community about its views on the project and for the Department to provide information on the process for the assessment of the proposal.

An alternate delegate for one of the stakeholder groups has been endorsed by DPIE for membership on the CCC.

3. Key issues

As the CCC is in its infancy and early stages of the assessment process, trending topics for the committee are focussed on the proposed expansion.

Issue	Actions Taken	Outcome
SSD application for extension to the life of the quarry	Hold CCC meeting when there is something meaningful to impart to the CCC.	Chair provides regular updates to keep CCC members informed.
Potential impacts that the extension may have on neighbouring properties	Company to provide information at each CCC.	Presentation to CCC.
Presentation on the Response to Submissions (RTS)	Proponent to provide a presentation on the RTS, once submitted to DPIE.	A CCC meeting should be held in August 2020.

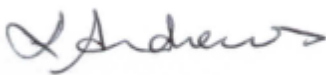
4. Focus for next 12 months

The planned activities for 2020 will be guided by the proponent and its commitments to engage with the CCC on the progress of its application for expansion to the quarry.

- Hold CCC in August 2020.
- Presentation on the RTS to CCC members at the next CCC.
- Continued updates on the progress of the application.
- Undertake a site inspection of the quarry.

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:	30 June 2020