

**Tuesday, 14 November 2023 at Murrurundi Library,  
Murrurundi commencing at 9.35am**

<b>Attendees</b>	<b>Initials</b>	<b>Position</b>
Michael Silver OAM	MJS	Independent Chairperson
Delma Ross	DR	Community Member
William Avery	WA	Community Member
Christine Thompson	CT	Community Member
Luke Robinson	LR	Systems Manager – Construction Materials, Daracon Group

**Observers**

John Cannon	JC	Divisional Manager - Construction Materials, Daracon Group
Geoff Phillips	GP	Crown Lands (Tamworth)

**Apologies**

Penny Dalton	PD	Community Member
Megan Taylor	MT	Community Member
Nathan Skelly	NS	Director Infrastructure Services, Liverpool Plains Shire Council

<b>Item</b>	<b>Details and Actions</b>
<b>1.0 Welcome and Introductions</b>	Michael Silver welcomed all present.
<b>2.0 Acknowledgement of Country</b>	The Chair acknowledged the Traditional Owners of the land on which the meeting is being held and recognised their continuing connection to land, waters, and culture, paying respects to their Elders past, present and emerging.
<b>3.0 Declarations of Interest</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• MJS declared that his expenses as Independent Chairperson are borne by the proponent.</li> <li>• MJS noted that there were no declarations of pecuniary or other conflict of interests from Community Members.</li> </ul>
<b>4.0 Correspondence</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Nil</li> </ul>
<b>5.0 Previous Meeting</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• It was noted that the minutes of the meeting of 5 May 2023 were approved on 25 May 2023.</li> <li>• No Business Arising</li> </ul>
<b>6.0 Proponent's Report</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Luke Robinson presented the Proponent's Presentation. <i>(Copy attached to the Minutes)</i></li> <li>• LR provided an historical overview of the quarry and the current status of the site. He advised that there has been no works on the extension area, with the only</li> </ul>

	<p>activity being the supply of existing material for some key projects and local Councils.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• LR outlined amendments to weighbridge layout (refer photographs). WA highlighted potential slippage issues in the vicinity of the weighbridge. LR indicated Daracon was cognisant of this issue.</li><li>• LR also detailed the new wheel wash facility.</li><li>• LR stepped the Committee through recent works associated with the quarry stockyard, noting that there is over 10,000 ton of scalps and gabion rock onsite. He outlined work underway on the tertiary surface water management basin. JC added that there is still some work to be completed on the basin. CT questioned the purpose of the basin. LR explained that it is part of the overall water management system for the site and is the final “settling pond”.</li><li>• CT questioned the safety and condition of light poles on the site, noting several are not plumb. LR advised there is no electricity connected on site. All electricity is supplied, when required, by local generators. He indicated that the condition of the light poles had not changed for many years and would be addressed if required in the future.</li><li>• LR spoke to the Dust Deposition Gauges tables in the presentation. He provided an overview of the history and noted that recordings are within the required criteria with no exceedances this year. He made mention of the PM10 and PM2.5 recordings, noting all results are below the required limits.</li><li>• In terms of Noise Monitoring, LR advised that noise monitoring is undertaken when the quarry is operating, and it now occurs monthly. LR advised that no blasting has occurred onsite yet. He suggested that residents may wish to be placed on a blast notification list to receive warning of blast activities. LR and JC outlined the process of ‘attended noise monitoring’, whereby noise levels are monitored at four locations each month.</li><li>• LR advised that in respect of flora and fauna the footprint of the site has not changed. He highlighted ongoing feral animal control.</li><li>• LR advised that there have been no incidents or complaints reported since the last meeting.</li><li>• LR advised that the processes associated with the rehabilitation of Doughboy Hollow have commenced. However, this will be a process that will be ongoing for several years in accordance with the Doughboy Hollow Rehabilitation Strategy. Ongoing regular inspections of the rehabilitated areas is undertaken. LR noted that over 1000 trees were planted across 2019, 2020 and 2021.</li><li>• LR outlined the proposed works for 2023-24. He advised that the next step would be the mobilisation of a crusher. He indicated that there would be noise evaluation undertaken to ensure the location of the crusher minimises noise impact.</li></ul>
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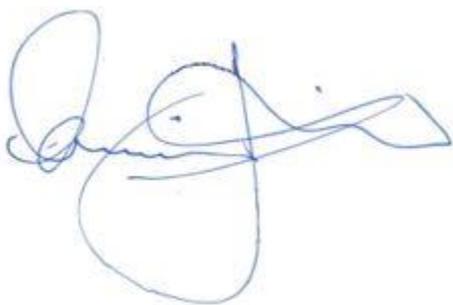
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• CT asked where the new crusher will be located? LR advised that the proposed location of the crusher will be on a pad in the southern section of the existing quarry behind an existing bund as detailed in the Mod 2 Noise Impact Assessment (NIA). CT noted that she probably won't see it, but will I hear it? LR responded that the proposed locations have been selected to minimise noise impact and take into account the noise agreements held.</li> <li>• DR noted that train loading has previously been noticeable from a noise perspective. CT added that crusher operation can be very noisy from her previous experience.</li> <li>• LR explained the changes in the crusher and loader equipment designed to mitigate noise impact. He added that noise limitations placed on the quarry operation need to be complied with. JC added that Daracon is working to minimise noise impact with a focus over the next few months on site development that will assess noise issues and impact. LR noted the embankment adjacent to the crusher will assist in mitigating noise impact towards CT's property.</li> <li>• LR advised that with the approval and impending approval of various management plans and satisfying all the revised conditions of approval under Mod 2, entry into the 'Extension Area' is anticipated in early 2024.</li> <li>• The Committee noted that in accordance with the Mod 2 Consent (Schedule 5, Condition 5), an Independent Environmental Audit (IEA) was completed during 2022 and subsequently approved by the Department of Planning and Environment.</li> <li>• JC advised that staff on the site now number four (4).</li> </ul>
<p><b>8.0 Other Agenda Items</b></p>	<p><b>1. Telecommunications</b>  General discussion proceeded on the poor quality of telecommunications in Ardglen, particularly over the last few weeks. WA advised Telstra was upgrading the network, however it now seemed more unreliable. He also understood upgrade work was being scheduled in the Upper Hunter. LR acknowledged that telecommunication was not of a high quality and advised that a Starlink service had been installed at the quarry to improve connectivity.</p>
<p><b>9.0 General Business</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Inland Rail</b> – CT enquired whether product would be supplied to Inland Rail. JC responded that it is uncertain at this stage. It was indicated that currently it is more economical to move quarry product by road transport rather than rail in the Hunter.</li> <li>• <b>Vehicle movement</b> – CT enquired as to identity and movement of a truck/utility with a tank on the rear. JC and LR suggested it maybe a vehicle associated with dust suppression but advised they would follow up and advise CT directly of its identity and purpose.</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Electricity Supply</b> – WA questioned whether the quarry will be connected to the mains electricity supply. LR responded that at this point there is no intention to connect to the mains supply. The use of small generators is currently satisfying electricity demand at the quarry. Investigations are underway to assess the viability of a solar power installation.</li></ul>
<b>10.0 Next Meeting</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Proposed for April 2024 – date to be confirmed</li></ul>

**Meeting closed at 10.45 am.**

MJS thanked all present for their attendance.

Meeting Minutes Approved:

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Michael J Silver', with a large circular flourish at the end.

Michael J Silver OAM  
**Independent Chair**

Date: 4 December 2023