

**MINUTES OF COMMUNITY CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE  
HELD AT Community Hall, BUNGONIA  
ON Friday August 25<sup>th</sup> 2017, AT 2.30 pm**

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**PRESENT:** Don Elder (Chairman)  
Jason Mikosic (MQ Representative)  
Mike Rogers (MQ Representative – Community Liaison)  
Alexander Cox (MQ Representative – Environmental Officer)  
Michael Ireland (Committee Member)  
Mick Heppleston (Committee Member)  
Joanne Macey (Committee Member)  
Phil Broadhead (Committee Member)  
Scott Martin (Goulburn Mulwaree Council)

**OBSERVERS:** Michael Cox (MQ Notetaker)  
Steve Mikosic (MQ)  
Steve Wall (MQ Quarry Manager)  
Rick Mandelson (MQ)  
J Beveridge (Resident)  
L Westley (Resident)  
M Watson (Resident)  
J Coopers (Resident)  
D Moran (Resident)  
M Sullivan  
J McKay (Resident)  
C Hensall (Resident)

**APOLOGIES:** No Apologies

There were three attendance sheets and attendees were requested to sign in. The attendance record above reflects those who signed in. Members of the public who did not sign in were not being recorded as present.

Meeting was declared open by the Chair and he invited attendees to introduce themselves.

In accordance with the process agreed during the May 2017 CCC meeting the Chair asked if there were any objections to the meeting being recorded. There being no objections, Mr A Cox recorded the meeting as did some other attendees.

**MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:**

The minutes of the previous meeting held on May 5, 2017 were confirmed and signed by Chairman.

**DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST:**

No Committee Member reported a new pecuniary interest and the financial interest of MQ representatives and employees were noted.

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**BUSINESS ARISING:**

**CCC Code of Conduct:**

The Chair requested that members who had not yet returned the Code of Conduct and Declaration of Pecuniary Interests to sign these and return them to him.

**Monthly Dust Reports**

The results of the monthly dust monitoring indicate that there were no exceedances and the results will be placed on the Company website.

**Bore Report**

Mr Cook, a hydrogeologist, is presently completing some additional work on the quarry and will attend a neighboring property to discuss ongoing monitoring and assessments.

**Road Works**

The Council advised that issues on signage and works completed had been resolved between the parties and that a process of dealing with issues going forward has been agreed.

The CCC thanked Council for the work completed on road markings.

Driveway signage to Joanne's property had been fixed.

Question: A resident raised a question as to the thickness of the bitumen and raised issues of subsidence of road shoulders.

Reply: A report is being commissioned to validate the current work completed.

Comment: Markers and road signage was not being replaced and rubbish was being left by the side of the road.

Reply: If rubbish is being left by the Road crew please advise the company as it will collect it. Employees have been advised that they must not leave rubbish and must dispose of any rubbish in an appropriate way. This message is repeated on a regular basis.

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

The Chair made a comment that the minutes are the report of the actual meeting and not what should have happened or parties would like to have happened.

Letter was received from Council advising that their representative had been unable to attend the May Meeting and would be an apology.

Letter from Mr D Cole that the minutes were fine but that they should include a proposal that we contact Dr Rutherford of EPI in respect of operating hours and that

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Mr B Dobbie had not proposed, but rather suggested, that MQ approach Mr Peter Andrews in respect of creek rehabilitation. The Chairman's reply was read.

**COMPANY REPORT:**

A verbal Company Report was presented by Mr. Jason Mikosic.

Mr. Mikosic introduced Stephen Wall, who has been appointed quarry manager at Ardmore Park and will have operational control over the quarry.

Road works have been slowed down by the winter months with temperatures too low for sealing. With temperature increasing the company has recommenced work with the profiler, has booked in sealing times, and expects to complete Stage 1 of the road works soon.

Quarrying activities remains very limited until completion of road works.

The company has commenced the process of seeking a modification to bring the approval into line with work operations. The key areas of modifications are:

- Operating Hours
- Truck size
- modification of extraction zone to allow crusher to be placed in the pit.

A letter to residents with the proposals was tabled.

The application is still in preliminary phase and the company is still completing and commissioning studies required as part of the approval process.

Road Safety Day – the company has proposed a road safety day for the 28<sup>th</sup> October, which is being held in conjunction with local police, Council and RMS road safety, and local fire brigade. Further details will be provided in upcoming weeks. Whilst it has considered holding the event at and around the Community Hall, in view of parking restrictions and safety issues, it was decided that the area adjoining the cemetery, previously known as the cricket pitch field is more appropriate.

The company has approached Council to reduce the speed limits for an area of about 200m on both sides of Bungonia Village to beyond the entries into the bypass road and the intersection between Mountain Ash Road and Jerrara Road.

Comments:

1. Road Funding is available through the State Government, it was suggested that the CCC consider requesting the Council to apply for funding. The CCC stated that this was not its function.

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2. Speeding, in particular by Motorcycles through the Village, was raised as a major issue.

Questions in respect of the proposed modification:

1. Moving the crushing into the pit:

Reply: The modification will seek to expand the extraction zone, such that the crushing train can fit with the pit floor without creating a hazard. An environmental assessment will form part of the modification application.

2. Transport operations:

Reply: the modification seeks to allow for an increase in daily movements, not an increase in total monthly movements, but the proposed changes in operating hours will reduce the vehicles peak transport hours.

3. New Trucks will mean heavier loads.

Reply: The new trucks will carry more and weigh more but the PPS standard indicates that it will be less weight per axle and hence less wear on the road surface.

4. A comment re the use of the word "expectation" in the letter circulated.

5. Why the application now.

Reply: it is expected that the time required to obtain approval will be significant and the company was seeking feedback.

6. A question on the three stages of road works.

Reply: The company is completing stage 1 and will be commencing stage 2 immediately thereafter. It is likely we will seek to complete stage 3 at the same time but that is still under consideration.

7. Can the crusher be shifted now.

Reply: The company will seek to shift the crusher when conditions are such that safe operations can be conducted. The company appreciates that shifting the crusher will reduce noise and dust issues for adjoining properties.

8. What controls tonnage extracted?

Reply: DPI reviews the operations carefully and monitors quantities extracted.

9. Sunday/Public Holidays and controlling dust on internal roads.

Reply: Approval does not allow Sunday and Public Holiday operations. Internal roads are maintained with a water cart to prevent dust creation.

10. Trucks numbers

Reply: Truck movements are monitored closely by the DPE and company has tracking devices in its trucks.

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11. Concrete Plant – Bitumen location

Reply: both will be within the current area of operation.

12. Zoning – does it permit the activity?

Coating of sealing aggs will be permitted if EPA approval is obtained.

Approvals required for the concrete will be determined as approval is obtained.

13. Hours of operation and effect on road usage by non-residents.

Reply: it was noted that on certain days, eg Friday afternoon and Saturday road usage by non-residents was higher. These non-residents would not be aware of truck usage. Possible solution would be additional signage in terms of trucks turning etc.

14. Night truck usage

Reply: Possible increase in signage might ease concern.

15. Washing of Concrete trucks

Reply: Issue will be discussed in more details in the formal application.

16. Hours of Operation – 10 pm unreasonable and Saturday a major concern.

Reply: Comments were noted and would be considered by the company.

Additional comments were raised in respect of the fact hours would increase from 65 hours to 97 hours, and the noise of machine maintenance.

Mr M. Heppleston advised that he was considering resigning from the CCC and that his property was not presently for sale.

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

It was questioned whether the S94 contributions were reserved for the haul road. Council will respond.

It was asked who was responsible for the haul road once road works are completed. Reply: Council becomes responsible and hence the requirement of a third party audit.

Is the by-pass road a public road? Reply: No

It was discussed whether the CCC could lobby Council to seek grant funding for road works. CCC not appropriate forum, however members could lobby, as could bodies such as the progress association.

Woodwards Creek rehabilitation project was raised. Peter Andrews was thanked for attending.

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**NEXT MEETING:**

The next meeting will be held on 1<sup>st</sup> December 2017 at 2.30 pm, at the Community Hall

There being no further business, the meeting was declared closed at 15.55 pm.

**SIGNED AS A CORRECT RECORD:**

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**CHAIRMAN**