

## Ardmore Park Community Consultative Committee

### Minutes of Meeting held on Friday 3 May 2024, at 2.30 pm , Bungonia Village Hall

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#### 1) Welcome

The meeting was declared open at 2.31pm.

**Present:** Don Elder (Chairman),  
Bill Dobbie (Community Member)  
Damien Cole (Community Member)  
Les Hosking (Community member)  
Joanne Macey (Community member)  
Steve Wall (MQ Representative)  
James Hammond (4 Pillars)-MQ  
George Angelis Goulburn Mulwaree Council (GMC) Director Operations  
Cath Henshall (notetaker)

**Observers:** Peter Bishop  
Karen Lindsay  
Rose Dobbie

2) **Apologies:** Steve Mikosic (MQ representative)  
Jason Mikosic (MQ representative)  
Darryl Knight (Community member)  
Philip Broadhead (Community member)  
Mick Ireland (Community member)  
Scott Martin- Goulburn Mulwaree Council (GMC)  
Apologies, carried

3) **Recording of meetings:** No person recorded the meeting

4) **Declaration of Pecuniary or Other interests:** Nil

5) **Minutes of Meeting held 8 December 2023:** Read and confirmed, and signed by Don Elder

#### 6) Personal statement from Chairman – Don Elder

Don advised the meeting that he would be resigning from his role as Chair of Ardmore Park Community Consultative Committee for health reasons.

He advised that he will notify DPIE who will choose his successor.

He thanked the committee members for their hard work and contributions to the committee over the years of his chairmanship of the committee.

#### 7) Business arising from the Minutes:

a) Road works and repairs:

Extensive discussion regarding the state of the quarry haul route between George Angelis and members of the committee.

Concern expressed by Les Hosking that no further repairs have been undertaken other than cold mix pot hole filling. Additional potholes have formed, 12-15 new holes on Sydney side of route and a further 12 on Oallen Ford Rd side. New holes mostly forming on unrepaired sections of the road. Newly repaired sections are less affected.

In reply to a question on notice from the December 2023 committee meeting regarding compaction testing results, George Angelis advised that no compaction testing was done during the major repairs of Jerrara Road. He confirmed following searches of council records that the testing that was undertaken was to confirm that the repairs were conducted in accordance with the technical specifications set out in the tender documents. No specific compaction testing was undertaken. The tests that were conducted included confirming the road built was in accordance with the tender design as well as site reports, soil reports, dynamic assessment/distributional load reports, all of which had been signed off by the laboratory that undertook the tests to confirm the road was built to specification.

Discussion followed between George Angelis, Les Hosking and Damian Cole re various technical aspects of road design and construction. Les noted that the use of hotmix as an emergency fix for pot holes created safety issues when the material moved out of the holes, requiring drivers to use the centre of the road to avoid the holes, increasing the risk of collision when oncoming traffic was present.

George Angelis noted that the 2km part of the road in the most damaged condition was due for repair under federal Black Spot funding and that the contract for the work was currently out to tender, with work to commence later in the year.

Observer Peter Bishop asked about line marking and lack thereof on Jerrara Road. This was also raised by Karen Lindsay.

George advised that this will be addressed once repair works on the currently unrepaired section are completed.

George left the meeting at 3.04

Discussion then ensued regarding the status of the quarry development and its designation as a state significant development and whether the haulage route should become the responsibility of the state government rather than the council on the basis that the quarry was designated as a state significant development during the development application process

Moved (Bill Dobbie) and seconded (Les Hosking) that the CCC supports the proposition that the haulage route become a state owned road. The motion was carried.

Don Elder will write to GMC in the first instance regarding their support for requesting the road become a state significant road.

b) Water monitoring: Discussed in company report below (sec 9).

c) Water management plan and water/bore levels: Discussed in company report below (sec 9).

d) Noise monitoring: Discussed in company report below (sec 9).

**8) Correspondence:** Nil

**9) Company Report, including details of any complaints &/or major incidents and questions/comments:** presented by James Hammond and attached with these minutes.

*a) General comments:*

Much the same as previous reports, sales at 90% of previous year's, no major change to operations.

Backfilling of quarry is occurring with lack of recent rain assisting progress.

In response to a question about what materials were being used to fill the void, Steve Wall advised that the void is being currently filled with weathered basalt that has no commercial value.

The void is required to be returned back to the original landform including elevations and in the future, MQ will need to source additional material, either from offsite or within non-commercial areas of the existing site. The only material that is permitted to be used to fill void is "Virgin excavated natural material" (VENM), which can be difficult to obtain and difficult to transport to fit in with operational requirements of the working quarry.

The quarry annual review was submitted in March 2023 and MQ have received no further response from DPIE. The review will be placed on the website once approved by DPIE.

The Parsonage is in care and maintenance, with no further work proposed. Sheep are being used to keep the grass down. No change to management planned unless it sustains major damage.

*b) Noise monitoring:*

Noise monitoring was conducted in March and included the usual locations in and around the quarry as well at Daryl Knight's property. Road noise monitoring was also conducted. The report is being prepared and will be placed on website when finished.

*c) Water monitoring:*

Water quality monitoring as per normal, latest monitoring occurred in March.

*d) Dust monitoring:*

Dust monitoring is ongoing as well as scheduled depending on measurement method. No non-compliances detected for any measures, all below threshold

The PM10 and PM2.5 IR stations were voluntarily installed and provide real time dust monitoring, with measurements taken every 15 minutes.

EPA have asked for a threshold- limit of 25, but MQ get an alarm when limits reach 12.

It is hoped that data from the IR stations can be used as evidence of compliance with consent conditions for EPA purposes.

Bill Dobbie asked how the IR measurements are reported and the reporting of averages rather than peaks. He requested that peak concentration data be included as well as averages in future reports which James Hammond agreed to investigate.

James also advised that DPIE had requested all quarries state-wide to undertake a dust management capacity review to evaluate dust management performance of time and identify what improvements could be implemented. James advised that the kinds of real time monitoring which MQ has implemented should become standard to inform rapid actions to address dust depending on environmental conditions.

*e) Water Discharge from site:*

EPA allowed discharge trial to be extended, so is ongoing to enable pit to be emptied. Monitoring results of trial are regularly provided to EPA to provide basis for application for permanent discharge licence.

Monitoring occurs in the pit prior to discharge and at various points along the discharge route, including downstream of the discharge area in Jacqua Creek.

*f) Complaints:* See attached Company report

*g) Mod 3:*

Mod 3 Management Plans: No change from previous report, still waiting on feedback from DPIE .

MQ have received correspondence from DPIE requesting that MQ review the submitted management plans and advise if any changes are required based on the extended time period between their submission and now.

MQ advised that they were satisfied that the plans submitted 12-14 months previously which were still waiting feedback from DPIE still accurately reflected their planned management of MOD3 requirements.

Discussion on current MQ section 94 contributions in relation to the haulage route. Steve Wall advised that MQ had paid approximately \$1.5M in contributions. MQ pays approximately \$60,000 per quarter or approximately 5c per tonne per Km travelled on Jerrara Road.

Steve Wall also noted that MQ had paid 50% of the cost of constructing the road culverts (\$250,000) as well as providing the MQ funded geo tech report to assist council to successful apply for the Black Spot funding application for the final repair works on Jerrara Road.

**10) General Business:**

Steve Wall offered thanks to Don Elder for his work on the committee on behalf of the Committee, and a vote of thanks was taken as well as wishing Don well for the future.

**11) Next Meeting:**

Next meeting: 15 November 2.30pm, Bungonia Village Hall.

**Meeting concluded:** 3.40pm

**Confirmed:**

**Chairman**