

Ardglen Quarry Community Consultative Committee Meeting Notes

Murrurundi Library, 10:30am Tuesday 16th October 2018

Attendees:

Shay Riley-Lewis (Independent Chairperson)

Luke Robinson (Daracon)

Dell Ross (Community Representative)

Megan Taylor (Community Representative)

Bill Avery (Community Representative)

1. Welcome and introductions

2. Apologies

Apologies were received from Christine Thomson (Community Representative), Paul Walker (Daracon Quarries Manager) and Alice Elsley Liverpool Plains Shire Council (LPSC).

3. Confirmation of previous minutes of meeting held 20 July 2018

Minutes were confirmed.

4. Issues raised from previous minutes

- LR to email electronic version of photos to CT

Completed and uploaded to drop box.

- SRL to set up an Ardglen CCC dropbox to upload relevant project information including the Landscape Plan, presentation material, meeting notes, consents and applications.

Completed.

- AE to provide a map of the TSR location within the quarry

Completed and uploaded to dropbox.

- AE to provide Council's response direct to Stuart Murray who is coordinating the s75W with the DoP.

Completed.

- SRL to advise DoP of the CCC's vote on retaining the existing Chair as one vote for no and five for yes.

Completed.

5. Planned activities

There remains approximately 6-8 months of carting for the Scone project.

6. Section 75W modification

Proposal includes (see [Attachment 1](#)):

- increase truck movements to 100%, replacing the 50% rail portion
- constructing noise bunds
- change surface water management

Traffic

- 500,000 tonne per year exported
- Drivers code of conduct and vehicle maintenance plan
- Assessment by traffic consultant SECA determined the modification will have an acceptable impact on the local road network and safety

Noise

- Existing fixed plant is no longer viable and will be demolished
- Mobile crushing plant to be used instead
- Noise bund wall will be built around the new crushing pad area
- Existing high wall on the western edge of the existing pit is to be retained during future work in the extension area to block noise to the village.
- Noise modelling identifies exceedance of criteria at selected dwellings. The modified arrangement includes 'reasonable and feasible' mitigation measures (EPA Industrial Noise Policy).

DR: Noise has never been a problem. Rail loading was the noisiest part.

MT: Noisiest was start-up of the old crusher. Rail noise is worse than ever since ARTC did track work.

BA: Never notice the train noise.

LR: Noise impacts are subjective and what might bother one person is not noticed by another.

Water

- Existing basin will be expanded
- Relocated drainage pit
- EPL will be modified to include discharge requirements
- Excavate in-pit sump



DP&E were contacted by a person requesting pedestrian access over the rail bridge access to the quarry during trucking.

MT: Train spotters the likely users of the bridge. Not a high pedestrian area.

7. Questions

Q (BA): who has been undertaking the road inspections?

LR: A 'road safety audit' has been undertaken as part of the existing consent for the extension area. Department of Planning and Environment (DP&E) have requested be conducted now since the site is out of care and maintenance and operating again.

Draft audit is with RMS and LPSC who will provide comment and actions for specific changes to the haul road.

Q (MT): Three Daracon trucks have been speeding along the access road and can be heard.

LR: Please contact me or the gatehouse when you hear/see the speeding trucks so we can identify the drivers and reprimand.

ACTION: MT to advise registration/identification of offending drivers.

Q (BA): How many trucks will there be per day?

LR: Consent currently allows 27.5 truck loads per day (i.e. 55 truck movements per day). The modification assessed and average of 57 laden trucks per day (i.e. 114 truck movements per day).

Q (MT): Why are the trucks stopping half way through the day?

LR: Fatigue rules may force the stop in work. Alternatively, site requirements at Scone may cause the stop while the project waits for lab results before continuing to load.

Q (DR): How are the current onsite noise monitor results?

LR: results good – all within criteria.

Q (BA): Marsupial boxes still there?

LR: Still there and checked regularly by consultant.

Q (BA): When will blasting start?



LR: Plan to wait until the s75W is determined before extending activities into the approved area. The existing consent allows work into the extension area provided a series of actions are completed.

Daracon will advise the CCC before any blasting or crushing is to occur. Lots of work required before quarrying can recommence.

ACTION: Daracon advise CCC before any blasting or crushing to occur.

Q (MT): What is being done with the vacant Daracon house? It's in disrepair.

ACTION: LR to arrange tidy up of vacant Daracon properties.

8. Date of next meeting

Next meeting is scheduled for 10:30am Tuesday 9th April 2019.

Post meeting note – Crown Lands representative has requested to be invited to future CCC meetings.

Meeting Closed at 12:00pm.

Attachments:

Daracon presentation



Ardglen Quarry Community Consultative Committee Meeting Notes

Murrurundi Library, 12:30pm Friday 20th July 2018

Attendees:

Shay Riley-Lewis (Independent Chairperson)

Dell Ross (Community Representative)

Megan Taylor (Community Representative)

Christine Thomson (Community Representative)

Luke Robinson (Daracon)

Daniel Smith (Daracon)

Alice Elsley (Liverpool Plains Shire Council)

1. Welcome and introductions

Alice Elsley is a Town Planner from Liverpool Plains Shire Council (LPSC).

2. Apologies

Apologies were received from Paul Walker (Daracon) and Bill Avery (Community Representative).

3. Confirmation of previous minutes of meeting held 9 April 2018

Minutes were confirmed.

4. Issues raised from previous minutes

▪ Location of dust monitoring point EPA4

LR confirmed monitoring point 'EPA4' is located near Bill's property at 3 Warra Street.

▪ Doughboy Hollow photos

LR provided photos showing the silting of the culvert crossing on High Street on December 2016. A second series of photos were taken in February 2017 after ARTC excavation in the creek line and in CT's crown land lease area.

ACTION: LR to email electronic version of photos to CT.

▪ s75W application studies

s75W specialist studies are still being updated in response to Department of Planning (DoP) queries. Once finalized versions are available, these will be provided to the CCC.

- Landscape Rehabilitation Plan

The Landscape Plan is a large file and will be provided via dropbox.

ACTION: SRL to set up an Ardglen CCC dropbox to upload relevant project information including the Landscape Plan, presentation material, meeting notes, consents and applications.

- Location and use of the travelling stock reserve (TSR)

LR noted that all TSRs are currently being reviewed by Local Land Services (LLS). LR did not have a map available of the precise location of the TSR within the quarry.

ACTION: AE to provide a map of the TSR location within the quarry.

- Crown Land lease area of Doughboy Hollow culvert

CT provided a map showing the area of Crown Land under her private lease ([Attachment 2](#)). Should Daracon have any need to access this area they will know to notify CT.

5. Planned activities

Daracon presented an overview of the current status and planned activities of the site (refer presentation provided in [Attachment 1](#)).

It was intended to not use Ardglen Quarry for the Scone Bypass project in preference for closer resources. However, the quantity and price of available quarry materials now requires supply from Ardglen.

The proposal involves:

- Wheel wash
- Consolidating existing onsite excavated materials to RMS specifications
- Processing and blending
- No new excavation or crushing

All current environmental monitoring and controls will continue.

6. Section 75W modification

AE: Council is concerned that the proposed modification will substantially increase the capacity to transport by road (instead of rail) without any section 94 contributions for road maintenance.

ACTION: AE to provide Council's response direct to Stuart Murray who is coordinating the s75W with the DoP.



CT: Is the railway likely to be functional anytime soon? Rail transport would be perfect for the Scone Bypass project.

LR: ARTC rail upgrading has raised the main track so the quarry spur line is inaccessible.

7. Questions

Truck Volumes

- *CT: Will material be brought to site for blending?*

LR: No material will be brought to site apart from possible minor amounts of additives for blending (such as lime etc).

- *CT: How will drivers be made to adhere to the speed limit?*

LR: No trucks will be queuing and idling outside the quarry. All drivers will be required to adhere to a drivers code of conduct.

SRL: The existing consent remains applicable with any non-compliance able to be reported through the CCC to the DoP for enforcement.

- *CT: What noise levels can be expected?*

LR: Noise monitoring will be undertaken at commencement of operations to confirm compliance with the consent and Environmental Protection Licence (EPL).

Noise will be less than other approved activities such as blasting and crushing.

Operations will commence at 7am*.

**Note LR has clarified post the meeting that operations will commence at 6:30am as per the approval.*

An average of 50 truck movements to and from the quarry (i.e. 25 in and 25 out) can be expected per day for approximately 8 -12 months commencing August 2018.

8. Pecuniary Interests

SRL contacted DoP regarding the Chair's potential conflict of interest with her role as community liaison for the Scone Bypass Project. DoP requested confirmation of the CCC's opinion.

Now the Scone Bypass project will be using the Ardglenn Quarry, further consideration of Chair's suitability was sought from the CCC.



Each CCC member (including Bill by absentee) was asked to vote if they wished to retain the existing Chair. CT was the only representative who considered it a potential conflict of interest and suggested the Chair step aside from the CCC. The remainder of the representatives were supportive of the existing Chair.

ACTION: SRL to advise DoP of the CCC's vote on retaining the existing Chair as 1 vote for no and five for yes.

9. Date of next meeting

Next meeting is scheduled for 10:30am Tuesday 16 October 2018.

Meeting Closed at 1:20pm.

Attachments:

Daracon presentation

Christine Thomson Crown land lease area



Ardglen Quarry Community Consultative Committee Meeting Notes

Murrurundi Library, 10am Monday 9th April 2018

Attendees:

Shay Riley-Lewis (Independent Chairperson)

Dell Ross (Community Representative)

Megan Taylor (Community Representative)

Christine Thomson (Community Representative)

Luke Robinson (Daracon)

Paul Walker (Daracon)

1. Welcome and introductions

2. Apologies

Apologies were received from Heidi Watters (Department of Planning and Environment).

3. Confirmation of previous minutes of meeting held 11 December 2017

Minutes were confirmed.

4. Issues raised from previous minutes

▪ Access to dust gauge

LR confirmed access to the dust gauge on Lot 10 does not require access via CT's Lot 11. Vehicular access is not required.

▪ Mowing of Lot 10

LR advised a site inspection confirmed the grass was not overgrown to a level to cause any bushfire or safety concern especially given the current drought conditions.

5. Planned activities

Daracon presented an overview of the background and current status of the site's operations (refer presentation provided in [Attachments](#)).

Air monitoring results have reported levels consistently below criteria.

The Section 75W application to modify the existing consent has been lodged with the Department of Planning and Environment (DP&E). Plans remain to recommission the quarry but there is no timeframe on when that may occur. No work in the extension area



is proposed until approval of the s75W modification. The s75W includes redesign of the layout, updated environmental controls and new extraction methodology and equipment. It does not propose expansion of quarry footprint or extension of quarry life.

6. Questions

Dust monitoring

- *CT: Where is dust monitoring point EPA4 located? It shows repeated spikes in results.*

ACTION: LR to confirm the location of dust monitoring point EPA4.

- *CT: Since the quarry is in care and maintenance, the existing monitoring can be considered a baseline for establishing background levels for when the quarry restarts.*

SRL: Yes increases in dust can be expected when the quarry operates, however these will still need to be below approved criteria.

Resource

- *CT: Is there enough resource available for the proposed 15Mtonne over 30 years?*

PW: Yes there is proven resource.

Stormwater

- *CT: How does the site currently manage stormwater? There has previously been excessive silt build up at the culvert on the other side of the rail line.*

SRL: This query was raised previously and it was investigated by LR who confirmed there was no indication that sediment was leaving the quarry site. It was known that ARTC had been doing work that may have contributed to the natural accretion.

LR: There is no water discharge from the quarry. Current stormwater is managed by the onsite sediment dams. Details are provided in the Stormwater Management Plan (SWMP).

MT: Daracon cleaned the culvert of built up sediment after the significant rainfall event around December 2016.

ACTION: LR to provide copies of the Doughboy Hollow photos showing the culvert impacts that coincided with Daracon's clean up and confirmation of no runoff.

ACTION: LR to provide CCC copy of s75W application studies.

- *CT: CT pays a lease for part of the Crown Land reserve that adjoins Doughboy Hollow culvert. Daracon need to request permission to access leased land.*

LR: Acknowledged.



ACTION: CT to provide a plan showing the Crown Land lease area of Doughboy Hollow culvert.

Trucks

- *CT: Previously trucks would access the site outside approved hours. How do we know that won't happen again?*
MT: Trucks would arrive early and queue and speed.

SRL: Times have changed and approval agencies are more stringent on conditions than ever before. The CCC also provides an added avenue for enforcement with my position appointed by the Secretary of the DP&E, community raised issues relating to non-compliance can be elevated for action.

Rehabilitation

- *CT: Where is the overburden replacement and revegetation? It is an eyesore. Plans for rehabilitation need to be done, seen and actioned. Overburden needs to be returned to where it came from. Can rehabilitation start in areas not being used? Planting rows of trees would reduce visual impact.*

LR: Daracon are compliant with the approved Landscape Rehabilitation Plan.

PW: While the quarry is in care and maintenance, there are no plans to provide additional landscaping beyond what is required.

CT: Tree planting at the perimeter would reduce the impact on health, visual amenity and noise.

MT/DR: The visual, dust and noise from the quarry is not a problem. Trees would be below the rail line and ineffective.

LR: The s75W application will enable construction of a noise bund.

ACTION: LR to provide CC copy of the Landscape Rehabilitation Plan.

- *CT: Where has the overburden gone in previous years?*
DR: Overburden was place on top of the quarry and moved throughout the quarry.
- *CT: The quarry should not be storing any materials within the Travelling Stock Route (TSR) located within the quarry.*

ACTION: LR to confirm location and use of the TSR.

7. Date of next meeting

The community representatives agreed that it is preferred to not meet again until there is new information to discuss. The Chair will contact the Department of Planning and



Environment to check the status of the modification application. A meeting will be scheduled to enable discussion of the specialist studies prior to approval.

Next meeting to be confirmed. Community representatives advised Mondays suit for meeting.

8. Pecuniary Interests

SRL advised she has been engaged by Daracon and RMS to undertake community engagement for the Scone Bypass Project. The CCC agreed to leave the CCC as is and unless a conflict arises.

ACTION: SRL to contact DP&E to advise of the new pecuniary interest.

9. Scone Bypass

SRL: Daracon have been awarded the construction contract for the Scone Bypass.

PW: Daracon have a list of five preferred sources of material to use for the project that does not include Ardglen. Other locations provide greater efficiency and access, however the use of material from Ardglen Quarry for the Scone Bypass has not been completely eliminated.

Meeting Closed at 11:00am.

Attachments:

Daracon presentation



Ardglen Quarry Community Consultative Committee Meeting Notes

Murrurundi Library, 11am Monday 11th December 2017

Attendees:

Shay Riley-Lewis (Independent Chairperson)

Dell Ross (Community Representative)

Bill Avery (Community Representative)

Megan Taylor (Community Representative)

Jon Shillito (Liverpool Plains Shire Council)

Luke Robinson (Daracon)

1. Welcome and introductions

2. Apologies

Apologies were received from Heidi Watters (Department of Planning) and community representative Christine Thomson.

3. Pecuniary Interests

The Chair reiterated the pecuniary interests raised at previous meetings remain.

The Chair also acknowledged contract planning work with Liverpool Plains Shire Council.

4. Confirmation of previous minutes of meeting held 23 August 2016

Minutes were confirmed.

5. Issues raised from previous minutes

Nil.

6. Planned activities

Daracon presented an overview of the background and current status of the site's operations (refer presentation provided in [Attachments](#)). There has been limited progress on the site due to Daracon resourcing needs at other quarries.

Air monitoring results have reported levels consistently below criteria.

The transformer yard has been removed as required by DP&E. Fixed plant will be removed as part of the site redevelopment.



It was noted that Daracon has tendered for the Scone Bypass project. If successful, it may or may not affect the Ardglan Quarry.

7. Questions

Christine Thomson provided the Chair with the following questions to raise in her absence:

- CT was not advised about the ARTC work being undertaken by Daracon contractors

LR advised the rail team is not related to the quarry. Although LR noted he advised the team the contact details of the local residents.

MT advised the ARTC communications team attempted to contact CT by post and phone without success.

- Lot 10 is overgrown with grass and needs maintenance. Daracon staff are likely using CT's property to access the dust monitor rather than traverse the overgrown site. CT requested Lot 10 be mowed and maintained to enable direct access by staff via the road instead.

LR advised he will investigate mowing Lot 10 to maintain the grass and confirm staff are not to access the dust monitor via CT's property.

- CT queried dust monitoring results, noting obvious dust on the outside of her house and inside on furniture etc. CT noted the quarry should be planted and stabilized.

LR advised dust monitoring results have remained below Environmental Protection Licence (EPL) criteria. LR noted coal train dust generation may be a large contributor to local dust.

BA noted the prevailing SW winds avoid disturbing quarry soils. MT/BA/DR all noted no dust concerns at their properties.

8. Date of next meeting

The community representatives agreed that it is preferred to not meet again until there is new information to discuss. The Chair will contact Daracon in February 2018 to check the status of the modification application and works program. If there is no progress or changes to report, then community representatives will be advised and the next meeting postponed.

Next meeting 10:30am Tuesday 3rd April 2018 at Murrurundi Library.

Meeting Closed at 11:55am.

Attachments:

Daracon presentation



**Ardglen Quarry Community Consultative Committee
Meeting Notes**

Murrurundi Library, 10:30am on 23rd August 2016

Attendees:

Shay Riley-Lewis (Independent Chairperson)

Dell Ross (Community Representative)

Bill Avery (Community Representative)

Megan Taylor (Community Representative)

Jason Hearn (Daracon)

Dan Smith (Daracon)

Greg Dressler (Daracon)

Luke Robinson (Daracon)

1. Welcome and introductions

2. Apologies

Apologies were received from Jack Massey of Liverpool Plains Shire Council and community representative Christine Thomson.

[A late apology was also received from Anna Cronin of Department of Primary Industries - Lands]

3. Pecuniary Interests

The Chair acknowledged her role on the Ardglen CCC and Buttai Quarry Community Liaison Group, is funded by Daracon.

Dell Ross acknowledged Daracon are the landlords of her residence at Ardglen.

4. Confirmation of previous minutes of meeting held 17 November 2015

Minutes were confirmed.

5. Issues raised from previous minutes

Daracon provided the following responses to actions arising from the previous meeting:



- Electricity capacity for rail loading operations

Daracon has discussed the electricity supply with a specialist electrical engineer (Clarence Consulting) who confirmed the quarry supply is on a separate circuit than domestic supply and therefore, quarry activities do not contribute to any domestic 'brown outs'.

Daracon advised any new development or increase in electrical usage must be approved by the provider Essential Energy.

- Informal dam

Community representatives confirmed Doughboy Hollow Creek is an informal dam which appears to be the result of a natural depression in the creek bed.

MT advised the creek crossing has been there for as long as they could recall.

DR advised the gabion rocks were installed years ago when the railway owned the quarry.

Daracon advised there are no known approvals for the dams and noted they do not appear to be blocking water flow.

- Silting of creek

Daracon conducted an inspection and noted the silt build-up appears to have been there some time and is overgrown with grasses. It was observed to comprise a mix of silt and natural bedrock.

The silt is not considered likely to be from the quarry since all quarry surface water is directed to onsite erosion and sediment control dams.

Regular environmental management inspections are conducted both internally and by external consultants. Weekly air quality monitoring and Monthly dust gauge monitoring also occurs.

6. Planned activities

Daracon presented an overview of the background and current status of the site's operations (refer presentation provided in [Attachments](#)). Ongoing compliance monitoring is still required even in care and maintenance mode.

Air monitoring results have reported levels consistently below criteria.

An additional dust deposition gauge has been installed at Christine Thomson's property since the last meeting as requested. All results to date have been below criteria.

MT noted that the monitoring during care and maintenance establishes a good baseline for when operations recommence.



Activities planned for the remainder of the year include preparation of plans to accompany the proposed s75W modification application to be lodged with the Department of Planning and Environment (DP&E) including:

- Surface water management plan
- Noise management plan
- New mine plan

Quarrying activities will not recommence until the s75W is approved.

The proposed extraction face will only be visible from Dells property. DR advised she has tree plantings to screen the view and is not concerned about the proposal.

MT advised she has no concern with the future view to the quarry face.

The modified extraction area enables use of the overburden inside the pit rather than require stockpiling on higher more visible land.

The transformer yard has been removed as required by DP&E. Consent for demolition of the transformer yard and other structures was obtained from Liverpool Plains Shire Council. However, other structures won't be removed until approval of the s75W modification.

7. Questions

The community representatives requested all future meetings require attendance in person.

8. Date of next meeting

The community representatives agreed that it is preferred to not meet again until there is new information to discuss. The Chair will contact Daracon in January 2017 to check the status of the modification application and works program. If substantial progress has not been made on the preparation of management plans for the proposed s75W modification application then community representatives will be advised and the next meeting postponed.

Next meeting 10:30am Tuesday 4th April 2017 at Murrurundi Library.

Meeting Closed at 11:30am.

Attachments:

Daracon presentation



Ardglen Quarry Community Consultative Committee Meeting Notes

Held at Murrurundi Library, 2:00 – 3:30pm on 17th November 2015

Attendees:

Shay Riley-Lewis (Independent Chairperson), Jack Massey (Liverpool Shire Council), Dell Ross (Community Representative), Bill Avery (Community Representative), Christine Thomson – by phone (Community Representative), Jason Hearn (Daracon), Dan Smith (Daracon), Greg Dressler (Daracon)

Introductions

[presentation attached]

SRL introduced herself and described her role as the Independent Chairperson. Attendees were each introduced.

The purpose and composition of the Community Consultative Committee (CCC) was described in accordance with the *Guidelines for Establishing and Operating Community Consultative Committees for Mining Projects* (Department of Planning, June 2007).

SRL introduced the meeting rules comprising:

- One person at a time
- Respect each other
- Chairperson adjudicates
- Keep to time

CT expressed concern that the community representatives have a conflict of interest and do not represent the community. CT noted the CCC should be on hold until there is a broader community representation.

SRL noted the CCC was open to all and a letter of invitation was sent to all landowners within a 1km radius of the quarry. Follow up phone calls were also made to many at the request of CT to personally invite involvement. The CCC does not involve any voting, it is a forum for the community to raise concerns to be addressed by Daracon.

Daracon Quarry Overview

[presentation attached]

DS presented an overview of the site history, environmental monitoring results and what is proposed for the quarry. It was noted that there is no change to the extent or amount of material to be extracted or operating hours proposed.

A development application (DA) for demolition of redundant onsite structures has been approved by Liverpool Plains Council. The demolition includes the transformer yard, existing crusher and old site sheds. The fuel farm, site sheds and rail load-out facility will be retained. A Controlled Activity Approval (CCA) has been issued by NSW Office of Water (NOW) for demolition of structures within 40m of the waterway.

The quarry itself is identified as a local heritage item. A heritage assessment prepared for the demolition DA identified an old water tank as the only heritage item to be retained onsite or provided to the local heritage society. Daracon plan to retain onsite.

Questions

Compliance

Question:

CT queried if the quarry couldn't comply with the approval requirements previously, how can they expect to now?

Response:

GD advised the operational conditions in the planning approval of 2010 and financial markets made it uneconomical to operate. Redesign of the quarry is proposed in a modification to be lodged with the Department of Planning and Environment (DP&E) to address the operational inefficiencies. Environmental controls will be even more stringent than previously, however the improved quarry layout and operational controls will better enable compliance with environmental standards.

Daracon have engaged consultants and are working with the EPA and NSW Office of Water (NOW) to develop environmental management plans for the sites operations.

New mobile crusher plant and acoustic walls will be implemented onsite to mitigate noise.

Daracons new onsite and upper management team for quarries, are focused on community engagement and environmental compliance.

Dust

Question:

CT queried the location and accuracy of dust monitors, requesting they be placed on non-Daracon owned land in the direction the wind blows. CT claimed the quarry never operated within its licence conditions, siting four local deaths in Ardglen during the quarries operations could be related to the dust generation.

Response:

GD advised the monitoring locations were specified by the EPA within the site Environment Protection Licence (EPL) and dust levels remain below the annual average criteria.

CT raised concern regarding collusion and corruption with the approval departments and Environmental Protection Authority (EPA) in granting the quarries approvals.

Stockpile

Question:

CT questioned what is happening with the stockpile of overburden left from previous operations on the TSR?

Response:

GD advised the stockpile is located on Daracon property.

ACTION: GD to confirm the location of the TSR and stockpile.

Traffic

Question:

CT queried how traffic speed, covering of loads and operating hours would be controlled and expressed a preference for train transport instead of road transport.

Response:

GD explained that Daracon implement a Code of Conduct for Daracon drivers and subcontractors that will enforce speed, covering of loads and operating hours. If any driver does not comply, they will be reprimanded as required.

JM advised Council will enforce traffic controls associated with their approvals.

Question:

CT questioned why Daracon should be given another chance?

SRL advised that Daracon have an existing planning approval and EPL and are entitled to operate. The government need quarries and have initiated this CCC process to enable quarries to operate in harmony with the community.

Rail loader

Question:

CT noted that the rail loader previously caused 'brown outs'.

ACTION: GD to investigate the electricity capacity and advise the potential impact of the rail loader operations.

Overburden

Question:

CT noted that overburden should be used to remediate. After 100 years of quarry operations no remediation or tree planting has occurred.

Response:

GD advised that once the crusher pad has been established, the overburden will be used to remediate. Quarries are smaller than mines and therefore have difficulty undertaking progressive remediation. Tree planting and remediation will occur as soon as practicable.

Jason noted that Daracon has only the quarry for around 12 years and has already started re-using overburden.

SRL noted it is a condition of consent that remediation occur at completion of site operations.

Silting and Dam

Question:

CT requested Daracon remove the dam placed in the creek and the runoff from the quarry that had silted the creek.

Response:

GD noted the dam in question is located in the creek adjacent to Daracon owned property, however the dam was not installed by the company, the Daracon tenant may have installed it.

GD noted that no work (including removing silt) is possible within any waterway without NOW approval.

ACTION: GD to contact the tenant and inquire if the necessary approvals had been obtained for the structure.

ACTION: GD to investigate the site to see if any silt laden runoff is leaving the site.

Community Questions

SRL presented questions raised by the community during discussions prior to the meeting.

Q: Why was the quarry closed?

Daracon were unable to meet the consent conditions imposed by the modification in 2010. Daracon have been working for the past 18 months to bring the site operations up to modern standards.

Q: When will the site be rehabilitated?

No remediation will occur initially. Overburden will be placed onsite for rehabilitation to occur as soon as that area will not be disturbed again.

Q: How will they manage dust?

Dust suppression will include:

- containment on the mobile crusher
- water carts onsite
- wheel wash

Q: When will work recommence?

Estimated timing is as follows:

Demolition	March/April 2016
Modified Conditions Received	May/June 2016
Refurbishment of site	June 2016
Environmental controls	August 2016
Re-commence extraction	Late 2016

Closing

SRL tabled a letter received from Daracon General Manager – Construction Materials, Transport and Plant, Adam Kelly.

Meeting Closed at 3:30pm.

Attachments:

SRL Presentation
Daracon presentation
Letter from Adam Kelly