MINUTES OF ARDGLEN QUARRY
COMMUNITY CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE (CCC)

Tuesday, 25 November 2025 at Murrurundi Library, Murrurundi commencing at 9.32 am

Attendees	**Initials**	**Position**
Michael Silver OAM	MJS	Independent Chairperson
Delma Ross	DR	Community Member
William Avery	WA	Community Member
David Bates	DB	Community Member
Luke Robinson	LR	Systems Manager – Construction Materials, Daracon Group
Observers		
John Cannon	JC	Divisional Manager - Construction Materials, Daracon Group
Geoff Reeves	GR	Ardglen Quarry Site Manager – Construction Materials, Daracon Group
Apologies		
Megan Taylor	MT	Community Member
Penny Dalton	PD	Community Member
Geoff Phillips	GP	Crown Lands (Tamworth

Item	Details and Actions
1.0 Welcome and Introductions	Michael Silver welcomed all present.
2.0 Acknowledgement of Country	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.
3.0 Declarations of Interest	• MJS declared that his expenses as Independent Chairperson are borne by the Proponent. • DB advised he had a casual agreement with the Proponent regarding undertaking maintenance on the Proponent's property adjoining his land. • MJS noted that there were no other declarations of pecuniary or other conflict of interests from Community Members.
4.0 Correspondence	• Nil
5.0 Previous Meeting	• It was noted that the minutes of the meeting of 8 April 2025 were approved on 13 May 2025. It was noted that the safety mirrors in front of Mr Avery's residence had been repaired and adjusted, although some further adjustment could be required.
6.0 Proponent's Report	• Luke Robinson presented the Proponent's Presentation. *(Copy attached to the Minutes)*

	• LR provided a summary of current operations. Present operations are mostly associated with removal of overburden as the 'extension area' is developed. • LR explained the site layout and how the quarry will be developed moving forward. He advised that blasting, crushing, and screening of material from the 'extension area' is occurring to manufacture ballast, aggregates, road bases, and other valuable construction materials. • LR explained the Air Quality Monitoring requirements, noting that all Dust Deposition Gauges (DDG's) were compliant based on the annual average results (below 4 g/m2/month). The Committee reviewed the Deposition Dust Gauge rolling annual average graph from 2007 to 2025 and noted there were some issues in the 2008-2009 period however current trends as shown in the 2025 graph were satisfactory. • LR stepped the Committee through the High-Volume Air Sampler (HVAS) results for PM10, Total Suspended Particulate (TSP) and PM2.5 and the associated graphs. LR explained the peaks on the graphs but noted that all current results are well within the set criteria. • LR advised that Noise monitoring is undertaken by Spectrum Acoustics in accordance with the approved Noise Management Plan (NMP). All noise monitoring results obtained during 2025 have been compliant with the standards set in the consent. He explained the process associated with monthly Attended Noise Monitoring (ATM) indicating that the monitoring process picks up all noise in the area of the quarry. The Committee noted the monthly results. • LR advised that nine (9) blasts had ben conducted to date during 2025. He indicated that three locations are used to monitor blasts – all had been compliant. GR advised that a continual improvement process is used to find ways to improve the blasting process and achieve better environmental outcomes for the community. In response to the Chair GR advised that two (2) days' notice is given of the intention to blast – this is done by letter, text, and email. • LR advised that the quarry has recorded two incidents during 2025 relating to power outages that have affected the air quality monitoring equipment. • LR advised that four complaints have been received during 2025. JC advised that thorough investigations of all complaints are undertaken. • DB requested that he be provided with a copy of the Dilapidation Report in respect of his property. JC indicated he would follow up on the request. **ACTION** ***Proponent's Response:*** *DB provided with a copy of the report following the meeting.* • DB questioned the outcome of the complaint alleging a haulage truck was speeding on 24 September 2025. LR responded that haulage vehicles exceeding the required speed limit of 40 kilometre/hour within the village is not tolerated. JC advised that all new truck drivers are made aware of the required speed limit for haulage vehicles. DB responded that he was advised the haulage vehicle was travelling at 43 kilometres/hour. LR responded that the global positioning survey (GPS) data does not demonstrate that the vehicle was travelling at 43 kilometres/hour. DB reiterated his claim that the vehicle was exceeding the 40 kilometres/hour limit. GR advised he had spoken to the fleet owner regarding the complaint,

	noting that speed limit exceedance is taken very seriously. DB indicated his disappointment with the response to the complaint. • LR outlined actions of weed control and feral animal management as well as maintenance of the rehabilitation plantings on the site. • LR provided a detailed overview of rehabilitation work that has occurred during previous years as detailed in the revised Landscape Management Plan (LMP). He noted that Doughboy Hollow Rehabilitation Strategy is progressing, with tree planting to commence shortly – this is a long-term rehabilitation project. LR noted that reasonable growth has occurred with the offset rehabilitation plantings. • The Committee noted the quarry sales table with 122,448 tonnes of material exported between January and October 2025. JC indicated that it is expected that 150,000 tonnes will be exported for the calendar year. • LR outlined the current and proposed future operations at the quarry as well as an update on satisfying the consent conditions associated with MOD 2. • Now the Extension Area is opening up, fresh rock (basalt flows) of good quality is slowly becoming available. •
8.0 Other Agenda Items	• ***St John's Wort Control*** – DB provided an overview of the potential to introduce the lesser St John's Wort beetle (Chrysolina hyperici) or greater St John's Wort beetle (Chrysolina quadrigemina) as an environmental weed control for St John's Wort on Daracon land. LR indicated he would follow up on DB's advice.
9.0 General Business	• Nil
10.0 Next Meeting	• Proposed for Apil 2026 – date to be confirmed

Meeting closed at 10.15 am.

MJS thanked all present for their attendance.

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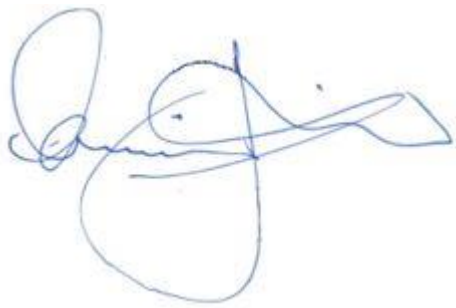

Michael J Silver OAM
Independent Chair

Date: 15 December 2025

MINUTES OF ARDGLEN QUARRY
COMMUNITY CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE (CCC)

Tuesday, 8 April 2025 at Murrurundi Library, Murrurundi commencing at 9.30 am

Attendees	Initials	Position
Michael Silver OAM	MJS	Independent Chairperson
Delma Ross	DR	Community Member
William Avery	WA	Community Member
Penny Dalton	PD	Community Member
David Bates	DB	Community Member
Geoff Phillips	GP	Crown Lands (Tamworth
Luke Robinson	LR	Systems Manager – Construction Materials, Daracon Group

Observers

John Cannon	JC	Divisional Manager - Construction Materials, Daracon Group

Apologies

Megan Taylor	MT	Community Member
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3.0 Declarations of Interest	• MJS declared that his expenses as Independent Chairperson are borne by the proponent. • DB advised he had a casual agreement with the Proponent regarding undertaking maintenance on the Proponent's property adjoining his land. • MJS noted that there were no other declarations of pecuniary or other conflict of interests from Community Members.
4.0 Correspondence	• Nil
5.0 Previous Meeting	• It was noted that the minutes of the meeting of 12 November 2024 were approved on 4 December 2024.
6.0 Business Arising	• DB expressed concern at the ongoing deteriorating condition of a section of Main Street Ardglen caused primarily by water infiltrating into the road pavement material. He suggested that the issue related to an underground stream and the need for a permanent solution such as a sump which can discharge to the creek. LR advised that

	discussions have been held with Liverpool Plains Shire Council regarding mitigation measures, however no further advice has been received from Council as to the proposed action to be taken.
6.0 Proponent's Report	• Luke Robinson presented the Proponent's Presentation. *(Copy attached to the Minutes)* • LR provided a summary of current operations, noting that operations had moved into the 'extension area' in July 2024. Operations will be focussed in the 'extension area' for the foreseeable future. Present operations are mostly associated with removal of overburden. • LR referenced photographs of the operations area showing the crushing plant and also the speed restrictions and other requirements associated with haulage vehicles. • LR advised that the Biodiversity Offset Areas were now formalised as a Conservation Area. • In respect of Air Quality Monitoring, LR noted that all Dust Deposition Gauges were compliant based on the annual average results achieved for 2024. • Extensive discussion proceeded on the history of dust issues on the site having regard to the graphs from 2007 to 2024 provided in the report. In particular, the results for PM10, Total Suspended Particulate (TSP) and PM2.5 were noted. The Chair highlighting that the Proponent is required to satisfy the annual average results as detailed in the Modified approval. • The Committee noted that Mod 2 requires noise monitoring to occur monthly when the quarry is operating. All noise monitoring results obtained during 2024 were compliant with the Mod 2 consent. • LR advised that blasting had recommenced during 2024 with all monitoring results compliant with the consent. • LR stepped the Committee through the incidents and complaints received during 2024. It was noted that six (6) incidents had been recorded and eight (8) complaints received. The actions taken were noted. • DB expressed concern regarding haulage trucks not being tarped. LR advised that all drivers are required to comply with the haulage requirements and the requirements of the Traffic Management Plan. • LR noted that rehabilitation work and feral animal control continued during 2024. He particularly highlighted the commencement of work on the Doughboy Hollow Rehabilitation Strategy. This rehabilitation work will be ongoing for many years. • LR detailed the truck movements and sales from the quarry noting that from January to December 2024, 112,862 tonnes of material was exported from the quarry. JC noted that there was considerable interest in the resource. As the Extension Area is opened up fresh rock (basalt flows) of good quality will be accessed. He indicated that up to 55 laden trucks a day, as permitted by the consent, can operate from the quarry. • DB questioned the starting time for haulage from the quarry. He understood that haulage was from 7.00 am to 5,30 pm, but suggested haulage was starting at 6.30 am. JC explained that the Code of Conduct for drivers provided for a 7.00 am start with a 6.30 am start "by arrangement". LR noted that the Modified consent permitted a 6.30 am start for haulage. ***Chair's note:*** *An extract from the Modified consent issued on 16 March 2021 relating to Hours of Operation is included below.*

SCHEDULE 3
SPECIFIC ENVIRONMENTAL CONDITIONS

HOURS OF OPERATION

1. The Applicant must comply with the hours of operation in Table 1.

Table 1: Hours of Operation

Activity	*Day*	*Time*
Topsoil/overburden removal/emplacement	Monday-Saturday	7.00am to 5.00pm
	Sunday	None
Blasting	Monday-Friday	10:00am to 3.00pm
	Saturdays, Sundays and Public Holidays	None
In-pit activities (including drilling, extraction, and transfer of material out of the pit)	Monday-Saturday	7.00am to 5:30pm
	Sundays and Public Holidays	None
Out-of-pit activities (including processing, and stockpiling)	Monday-Saturday	7.00am to 5:30pm
	Sundays and Public Holidays	None
Maintenance (if inaudible at nearby residences)	Monday-Sunday	Any time
Truck loading and distribution	Monday-Saturday	6.30am to 5.30pm
	Sundays and Public Holidays	None
Rail loading	Monday-Sunday	7:00am to 10:00pm

Note:
- *The Applicant may load no more than 2 trains each year outside the hours listed in Table 1 (see condition 41).*
- *The Applicant may carry out blasting operations outside the hours listed in Table 1 for safety reasons provided the Applicant has notified EPA and the local community about the proposed blast.*

- LR outlined the upcoming works at the quarry during 2025. He highlighted that overburden removal, blasting, crushing and screening of rock sourced from the approved 'Extension Area' will be the priority during 2025.
- JC then provided a detailed overview of the likely work on the site over the next few years. He indicated that artist's impression photograph in the presentation was a representation of how the quarry landform would look in four to five years' time.
- LR detailed the work associated with meeting the requirements of the Modification 2 consent. He also advised that an inspection of the site had been undertaken by the Department of Planning Housing and Infrastructure during February 2025.
- LR noted that all actions from the 2022 Independent Environmental Audit have now been addressed. The next audit will be undertaken in 2027.

8.0 Other Agenda Items

- Nil

9.0 General Business

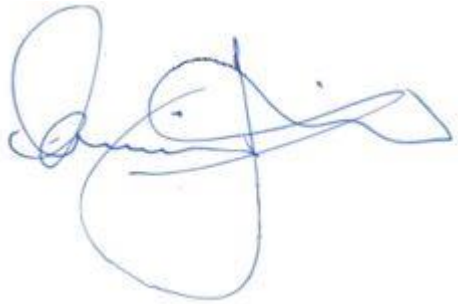
- ***ARTC –*** PD advised she had emailed ARTC regarding certain concerns but had not received a response. MJS indicated he would discuss the matter with her.
- ***Ardglen Community Newsletter –*** DB expressed concern that a generic photograph of a 'committee' had been used in association with the Community Consultative Committee article in the newsletter. He considered that it could be misleading as to who are members of the Committee. LR noted the comment and would bring the concern to the attention of those responsible for publishing the newsletter.

	• ***Safety Mirrors –*** WA advised that the safety mirrors in front of his residence require repair and adjustment. JC indicated he would attend to the matter. **ACTION**
10.0 Next Meeting	• Proposed for November 2025 – date to be confirmed

Meeting closed at 10.30 am.

MJS thanked all present for their attendance.

Meeting Minutes Approved:



Michael J Silver OAM
Independent Chair

Date: 13 May 2025

MINUTES OF ARDGLEN QUARRY COMMUNITY CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE (CCC)

Tuesday, 12 November 2024 at Murrurundi Library, Murrurundi commencing at 9.35am

Attendees	**Initials**	**Position**
Michael Silver OAM	MJS	Independent Chairperson
Delma Ross	DR	Community Member
William Avery	WA	Community Member
Penny Dalton	PD	Community Member
David Bates	DB	Community Member
Luke Robinson	LR	Systems Manager – Construction Materials, Daracon Group
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Nathan Skelly	NS	Director Infrastructure Services, Liverpool Plains Shire Council
Geoff Phillips	GP	Crown Lands (Tamworth)

Item	**Details and Actions**
1.0 Welcome and Introductions	Michael Silver welcomed all present, particularly Mr David Bates attending his first meeting.
2.0 Acknowledgement of Country	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.
3.0 Declarations of Interest	• MJS declared that his expenses as Independent Chairperson are borne by the proponent. • DB advised he had a casual agreement with the Proponent regarding undertaking maintenance on the Proponent's property adjoining his land. • MJS noted that there were no other declarations of pecuniary or other conflict of interests from Community Members.
4.0 Chair's Minute	• MJS reported that following public advertising Mr David Bates had been appointed by the NSW Department of Planning Housing and Infrastructure (DPHI) to the CCC.
5.0 Correspondence	• *NSW Department of Planning Housing and Infrastructure* – Advising the appointment of Mr David Bates to the CCC.

	• *Megan Taylor* – Expressing concern at the deteriorating condition of a section of the haul road in the village. LR advised this would be addressed in the Proponent's Presentation.
5.0 Previous Meeting	• It was noted that the minutes of the meeting of 9 April 2024 were approved on 2 May 2024. • No Business Arising
6.0 Proponent's Report	• Luke Robinson presented the Proponent's Presentation. *(Copy attached to the Minutes)* • LR provided a brief overview of the history of the quarry and the current status of the site, summarising the current operations. • LR advised that Daracon has now entered the 'Extension Area', with several critical tasks completed. The stockpile of previously quarried material continues to be supplied to various Daracon projects and clients. Noise compliance assessment has been completed and accepted by the EPA whilst environmental monitoring in accordance with the Modification 2 conditions continues. The Committee noted the various photographs highlighting the current status of operations at the quarry. • LR stepped the Committee through the Air Quality monitoring data and associated tables and graphs. • It was noted that the monthly averages where relatively low and well within the required criteria. It was also noted that a PM 2.5 spike was detected on 4 August 2024 created by strong north westerly winds, with the probable source being trucks (not associated with the quarry) on the Swinging Ridge Road creating dust. • DB raised concerns over the movement of quarry trucks through the village, asking what constitutes a "movement". LR advised 55 movements per day are permitted with one movement being an in and out viz. 110 truck movements overall. • DB highlighted issues associated with trucks exceeding speed limits and driver behaviour on the haule route in Ardglen. **ACTION:** ***Daracon to provide a response to concerns regarding 'truck speed' and 'driver behaviour' in the Ardglen village.*** *Daracon: The alleged truck speed matter was promptly addressed with the trucking company and the driver in question. The truck was GPS tracked, and all this information was fed back to DB promptly after the CCC meeting.* • The Committee noted the Noise Monitoring data as presented complies with the consent. It also noted that the Noise Compliance Assessment was completed in August 2024 and subsequently accepted by the EPA on the 1 November 2024. • LR advised that since the commencement of blasting there have been five (5) blasts. DB indicated that on one occasion he felt the blast and his coffee had sloshed in the cup. LR explained the blast notification process. JC suggested a dilapidation survey could be

	undertaken on DB's dwelling. DB explained that his well and the quarry dam are on the same groundwater stream, and this could contribute to tremor transfer. WA noted the latest blast was very noisy as was the one prior to that. WA also advised the monitor near his property had been removed – LR explained that it was historically placed near WA's property in error and had now been relocated to the correct position in accordance with the original Environmental Assessment. • LR advised that topsoil is being removed from the extension area. • PD questioned the extent of feral animals at the quarry. GR advised that feral pigs remain a considerable problem however the number of deer appears to have declined. • The Committee noted that five (5) incidents and six (6) complaints have been recorded during 2024 – refer to extracts from the registers in the presentation. • Considerable discussion proceeded on the deteriorating condition of a section of Main Street, Ardglen caused primarily by water infiltrating into the road pavement material. LR advised that Daracon is liaising with Liverpool Plains Shire Council (as the road authority) to resolve this issue by the installation of 'inter-pavement drainage' to rectify the section of road that is currently failing. The current action is with the Council and Daracon is awaiting its instruction. The Committee noted the images provided in the presentation highlight the damage to the road. • LR advised that in terms of rehabilitation, the Conservation Agreement (CA) which permanently secures the Biodiversity Offset Areas (BOAs) was formally ratified by the Biodiversity Conservation Trust (BCT) and commenced on the 7 May 2024 whilst work on the Doughboy Hollow Rehabilitation Strategy recently commenced – this work will extend over several years. • LR provided details of truck movements over the last ten months. He indicated that the number of truck movements will increase as few large projects will commence shortly which is likely to increase truck movements from the quarry (up to 55 laden per day). • LR outlined the planned activities and works associated with the quarry for the rest of 2024. He indicated that hard copies of Management Plans can be provided to Committee members upon request. He highlighted that a groundwater monitoring network is in place with monitoring undertaken on an ongoing basis. The focus over the next couple of years will be the establishment of the Extension Area.
8.0 Other Agenda Items	**Current and Upcoming Projects** JC provided an overview of the projects to be supplied from the Ardglen Quarry in the immediate term:

	• Gabion Rock – Coulson Creek Project • Barrington Tops Road works • Ballast – ARTC (10,000 tonnes) • Other mine and infrastructure projects JC noted that there was demand for the resource at the quarry as other quarries have currently reached the limit of their consent and are not operational.
9.0 General Business	• ***Traffic Safety Mirrors –*** WA highlighted the need to check the traffic safety mirrors along Warra Street for adequate alignment. **ACTION** *Daracon: Mirrors have been adjusted and tightened as requested* • ***Telstra Pit Lid*** – WA advised that the Telstra pit lid adjacent to his property was dislocated during the road widening works and requires reinstatement. **ACTION** *Daracon: Telstra pit lid has been reinstated as requested.*
10.0 Next Meeting	• Proposed for April 2025 – date to be confirmed

Meeting closed at 10.50 am.

MJS thanked all present for their attendance.

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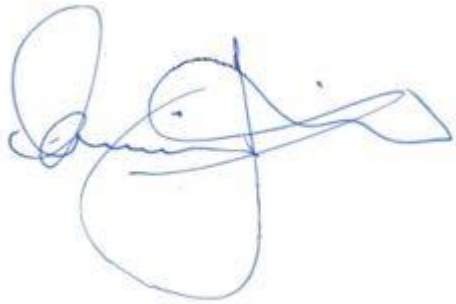

Michael J Silver OAM
Independent Chair

Date: 4 December 2024

MINUTES OF ARDGLEN QUARRY COMMUNITY CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE (CCC)

Tuesday, 9 April 2024 at Murrurundi Library, Murrurundi commencing at 9.35am

Attendees	Initials	Position
Michael Silver OAM	MJS	Independent Chairperson
Delma Ross	DR	Community Member
William Avery	WA	Community Member
Penny Dalton	PD	Community Member
Luke Robinson	LR	Systems Manager – Construction Materials, Daracon Group

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3.0 Declarations of Interest	• MJS declared that his expenses as Independent Chairperson are borne by the proponent. • MJS noted that there were no declarations of pecuniary or other conflict of interests from Community Members.
4.0 Chair's Minute	• MJS reported that Ms Christine Thompson had resigned from the Committee. He indicated this created a casual vacancy. Advertising consistent with the CCC Guidelines would be initiated seeking nominations from community members in the Murrurundi/Ardglen area. LR confirmed he would prepare the necessary advertisements.
5.0 Correspondence	• Christine Thompson – resigning from the Ardglen Quarry Community Consultative Committee.

5.0 Previous Meeting	• It was noted that the minutes of the meeting of 14 November 2023 were approved on 4 December 2023. • No Business Arising
6.0 Proponent's Report	• Luke Robinson presented the Proponent's Presentation. *(Copy attached to the Minutes)* • LR provided a brief overview of the quarry and the current status of the site, summarising the current operations. • LR advised that previously quarried material has been screened and supplied to various Daracon projects and clients since the last meeting. He indicated that quarrying would move into the extension area shortly. This will support the Coulsons Creek Road upgrade project (Willow Tree to Merriwa). Daracon have been awarded this project. • LR advised that the primary focus at the quarry has been on construction works such as water management, crushing pad and associated infrastructure. He highlighted the adjusted weighbridge entry and the new wheel wash. • LR noted the progress associated with the offset area. • LR explained the air quality monitoring results and particularly the dust gauge depositions, noting the spike in monitoring results for PM10, PM 2.5 and Total Suspended Particulates during December 2023. Whilst this was an exceedance and required reporting to the Department of Planning Housing and Infrastructure (DPHI) it was deemed to be the result of the bushfires in the Pilliga during that period. LR advised that the required air quality monitoring results were compliant for all annual averages and 24-hour results during 2023. • LR stepped the Committee through the noise monitoring results. He advised that with operations recommencing, noise monitoring will now occur on a monthly schedule. • LR detailed the management of flora and fauna. PD sought clarification if feral animals are being shot on the quarry site. GR advised that Daracon do engage a licenced shooter. PD suggested pigs are a major problem in the village. This comment was supported by WA who indicated deer was also a problem, DR noted that there was now no market for the sale feral pig carcasses. GR indicated he can advise residents when the shooter is on site. • LR advised that there had been a complaint/enquiry regarding the quarry operation and potential impact on water availability. He indicated that in consultation with DPHI and the resident the matter was resolved. • LR noted that the Doughboy Hollow Rehabilitation Strategy was recently finalised and approved by DPHI. This process has commenced and will be ongoing for many years. He also noted that 97 mm of rain had been recorded at the site in the last week. He indicated the first priority will be the removal of noxious weeds. Erosions and stability issues are a primary

	consideration in the Doughboy Hollow rehabilitation works – the larger scope rehabilitation works will occur in the future. These rehabilitation of Doughboy Hollow will occur over an extended period. • In terms of tree planting LR reported that the results have been most encouraging with recent rain supporting growth and tree establishment. • LR advised that between July and December 2023, we exported 16,908 tonnes of material from the quarry. LR explained in detail the haulage requirements and standards. He emphasised the driver education and expectations that the required standards are complied with by the drivers. • WA and PD noted a section of the haul road appears to be impacted by water, causing deterioration and requires repair. JC advised it is a spring and does require attention – the problem has been reported to Liverpool Plains Shire Council. • JC added that material will continue to be exported by truck for the foreseeable future – the possible use of the rail siding is not on the horizon at the moment. He highlighted that truck movements will increase when quarrying moves into the extension area. He encouraged residents to advise Daracon if there is a problem with trucks and their movements through the Ardglen village. LR added that drivers are subject to a Code of Conduct and the truck speed limit through the village is 40 kph. • In respect to entering the extension area, JC noted it is a quality product – there is now a need to move into this area and increase output from the quarry. • LR outlined the planned activities for 2024. He indicated that work in the extension area would occur soon. This will result in the commencement of blasting. • Discussion occurred on the safety standards and protocols associated with blasting. LR noted that two blast monitors are located at DR's former residence and WA's residence. • LR updated the Committee on the requirement of the Modification 2 consent. • LR explained how the quarrying process in the extension area will be undertaken and the stepped formation that will occur. PD enquired as to impacts on a historical TSR – LR advised there is no stock route. He advised that the existing tall face (northeastern face) will remain. • LR noted that the 2022 Independent Environmental Audit had been completed. He advised that a hard copy could be provided upon request. • Further discussion progressed on blasting. LR encourage persons to register on Daracon's blast notification list. He also advised that a letterbox drop notifying residents of blast activities would occur prior to events. It was suggested these letter box drops should coincide with ordinary mail deliveries on Mondays and Wednesdays.

8.0 Other Agenda Items	**1. Long Term Plan** JC provided an overview of the long-term planning for the quarry. He explained the detailed extensive geological work undertaken as part of the Optimisation Analysis. JC advised that he expected up to 250,000 tonnes per year to be extracted from the quarry as the customer base is rebuilt and the operation ramps up - with the total allowed being 500,000 tonnes per annum. Sales will be dependent on what projects the quarry is within economical distance of, adding that the current consent is valid till 2038. It is estimated that the resource has a life of between 50-60 years at maximum annual extraction. .
9.0 General Business	• **Historical Book** – PD advised that she was pursuing information on a potential historical book on the village of Ardglen. • **Blasting** – LR confirmed that blasting is likely to recommence in the next week or so.
10.0 Next Meeting	• Proposed for November 2024 – date to be confirmed

Meeting closed at 10.50 am.

MJS thanked all present for their attendance.

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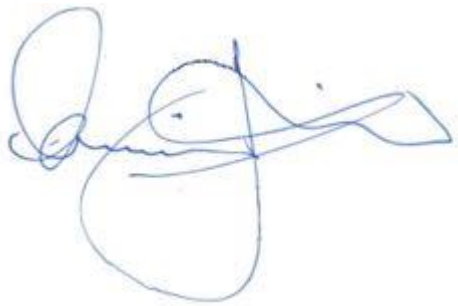

Michael J Silver OAM
Independent Chair

Date: 2 May 2024

MINUTES OF ARDGLEN QUARRY COMMUNITY CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE (CCC)

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William Avery	WA	Community Member
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4.0 Correspondence	• Nil
5.0 Previous Meeting	• It was noted that the minutes of the meeting of 5 May 2023 were approved on 25 May 2023. • No Business Arising
6.0 Proponent's Report	• Luke Robinson presented the Proponent's Presentation. *(Copy attached to the Minutes)* • 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

	activity being the supply of existing material for some key projects and local Councils. • 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. • LR also detailed the new wheel wash facility. • 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". • 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. • 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. • 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. • LR advised that in respect of flora and fauna the footprint of the site has not changed. He highlighted ongoing feral animal control. • LR advised that there have been no incidents or complaints reported since the last meeting. • 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. • 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.

	• 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. • 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. • 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. • 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. • 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. • JC advised that staff on the site now number four (4).
8.0 Other Agenda Items	**1. Telecommunications** 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.
9.0 General Business	• **Inland Rail** – 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. • **Vehicle movement** – 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.

	• **Electricity Supply** – 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.
10.0 Next Meeting	• Proposed for April 2024 – date to be confirmed

Meeting closed at 10.45 am.

MJS thanked all present for their attendance.

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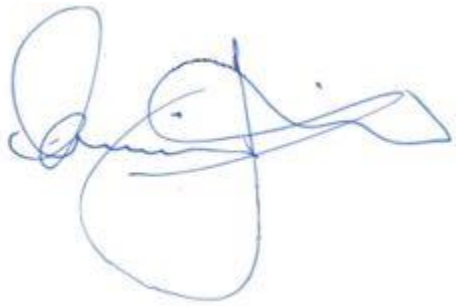

Michael J Silver OAM
Independent Chair

Date: 4 December 2023

MINUTES OF ARDGLEN QUARRY COMMUNITY CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE (CCC)

Tuesday, 5 May 2023 at Murrurundi Library, Murrurundi commencing at 9.32 am

Attendees	**Initials**	**Position**
Michael Silver OAM	MJS	Independent Chairperson
Delma Ross	DR	Community Member
William Avery	WA	Community Member
Penny Dalton	PD	Community Member
Megan Taylor	MT	Community Member
Luke Robinson	LR	Systems Manager – Construction Materials, Daracon Group
Nathan Skelly	NS	Acting General Manager, Liverpool Plains Shire Council
Observers		
John Cannon	JC	Divisional Manager - Construction Materials, Daracon Group
Geoff Reeves	GR	Ardglen Quarry Site Manager - Construction Materials, Daracon Group
Apologies		
Christine Thompson Crown Lands Office (Tamworth)	CT	Community Member

Item	**Details and Actions**
1.0 Welcome and Introductions	Michael Silver welcomed all present. He extended a welcome to Penny Dalton and Nathan Skelly attending their first meeting since he assumed the Chair.
2.0 Acknowledgement of Country	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.
3.0 Declarations of Interest	• MJS declared that his expenses as Independent Chairperson are borne by the proponent. • MJS noted that there were no declarations of pecuniary or other conflict of interests from Community Members.
4.0 Correspondence	• Post Meeting Communications – Following the CCC meeting held on the 1 November 2023 it was raised to the CCC Chair by a member of the CCC that some of the more general discussion at the meeting relating to the Ardglen locality had caused some angst. As a result, the Chair and Daracon noted that the CCC meeting will only focus on Ardglen quarry related matters, and any discussion outside the boundaries of the quarry site or not associated with its operation will

	not occur in this forum. Daracon apologise for any angst that may have been caused from these more general discussions.
5.0 Previous Meeting	• It was noted that the minutes of the meeting of 1 November 2022 were approved on 28 November 2022. • No Business Arising
6.0 Action Items	• That Daracon to provide a copy of the access road widening design drawing to the CCC. **Completed**
7.0 Proponent's Report	• Luke Robinson presented the Proponent's Presentation. *(Copy attached to the Minutes)* • LR provided an historical overview of the quarry and a summary of the quarry's status. He noted that Modification 2 was approved on 16 March 2021, but no works have commenced in the extension area. Environmental monitoring, general maintenance together with relevant actions required by the Modification 2 consent have been the primary focus. • LR advised that Geoff Reeves has been appointed to the role of Site Manager. • LR spoke to the Dust Deposition Gauges tables in the presentation noting that the site is not operating with the rolling annual averages being well below the annual average criteria standards. • In terms of Noise Monitoring, LR advised that noise monitoring is undertaken by Spectrum Acoustics. He highlighted that Modification 2 now only requires noise monitoring to occur when the quarry is operating. Similarly, no blasting has occurred with no consequential monitoring required. • LR advised that in respect of flora and fauna, advised that weed spraying has been severely hindered by wet weather. He also highlighted ongoing issues with feral animal control. • LR advised that there have been no incidents or complaints reported since the last meeting. • LR advised that significant rehabilitation had been undertaken recently in accordance with the Landscape Management Plan. On going regular inspections of the rehabilitated areas is undertaken with a good outcome from tree planting in 2019. 2020 and 2021. The Committee noted photographs of tree planting. • LR outlined the proposed works for 2023. He advised environmental monitoring (air quality, noise, and water) will continue. There will be ongoing maintenance works consistent with the Landscape Management Plan. • Potential supply of previously quarried material to certain local projects will be considered. Preparatory site and construction works will be undertaken to facilitate the quarry's return to operational status. • LR advised that several relevant actions associated with the revised consent under Modification 2 are being addressed. He noted that the road upgrade works had been completed in association with

	Liverpool Plains Shire Council. There was general concurrence within the Committee that the road works was a good outcome. PD expressed some concern regarding the notification process associated with closing the road. LR indicated that a letter-box drop was undertaken – unfortunately it may have been that some letter boxes were missed. WA sought clarification as to any future maintenance and remedial works on the haulage road. LR advised this would be the responsibility of Daracon. He further advised that drivers of haulage vehicles moving through Ardglen will be required to adhere to a 40km/hr speed limit. PD questioned who was responsible for upgrade works in High Street. LR advised these works were the responsibility of Liverpool Plains Shire Council. • LR noted several Management Plans are still subject to assessment by the DPE – in particular work is continuing on finalising the Groundwater Management Plan. He advised that it is not proposed to commence quarrying in the extension area until all conditions of consent under Modification 2 have been addressed. LR indicated that the CCC and the community will be updated on progress of quarry related activities. • NS enquired when Daracon hoped to resume quarrying operations. LR suggested that it potentially maybe in late 2023. • LR provided an overview of the 2022 Independent Environmental Audit (IEA) by James Bailey & Associates. He advised that following submission of response actions by Daracon and further input from DPE, the report was accepted by DPE. The IEA report is available on the Ardglen Quarry website at https://daracon.com.au/services/quarries • LR also informed the CCC that all relevant documents associated with the IEA and Annual Reports (excluding 2022 as it's not yet approved by DPE) were available on the website, but if anyone wanted a printed copy of the IEA, annual report or other document, then please let LR know and we'll deliver them to you.
8.0 Other Agenda Items	• Questions from PD ***1.*** What are the processes for management of the water control system and catchment? Our creek is no longer running and drying up; this has not happened before the commencement of operations. Normally after a day of rain it is flowing, however something must be catching it or blocking it. ***Response: Daracon have several water quality dams on site, but nothing that's been done on site could have changed the flow of the creek. The reduced creek flow may be caused by many other factors unrelated to the quarry operation.***

	2. Where does the run-off from the water used go to? Is it contaminated, as we have more than 20 animals that rely on that water? (Your workers are extremely on the ball though, dust for two seconds and they were already onto it, no effect to me, but awesome work). ***Response: The water from site is contained within the site water quality dams and Daracon is not aware of any contamination issues.*** ***3.*** Has the EPA provided any reports that can be presented. ***Response: The Environmental Management Plan for the site is being finalised and Daracon is required to report in response to the standards set out in this plan.*** 4. What are the latest approved hours of operation of the quarry? ***Response the following table is extracted from the consent to the modification.*** **HOURS OF OPERATION** 1. The Applicant must comply with the hours of operation in Table 1. *Table 1: Hours of Operation* ***Activity*** / ***Day*** / ***Time*** Topsoil/overburden removal/emplacement: Monday-Saturday: 7.00am to 5.00pm; Sunday: None Blasting: Monday-Friday: 10:00am to 3.00pm; Saturdays, Sundays and Public Holidays: None In-pit activities (including drilling, extraction, and transfer of material out of the pit): Monday-Saturday: 7.00am to 5:30pm; Sundays and Public Holidays: None Out-of-pit activities (including processing, and stockpiling): Monday-Saturday: 7.00am to 5:30pm; Sundays and Public Holidays: None Maintenance (if inaudible at nearby residences): Monday-Sunday: Any time Truck loading and distribution: Monday-Saturday: 6.30am to 5.30pm; Sundays and Public Holidays: None Rail loading: Monday-Sunday: 7:00am to 10:00pm *Note:* • *The Applicant may load no more than 2 trains each year outside the hours listed in Table 1 (see condition 41).* • *The Applicant may carry out blasting operations outside the hours listed in Table 1 for safety reasons provided the Applicant has notified EPA and the local community about the proposed blast.*
9.0 General Business	• PD enquired as to how residents will know when blasting will occur in the quarry. LR responded that within the consent there is a requirement for a Blast Notification List to be maintained. He indicated that he would place PD on this list and if anyone else wanted to be notified of future blasts to let GR or LR know.
10.0 Next Meeting	• Proposed for October/November 2023 – date to be confirmed

Meeting closed at 10.29 am.
MJS thanked all present for their attendance.

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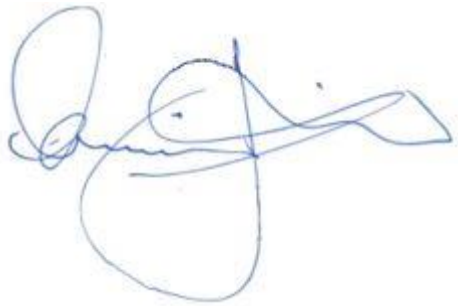

Michael J Silver OAM
Independent Chair

Date: 25 May 2023

MINUTES OF ARDGLEN QUARRY COMMUNITY CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE (CCC)

Tuesday, 1 November 2022 at Murrurundi Library, Murrurundi commencing at 9.40 am

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

Observers

John Cannon	JC	Divisional Manager, Construction Materials, Daracon Group

Apologies

Penny Dalton	PD	Community Member
Nathan Skelly	NS	Director Infrastructure & Environmental Services, Liverpool Plains Shire Council

Item	Details and Actions
1.0 Welcome and Introductions	Michael Silver welcomed all present. The extended a welcome to Christine Thompson and Megan Taylor attending their first meeting since he assumed the Chair. MJS provided a brief overview of his career and experience. In response to a question from CT, MJS advised that he has been appointed by the Department of Planning and Environment to chair one other Community Consultative Committee for Daracon, being the Martins Creek Quarry Project. However, the committee has not met since MJS's appointment given the status of the project and is unlikely to do so until there is a determination of the project application.
2.0 Acknowledgement of Country	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.
3.0 Declarations of Interest	• MJS declared that his expenses as Independent Chairperson are borne by the proponent. • MJS noted that there were no declarations of pecuniary or other conflict of interests from Community Members.

	• The Chair requested that members who haven't completed a new Declaration of Pecuniary or Other Interests Form and the Code of Conduct Declaration do so and return them to him prior to the next CCC meeting.
4.0 Correspondence	• NSW Department of Planning and Environment – advising of draft Community Consultative Committee Guidelines for review by CCC members.
5.0 Previous Meeting	• It was noted that the minutes of the meeting of 10 May 2022 were approved on 30 May 2022. • No Business Arising
6.0 Action Items	• Nil
7.0 Proponent's Report	• Luke Robinson presented the Proponent's Presentation. *(Copy attached to the Minutes)* • LR provided an historical overview of the quarry and a summary of the quarry's status. There are no operational works, with monitoring of ground water wells and environmental works associated with maintenance and monitoring the only activities. • LR spoke to the Dust Deposition Gauges table noting that the site is not operating, and it has been extremely wet of recent times. He referenced the relevant graphs to emphasise this. LR stepped the committee through the air quality monitoring results detailing the PM10 and PM2.5. He noted that the recent Modification 2 approval had lowered the annual average exceedance threshold for PM10 from 30 micrograms per cubic meter of air (µg/m³) to 25 µg/m³. • In terms of Noise Monitoring, LR explained that Modification 1 required noise monitoring reports to be provided every three months. However, Modification 2 now only requires noise monitoring to occur when the quarry is operating. Similarly, no blasting has occurred with no consequential monitoring required. • LR outlined the current activities in respect of flora and fauna, advising that weed spraying has been severely hindered by recent wet weather. He also highlighted ongoing issues with feral animal control. Delma Ross commented that feral pigs are extremely prevalent, doing significant damage. She also noted that deer are present in increased numbers. LR responded that Daracon are continuing to monitor and cull feral animals where possible. • LR advised that there have been no incidents recorded during the calendar year in respect of the quarry. He did however highlight recent incidences of trespass onsite. Additional security measures are presently being implemented. He thanked CT for recent advice on persons sited in the vicinity of

	the quarry. JC encouraged the provision of advice from residents in relation to unwanted persons or activities in the area. • The CCC noted that Daracon along with other residents in the area had received advice from Santos regarding the proposed Hunter Gas Pipeline. • LR advised that rehabilitation was progressing in accordance with the revised Landscape Management Plan. He noted that the weather over the past 12 months or so has been very supportive of tree growth. • LR outlined the proposed works for the balance of 2022. He indicated environmental monitoring (air quality, noise, and water) will continue. There will be ongoing maintenance works consistent with the Landscape Management Plan. Assessment of previously quarried material will be undertaken for the supply of selective local projects. JC advised that there is an overall shortage of available ballast, however an evaluation as to the quality and quantity at Ardglen needs to be undertaken together with the viability of preparing and transporting the material. • In terms of finalisation of the requirements of Modification 2, LR advised that there are several Management Plans that require approval, and the road upgrade works from the New England Highway require completion. In response to a question from BA, LR explained the scope of the works – he hoped construction work would commence soon. LR indicated that quarrying will not commence in the extension area until all conditions of Modification 2 have been satisfied. **ACTION*: Daracon to provide a copy of the access road widening design drawing to the CCC.*** • JC explained the recent Geological Study and the information it has provided regarding future quarrying of the site. He indicated that it suggests a slightly different approach to that detailed in Modification 2. Daracon is currently working through the information and its implications for future operations, particularly in respect of the noise profile for the site. • CT asked whether the existing crusher will be moving. JC advised all old equipment (fixed crushing plant) will be demolished. LR noted that Modification 2 provides for the operation of a mobile crusher which is currently planned to be located on a crushing pad with a noise wall and additional noise barriers installed. CT enquired whether, as previously indicated to her, there will be a need to build a noise wall if the proposed mobile crusher is to be in a new location. LR commented that this may not be necessary given the proposed new location of the crusher, as noise

	from the mobile crusher may not be a major issue, but Daracon is currently reviewing this matter and will advise further once more information is known. LR added that there will be an overall review of quarrying operations if it is decided to alter the proposed quarry staging. LR confirmed that the CCC will be informed of any start up in the future, once known. The Chair enquired what was the likelihood of quarrying activity prior to Christmas. JC responded that this would depend on the evaluation of the existing resource and completion of all condition under Modification 2. MJS suggested that should activity be limited to evaluation and assessment this should be communicated to the CCC by email. However, if operational work and material transportation are proposed, then the CCC should be convened for a formal meeting. • LR outlined the recently completed Independent Environmental Audit and response actions to DPE currently being undertaken by Daracon. Further detail is provided in the Daracon presentation.
8.0 Other Agenda Items	• Nil
9.0 General Business	• Nil
10.0 Next Meeting	• Proposed for April/May 2023 – date to be confirmed

Meeting closed at 10.50 am.
MJS thanked all present for their attendance.

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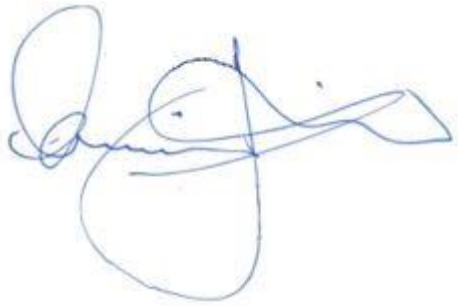

Michael J Silver OAM
Independent Chair

Date: 24 November 2022

MINUTES OF ARDGLEN QUARRY COMMUNITY CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE (CCC)

Tuesday, 10 May 2022 at Murrurundi Library, Murrurundi commencing at 9.45 am

Attendees	Initials	Position
Michael Silver OAM	MJS	Independent Chairperson
Delma Ross	DR	Community Member
William Avery	WA	Community Member
Luke Robinson	LR	Systems Manager – Construction Materials, Daracon Group
Observers		
John Cannon	JC	Divisional Manager, Construction Materials, Daracon Group
Michelle Read	RD	Crown Lands, Tamworth
Anna Cronin	AC	Crown Lands, Tamworth
Apologies		
Christine Thompson	CT	Community Member
Penny Dalton	PD	Community Member
Megan Taylor	MT	Community Member
Liverpool Plains Shire Council		

Item	Details and Actions
1.0 Welcome and Introductions	Michael Silver welcomed all present. The Chair introduced himself, advising that he had been appointed to the role from the Department of Planning and Environment's (DPE) Independent Chair Panel following Shay Riley-Lewis' resignation. MJS noted that this was the first face to face meeting of the CCC in over two years due to Covid-19. Moving forward, it is intended that all meetings will be face to face unless notified otherwise.
2.0 Acknowledgement of Country	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.
3.0 Declarations of Interest	• MJS declared that his expenses as Independent Chairperson are borne by the proponent. • The Chair requested that Community Members complete a new Declaration of Pecuniary or Other Interests Form and the Code of Conduct Declaration and return them to him prior to the next CCC meeting. • Daracon advised it is paying the costs to hire the room at Murrurundi library for this meeting
4.0 Correspondence	• Nil

5.0 Previous Meeting	• It was noted that the meeting notes of the 14 October 2021 virtual meeting had been endorsed. • No Business Arising
6.0 Action Items	• Nil
7.0 Proponent's Report	• Luke Robinson presented the Proponents summary of the Annual Report. *(Copy attached to the Minutes)* • LR provided an explanation of Modification 2 to the project and the determination by the DPE. He advised that the original consent provided for a 50% split of haulage between road and rail. The modified consent now permits 100% of output to be hauled by road. He noted that the primary considerations in the DPE's assessment of the Modification were associated with changes to traffic, noise and water aspects of the quarry operation. LR also indicated that discussions were in progress with DPE regarding the various site management plans including the site Water Management Plan, following the approval of Modification 2. • LR provided a historical overview of the quarry noting that the current consent is in place until 2038. He highlighted that the resource is most unlikely to be exhausted within that time frame and Daracon may apply for a modification to the consent seeking an extension of the operating life of the quarry as the 2038 expiration date approaches. • LR outlined the current operational status of the quarry, noting that a variety of environmental monitoring work is continuing. He advised that ground water monitoring wells are in place in the existing quarry and extension area as described in the Annual Report. • LR advised that the proposed design for upgrade works to the access road are currently being reviewed by Liverpool Plains Shire Council (LPSC). • In terms of air quality, LR indicated that dust monitoring is ongoing. He highlighted that the dust depositions had been very low, likely due to the rain in recent times. He also indicated that there had been few issues in terms of overall air quality with only a few spikes in the 2018-19 period which are attributed to the drought conditions prevailing at the time. LR noted that the conditions within the Modification 2 determination provided for tightened criteria associated with dust monitoring, particularly in respect of PM10 and PM2.5 monitoring. He advised that the PM2.5 monitoring equipment is now operational. • In respect of noise monitoring, LR explained that the criteria have changed under the Modification 2 conditions. There is now no noise monitoring

	required when the quarry is not operating, however when the quarry is operational, noise monitoring is required monthly. He explained the difference between 'attended monitoring' and 'unattended monitoring' noting that attended monitoring was more valuable in assessing and addressing noise issues. LR advised that further noise assessment work will be required when the quarry becomes operational to validate the predictions in the Modification 2 against actual site activities. • LR advised that weed control had been impacted by recent climatic conditions with weed spraying adversely impacted due to rain. He also commented that feral animals in the area, particular pigs and deer were of concern. The 'feral animal controller' is aware of this and is taking the necessary action to resolve. • LR advised that there have been no incidents or complaints registered given the quarry is presently not operational as described in the Annual Report. • LR highlighted that rehabilitation works are ongoing and noted particularly the success of tree planting works. He indicated that recent growth in grasses and vegetation due to the rain had protected seedlings with a high strike rate. • In respect of proposed works during 2022, LR noted there is still quarried material stockpiled that could be exported. Any transport of this existing stockpiled material in the immediate term would be in accordance with the conditions contained in Modification 1 until the relevant revised conditions of Modification 2 are complete and compliant. In terms of Modification 2, work is progressing on the completion of various management plans for submission to the responsible government agencies in order to facilitate the activation of the quarry operations under Modification 2.
8.0 Other Agenda Items	**Questions from Community Members and Agencies** • WA asked when will the access road upgrade works begin? LR responded that the design is currently being reviewed by LPSC for approval. When approved, the design includes installation of guard rails on the culvert adjacent to the Bates' property and along Warra Street near WA's property. • DR questioned what implications the easement for the Hunter Gas Pipeline project would have on the quarry. LR indicated he was not specifically aware of any approaches regarding the proposed gas pipeline easement. WA indicated that approaches had been received by property owners in the area regarding refinements to the proposed easement. • AC sought clarification on the status of the Water Management Plan. LR advised that the Plan was

	submitted to DPE Water last year and he is awaiting further comment and input from DPE. LR indicated he would be following up on the matter as the required works for the Modified project cannot commence until the Water Management Plan is approved. AC highlighted those discharges to Crown Reserves and Crown waterways need to be advised to Crown Lands, as there may need to be approvals obtained. LR noted the advice and explained the situation with the Doughboy Hollow Creek Rehabilitation Plan and the challenges associated with developing an agreeable and acceptable level of works. Discussion occurred on the impact of the railway culvert, DR noting the brick arch culvert has heritage significance. LR advised that back up of water at the rail culvert is not the major issue for the quarry, rather it is a matter of balancing the potential impact of rehabilitation works against doing nothing. The Doughboy Rehabilitation strategy is still under development and should be finalised shortly. • DR requested an explanation of the ground water levels and drilling on the site. LR explained that water level at bore P3 located at the top of the extension area (approximately 120m deep), is presently, generally at 100 metres below ground level although in the other bores the depth to the water table is typically less. The geological drilling works is designed to better understand the water flows and the intersection of the resource. LR advised that there is some excellent resource at the lower levels with a large larva flow evident – this resource is of high quality as it has not been substantially weathered. JC added that better understanding of the available resource will feed into the Optimisation Study for the quarry. • The Chair requested clarification on the likely future development of the quarry. JC responded that this will be dependent on markets and demand for product. He indicated the main priority currently, is to satisfy all the conditions of Modification 2 in order to allow the quarry to be operational when market demands permit.
9.0 General Business	• Nil
10.0 Next Meeting	• Proposed for Tuesday, 1 November 2022

Meeting closed at 10.50 am.
MJS thanked all present for their attendance.

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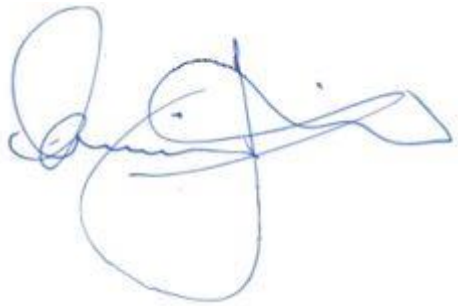

Michael J Silver OAM
Independent Chair

Date: 30 May 2022

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CC: James McDonough (Department Planning, Industry and Environment)

1. Welcome and introductions (SRL)

   Following the success of the remote meeting format, this CCC meeting is by remote format. Below is the agenda, response to raised issues and Daracon presentation.

   This will be SRL's last meeting, stepping down as Independent Chairperson of the Ardglen CCC. From 21 October 2021 until a replacement is appointed by DPIE, please direct all enquiries to Luke Robinson on 0417 481 785.

   No comments were received on the meeting agenda.

2. Confirmation of previous minutes of CCC meeting held May 2021.

   No comments were received on the meeting agenda.

3. Pecuniary interest
   - The Chair is engaged by Daracon as per the Conditions of Consent in accordance with the NSW Government "Community Consultative Committee Guideline, State Significant Projects, January 2019".
   - Dell Ross rents a Daracon owned property at a reduced market rate in return for maintaining the property.

- LPSC have previously obtained water from the quarry dam free of charge in order to effectively maintain the local unsealed road network to ensure it is safe for the travelling public.

4. Actions from previous meeting
   Nil.

5. Modification Application Update

   See Daracon presentation as **Attachment 1**.

6. Quarry status of activities and planned work

   See Daracon presentation.

7. Other Issues

   None raised to date.

8. Date of next meeting

   Date to be confirmed with site inspection to follow.

   Details will be confirmed closer to the date in response to the prevailing COVID-19 restrictions.

Attachments

1. Daracon presentation

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CC: Lauren Evans (Department Planning, Industry and Environment)

1. Welcome and introductions (SRL)

   Following the success of the remote meeting format, this CCC meeting is by remote format. Below is the agenda, response to raised issues and Daracon presentation.

   No comments were received on the meeting agenda.

2. Confirmation of previous minutes of CCC meeting held November 2020.

   No comments were received on the previous notes. These will be uploaded. (**Attachment 1**).

3. Pecuniary interest
   - The Chair is engaged by Daracon as per the Conditions of Consent in accordance with the NSW Government "Community Consultative Committee Guideline, State Significant Projects, January 2019".
   - Dell Ross rents a Daracon owned property at a reduced market rate in return for maintaining the property.
   - LPSC have previously obtained water from the quarry dam free of charge in order to effectively maintain the local unsealed road network to ensure it is safe for the travelling public.

4. Actions from previous meeting
   i. SRL to liaise with NSW Water to attempt to obtain further information regarding the dam's relation to the groundwater.

   SRL has contacted the Natural Resource Access Regulator (NRAR) to obtain further information on the investigations carried out on the dam and any other information available on the groundwater relationship. No further information has been provided at this time. Information will be provided once received.

   An email response was received from the NRAR that they will not be investigating further **Attachment 3.**

5. Modification Application Update

   See Daracon presentation as **Attachment 2**.

6. Quarry status of activities and planned work

   See Daracon presentation.

7. Other Issues

   None raised to date.

8. Date of next meeting

   Let's pencil in **9am Thursday 28th October 2021**, with site inspection to follow.

   Details will be confirmed closer to the date in response to the prevailing COVID-19 restrictions.

Attachments

1. Meeting Notes CCC November 2020
2. Daracon presentation
3. Email from NRAR

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1. Welcome and introductions (SRL)

   Thankyou everyone for your patience. Appreciate the COVID-19 pandemic makes the CCC meetings more difficult, so thankyou for your participation.

   We welcome our newest community representative, Penny Dalton. Penny has recently moved to Ardglen and is also on the Ardglen Commons Committee. Penny responded to the advertisement calling for nominations and her application was accepted by the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment. We look forward to meeting in person when restrictions allow.

   Below are responses to raised issues and Daracon presentation. There were no outstanding actions from the previous meeting.

   Additional comments and responses added to the issued Agenda are below in red.

2. Confirmation of previous minutes of COVID meeting held June 2020.

   Please advise if any comments on the previous notes (**Attachment 1**).

3. Pecuniary interest

- The Chair is engaged by Daracon as per the Conditions of Consent in accordance with the NSW Government "Community Consultative Committee Guideline, State Significant Projects, January 2019".
- Dell Ross rents a Daracon owned property at a reduced market rate in return for maintaining the property.
- LPSC have previously obtained water from the quarry dam free of charge in order to effectively maintain the local unsealed road network to ensure it is safe for the travelling public.

CT re-iterated the importance of CCC members raising all pecuniary interests.

4. Modification Application Update

See Daracon presentation as **Attachment 2**.

5. Quarry status of activities and planned work

See Daracon presentation.

6. Other Issues

i. CT has requested an independent hydrologist's report of Ardglen quarry and surrounds.

As per the previous minutes of June 2020, DPIE advised they do not have any authority to force Daracon to investigate groundwater since it is not a condition of their consent. DPIE suggest contacting the Natural Resource Access Regulator who manage water licensing and use on 1800 633 362 or email nrar.enquiries@nrar.nsw.gov.au. A LPSC engineer had inspected the dam and advised the dam was not related to the groundwater. Noting that all surrounding bores are much lower than the dam. Unfortunately the LPSC representative associated with this matter is no longer employed by LPSC.

Daracon advise:
"The supply of small quantities of site water to LPSC for the purpose of road grading during the severe drought conditions has ceased. Daracon also notes they have a number of current and approved Water Access Licences (WAL's) to obtain water for site, but due to the current non-operational status, Daracon are not drawing water from these at the moment. Daracon sees no specific reason to alter this current arrangement."

Both CT and MT affirmed they are interested in obtaining further confirmation regarding the dam's relation with groundwater.

ACTION: SRL to liaise with NSW Water to attempt to obtain further information regarding the dam's relation to the groundwater.

ii. PD has queried the water flows of Doughboy Creek, wondering if the quarry was able to release more water to the creek and what water quality controls are in place for the discharges.

The quarry does not have control of the water flow of Doughboy Creek, but it does have a Water Access Licence (WAL) that allows them to extract a certain amount from the creek. Daracon advise that they have not been extracting any water as its not required for current operations.

The quarry currently has an application lodged with the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment (DPIE) to modify their development consent to enable the treatment and discharge of used quarry water to the creek. This would add to water flows if approved. This application (which includes some other changes to the approvals) is still under consideration by DPIE.

Daracon advise:
"That if the MOD #2 application was approved and the alterations to the current water management systems were undertaken, then Daracon would also need to apply for a variation to the EPA Environmental Protection Licence (EPL) which would then provide further direction regarding the expected discharge water quality parameters. Daracon would then be required to treat and test the water to ensure it meets the revised EPL criteria before discharging could commence."

7. Date of next meeting

Let's pencil in **9am Thursday 29th April 2021**, with site inspection to follow if possible.

Details will be confirmed closer to the date in response to the prevailing COVID-19 restrictions.

Attachments

1. Meeting Notes COVID June 2020
2. Daracon presentation

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Geoff Phillips (Crown Lands Department)

CC: Lauren Evans (Department Planning, Industry and Environment)
Penny Dalton (Community Representative nominee)

1. Welcome and introductions (SRL)

   Thankyou everyone for your patience. During this COVID-19 pandemic it has made it difficult to have our scheduled CCC meetings. After discussions with our community representatives we've decided to use a remote meeting method.

   The presentation and meeting material was emailed and uploaded to dropbox on 29th June 2020. Hard copies were delivered to BA and CT on 2nd July 2020. SRL followed up with each CCC member to obtain feedback. Comments were provided to SRL via email and telephone.

   Below is the agenda, response to actions and Daracon presentation.

   Comments received from CCC members have been inserted into the Agenda in red. Draft responses are provided.

2. Confirmation of previous minutes of meeting held 26th November 2019.

   Please advise if any comments on the previous notes (**Attachment 1**).

No comments were received.

3. Pecuniary interest

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- LPSC have previously obtained water from the quarry dam free of charge in order to effectively maintain the local unsealed road network to ensure it is safe for the travelling public.

CT advised:

"When CT queried the free provision of Murrurundi Library for meetings, SRL stated that the library is part of the Upper Hunter Shire Council which is not the governing council of the quarry, but on unmarked page within Attachment 3 it is recorded: "The transport of material to the Scone Bypass Project (SBP) continued intermittently during 2019 . . . " and later in the document entitled "Proposed works for 2020" "Continued supply of material to Scone bypass".

As Daracon operates both the quarry and the SBP, and the SBP being located within the Upper Hunter Shire Council therefore not paying, and what is more never having previously paid for the use of council assets, represents another pecuniary interest and should be listed as such".

SRL response:

The SBP is a State and Federally funded project approved by Transport for NSW. Upper Hunter Shire Council (UHSC) has no role in approval or construction of the SBP. The Ardglen Quarry contract of supply for the SBP is governed by the State government procurement protocols, with no involvement of UHSC.

The UHSC has no role in the Ardglen Quarry CCC and as such their relationship with quarry is not relevant to the CCC. Free use of the space does not constitute a pecuniary use per the NSW Government *Community Consultative Committee Guidelines – State Significant Projects* (January 2019) being:

> *"intended or likely to influence – or that could be reasonably perceived by an impartial observer as intended to likely to influence – the member to:*
> - *act in a particular way (including making a particular decision)*
> - *fail to act in a particular circumstance*
> - *otherwise deviate from the proper exercise of their duty as a member"*

4. Issues raised from previous minutes and responses provided below:

i. AE to advise if any discount is provided to Council for purchase of gravel from Daracon.

DA advised:

"I have checked Council's AP system and spoken with Paul Isaac who has confirmed that Council does not purchase gravel from Daracon's Ardglen Quarry".

LR advised:

LPSC has not obtained gravel materials from the quarry for many years.

ii. AE to advise if LPSC pay for the water.

DA advised:

"Paul also confirmed that during the drought when grading works were being undertaken in the area around the quarry and all other water supplies had been exhausted that water would be taken from Daracon's pit. This water is not charged for by Daracon".

iii. DS to investigate if Daracon are able to remove the rubbish that may belong to State Rail. If it can be removed, Daracon will remove it promptly.

Daracon advised:

"We understand that ARTC removed the material in question sometime following the meeting in November 2019".

iv. DS to investigate Lot 11 and tidy up if required.

Daracon advised:

"We understand that ARTC removed the material in question sometime following the meeting in November 2019".

CT advised:

"This is inaccurate as Lot 11 is CT's responsibility, a fact she is well aware. However, the enquiry related to debris remaining outside Lot 11 after Daracon/ARTC work undertaken. It is difficult to ascertain if the clean-up has occurred as LPSC has allowed the grass to grow so long it is impossible to see".

v. SRL to resend the link to the drop box and post a hard copy of Annual Report and Daracon slide presentation to CT.

Completed.

vi. Daracon to discuss noise mitigation associated with the proposed modification with BA.

Completed. BA agreed to screen planting at the rear of his property in addition to the operational noise mitigation measures included in the modification application.

vii. LE to advise the process for independent review of complaints

Ann Hagerthy of the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment's (DPIE's) Compliance branch advised that the project approval does not have a mechanism for an independent review process related to groundwater and surface water use, or an independent review of complaints.

If the community has a concern regarding compliance with the project approval, they are encouraged to contact DPIE and make a complaint on 1300 305 695 or https://www.planningportal.nsw.gov.au/major-projects/services/complaint-form.

However, the Natural Resource Access Regulator (NRAR) is the lead regulator in relation to water licensing, water use and other water related compliance matters and can be contacted on 1800 633 362 or via email nrar.enquiries@nrar.nsw.gov.au.

viii. SRL to liaise with LE on the appropriate independent hydrological assessment process.

SRL and LE agreed to initially request WF of LPSC formalise his inspection advice with technical justification as to the disconnection of the dam from groundwater sources.

DA provides the following advice:

" Council is unable to provide further information and definitive advice surrounding potential interactivity with groundwater and quarry void water as we do not possess the relevant technical skills in this area.

Unfortunately, Mr Faulkner is no longer employed by Council and as such we are unable to obtain further information in relation to his previous assessment and corresponding advice.

Our Engineering Services Division has, however, confirmed that our road crews intermittently accessed the supply during the drought for the purposes of dust suppression and whilst the quarry was not operational. Water was provided at no charge to Council".

ix. AE to raise a customer request to have the road graded and maintained.

Completed.

x. SRL to post a hard copy of the May 2019 Daracon slide presentation to CT.

Completed.

xi. DS to update the slides and have the noise monitoring report amended to report the monitoring times in AM instead if PM.

Completed and updated report uploaded to drop box.

CT advised:

"Noise monitoring was to be amended to report monitoring times in the morning yet CT recently encountered staff from Spectrum Acoustics monitoring during the early afternoon, when the quarry was not operating and in an area along Swinging Ridges Road that would likely not be impacted by noise if the quarry was operational".

SRL response:

Amendments to the noise monitoring report were to clarify ambiguity in the recording times for the reported data sets. Afternoon noise monitoring is still required under the endorsed 'Noise Monitoring Program' per the conditions of approval. Noise monitoring is required under the current consent and needs to occur quarterly regardless of the operational status of the quarry. The noise monitoring locations are also detailed in the consent.

xii. SRL to post a hard copy of Daracon slide presentation to CT.

Completed.

xiii. SRL to contact the CCC members prior to the advertisement being released

Not completed. The advertisement was originally to include the names of existing community representatives however this did not follow the DPIE template format and was therefore excluded. The advertisement provided as **Attachment 2** was published in the Hunter Valley News (8, 29 April and 6 May 2020) and Northern Daily Leader (4, 13 and 22 April 2020).

CT advised:

"Why was advertising not placed with the nearest publication, the Quirindi Advocate, instead of the Hunter Valley News and the Northern Daily Leader, neither of which due to the distance of their prime audience was likely to attract a readership interested in Ardglen".

SRL response:

The advertisement distribution was based on advice obtained from the local newspaper distributors Fairfax media in 2016 when I arranged the previous CCC member nomination advertisement.

xiv. Next meeting to include a site inspection.

Due to COVID-19 the site inspection has been postponed. A site inspection will be scheduled at the earliest convenience in conjunction with the next CCC meeting if possible in accordance with social distancing rules.

5. Modification Application Update

See Daracon presentation.

6. Quarry status of activities and planned work

See Daracon presentation as **Attachment 3**.

7. New CCC members

Following advertising in April 2020 for new community representatives, one application was received from a local Ardglen resident.

SRL response:

Additional information was provided by the applicant and has been provided to DPIE. DPIE have completed their assessment and are awaiting final director endorsement.

8. Annual Report

As a part of the quarry conditions of consent, the Independent Facilitator of the CCC is required to submit to DPIE an Annual Report outlining the activities of the CCC in accordance with the DPIE template.

In previous years when the quarry was not operational, DPIE advised an Annual Report was not required.

A copy of the Annual Report 2019 is provided as **Attachment 4**.

9. Other Issues

CT advised:

"In the of spirit of transparency and in the public interest, CT would like it recorded that subsequent to the last physical meeting of 2019, Daracon submitted an offer for the purchase of her property at Ardglen, which CT declined.

This should be put on the public record as a number of residents have expressed their concern about the number of properties being acquired by Daracon".

10. Date of next meeting

Let's pencil in **9am Tuesday 27th October 2020**, with site inspection to follow.

Details will be confirmed closer to the date in response to the prevailing COVID-19 restrictions.

Attachments

1. Meeting Notes 26 November 2019
2. Newspaper Advertisement
3. Daracon presentation
4. Annual Report

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Ardglen Quarry Community Consultative Committee
Meeting Notes

Murrurundi Library, 9am Tuesday 26th November 2019

Attendees:
Shay Riley-Lewis (Independent Chairperson)
Dan Smith (Daracon)
John Cannon (Daracon)
David Mingay (Daracon)
Dell Ross (Community Representative)
Megan Taylor (Community Representative)
Bill Avery (Community Representative)
Christine Thompson (Community Representative)
Alice Elsley (Liverpool Plains Shire Council)
Michelle Reed (Crown Lands Department)
Jeff Phillips (Crown Lands Department)

Observers:
Lauren Evans (Department Planning, Industry and Environment)
Genevieve Lucas (Department Planning, Industry and Environment)
David Bates (Community member)

1. Welcome and introductions

2. Apologies

Apologies were received from Luke Robinson of Daracon.

3. Confirmation of previous minutes of meeting held 7th May 2019

Minutes were confirmed. CT noted the summary did not accurately reflect the conversation but no edits were provided since the issue is to be discussed later in this agenda.

4. Pecuniary Interest

- The Chair is engaged by Daracon as per the Conditions of Consent in accordance with the NSW Government "Community Consultative Committee Guideline, State Significant Projects, January 2019".
- Dell Ross rents a Daracon owned property at a reduced market rate in return for maintaining the property.
- CT queried whether Liverpool Plains Shire Council (LPSC) receive a discount rate for gravel purchased from the quarry.

ACTION: AE to advise if any discount is provided to Council.

- CT queried if LPSC use of Daracon quarry dam water is a pecuniary interest.

ACTION: AE to advise if LPSC pay for the water.

- CT queried whether provision of the Murrurundi Library free of charge amounted to a pecuniary interest. The quarry is a private commercial entity and should be paying rental for the venue if others are required. SRL noted that the library is part of the Upper Hunter Shire Council which is not the governing council of the quarry.

ACTION: SRL to enquire as to the rate for hire for all other community and commercial entities

SRL discussed the rental hire arrangements and was advised that all public and private entities are available to hire what was the library room free of charge. However, since the internal layout alterations, the room used for the Ardglen CCC meeting on 26/11/19 was the 'office meeting room' which attracts a hire fee of $17.50/hr. This fee will be charged to SRL and passed into Daracon.

5. Issues raised from previous minutes

a) John Cannon to follow up drivers and reprimand

COMPLETE.
JC advised the identified drivers were spoken to and all drivers were toolboxed again about arrival times and driving speed.

MT: Drivers have been seen driving through the village to site at 6:25am.

DS: Acknowledged the complaint received via DPIE. Trucks GPS were reviewed and there was no breach identified. Daracon have however implemented a new procedure requiring trucks to wait until the weighbridge operator calls through at 6:30am confirming approval to proceed to site.

b) Donna Ausling (LPSC) to arrange Steve Ryder (LPSC) to contact Luke Robinson (Daracon) directly regarding the complaints received

COMPLETE.

c) Luke Robinson to action clean up of Daracon property

DS: Daracon have undertaken weed spraying and tidying up of the sites.

CT: It is great Lot 10 was also slashed. However Lot 11 remains overgrown and there are still sleepers on the corner of the level crossing on the corner of Lot 11.

MT: Why has it taken a year to tidy up?

ACTION: DS to investigate if Daracon are able to remove the rubbish that may belong to State Rail. If it can be removed, Daracon will remove it promptly.

ACTION: DS to investigate Lot 11 and tidy up if required.

d) Luke Robinson to upload Annual Report to dropbox.

COMPLETE.

ACTION: SRL to resend the link to the drop box and post a hard copy of Annual Report and Daracon slide presentation to CT.

SRL noted any questions regarding the annual report to contact SRL and answers will be sourced and communicated.

e) Daracon to advise residents before any feral controls are implemented

ONGOING.

JC: Shooter sends text message to properties he will be accessing. There has been shooting feral deer, foxes and pigs and trapping goats. DR confirmed messages are received before access.

f) Luke Robinson to discuss noise mitigation options with Bill Avery

Not complete.

ACTION: Daracon to discuss noise mitigation associated with the proposed modification with BA.

SRL explained the noise modelling for the modification identified potential exceedances in worse case conditions at CT and BA properties. The Environment Protection Authority (EPA) require Daracon discuss mitigation measures with the affected property owners.

CT: Not willing to accept any increase in noise at her property.

JC: Modelling predicted 1-2dBA exceedance of the current allowable noise level during a temporary portion of the construction phase in worse case conditions.

DS: Current approval is 44dBA, modelled predictions at CT and BA properties is 47dBA. Six scenarios were modelled to account for the range of works proposed that includes demolition of existing equipment, earthworks, stabilization of rail corridor and construction of a noise wall.

CT: Current consent requires consideration of property acquisition. Will not accept any increase in noise.

SRL: Yes acquisition and other noise mitigation measures such as window treatments, tree planting, temporary noise walls etc are the range of options that Daracon wish to discuss with CT and BA to ensure noise levels at the properties remain below the approved 44dBA during the proposed works.

JC: Daracon are not requesting a change to the approved noise criteria. The predictions are modelled on worse case environmental conditions that may never eventuate. If no agreement is made as to noise mitigation measures, the proposal may be able to proceed with a requirement for real-time monitoring where work must cease if noise levels are exceeded.

g) Luke Robinson to investigate source of water and advise if there is potential for groundwater impacts on bore water availability

JC: Warren Faulkner of LPSC inspected the dam and advised the dam was not related to the groundwater. Noting that all surrounding bores are much lower than the dam.

DB (observer) was permitted to speak: LPSC tankers of water have been observed being taken from the Daracon dam. How is this affecting the groundwater for everyone else. Why should Council get the water when no-one else can?

CT: Council benefits from taking that water. An independent assessment of the dam source should be undertaken.

LE: A complaint about the water use has been received by DPIE and is being investigated.

ACTION: LE to advise the process for independent review of complaints

ACTION: SRL to liaise with LE on the appropriate independent hydrological assessment process.

SRL and LE agreed to initially request WF of LPSC formalise his inspection advice with technical justification as to the disconnection of the dam from groundwater sources.

h) Donna Ausling to confirm who is responsible for maintenance of the gravel section

AE: High Street east of the culvert is managed by LPSC. Crown lands have confirmed these sections of roads have been handed over to Council

CT: Have complained to Alan Hyder at LPSC about the poor condition of that section of road. Now it's confirmed LPSC are responsible, will be able to pursue further.

ACTION: AE to raise a customer request to have the road graded and maintained. NB. This would add the job to the roster and would be attended to when the location is scheduled.

6. Section 75W modification – Proposed consent modification #2

CT: Planting of tree has not been undertaken as per the conditions of consent. Not happy for a modification to the existing approval if the existing conditions are not being implemented.

SRL: As part of the modification application, Daracon have updated their Landscape Management Plan. At the previous meeting, LR provided a slide listing the non-compliances the DPIE identified with the existing consent and the status of how these were being actioned.

ACTION: SRL to post a hard copy of the May 2019 Daracon slide presentation to CT.

Refer Daracon presentation slides.

CT: Will earthworks to the rail siding make it operational again?

DS: Yes the hope is that ARTC will enable opening of the rail siding again.

7. Planned activities

Daracon presentation of monitoring results.

<u>Dust</u>

CT: How can there be such good air result when there's been such bad air pollution?

BA: The quarry's not working at the moment so there's virtually no dust. No excavation of crushing, just loading trucks with material previously excavated.

There'll probably be another exceedance in the results with the recent dust storms.

CT: There's been dust all through the house so surely it will show up in the monitoring results.

DS: The Annual Report will include results of the calendar year and will be presented at the April 2020 meeting.

<u>Noise</u>

DS: Noise monitoring is undertaken by an independent consultant on a random basis as required by the conditions of consent.

SRL: Clarified this noise monitoring if different from the noise mitigation discussed previously. The noise monitoring is in relation to the current consent conditions.

ACTION: DS to update the slides and have the noise monitoring report amended to report the monitoring times in AM instead if PM.

ACTION: SRL to post a hard copy of Daracon slide presentation to CT.

Landscaping

DS: Landscape planting (250 plants including 4 species of Eucalypts and 10 types of shrubs) was undertaken in September 2019. The Landscape Management Plan has been updated.

CT: How many plants are still alive/ It's been hard keeping planting alive during this drought.

DS: Plantings are watered weekly and some have still died.

Community Engagement

DS: In response to complaints received, Daracon have committed to re-advertise for community representatives to join the CCC.

LE: Existing CCC members are automatically retained and do not need to reapply.

ACTION: SRL to contact the CCC members prior to the advertisement being released. Noting that a notice may include the list of current members if agreeable.

8. Questions/Issues

CT: Site inspection requested.

ACTION: Next meeting to include a site inspection.

9. Date of next meeting

Next meeting is scheduled for 9:00am Tuesday 28th April 2020, followed by a site inspection.

Meeting Closed at 10:30am.

Attachments:

1. Daracon presentation

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Meeting Notes

Murrurundi Library, 3-5pm Tuesday 7th May 2019

Attendees:
Shay Riley-Lewis (Independent Chairperson)

Luke Robinson (Daracon)

John Cannon (Daracon)

Dell Ross (Community Representative)

Megan Taylor (Community Representative)

Bill Avery (Community Representative)

Donna Ausling (Liverpool Plains Shire Council)

1. Welcome and introductions

2. Apologies

Apologies were received from Christine Thomson (Community Representative), and Anna Cronin (Crown Lands).

3. Confirmation of previous minutes of meeting held 16th October 2018

Request from MT that the minutes reflect that only CCC members can vote on the facilitator role and not the broader public. Minutes were otherwise confirmed.

4. Issues raised from previous minutes

- MT to advise registration/identification of speeding drivers when spotted.

  MT reported the following white trucks repeatedly speeding to/from the quarry: YN16KN and BT52YU. Caltex trucks also speed in and out. Other trucks are fine.

ACTION: JC to follow up drivers and reprimand.

- Daracon advise CCC before any blasting or crushing to occur.

  No crushing or blasting is planned at this stage and Daracon will notify the CCC before these are likely to occur.

- LR to arrange tidy up of vacant Daracon properties.

  Tidy up of Daracon properties commenced last week with general tidy up and vegetation management. Rubbish and dumped car remain and are to be removed in due course.

DA: Council has received complaints about the rubbish. Council's Compliance Officer (Steve Ryder) has been in contact with Daracon management.

ACTION: DA to arrange SR to contact LR directly regarding the complaints received.

ACTION: LR to action clean up.

5. Planned activities

Refer Daracon presentation slides.

ACTION: LR to upload Annual Report to dropbox.

Dust

- One exceedance recorded in August 2018 (dust deposition gauge (DDG), total suspended particulates and PM10), related to the severe dust storms.
- The majority of in the DDG was organic matter.
- EPA criteria is an annual average. Therefore one spike does not exceed the site approved criteria.
- Two non-compliances were reported in December 2018 where the High Volume Air Sampler (HVAS) did not run for the required 24hours due to power outages.
- All non-compliances and incidents were reported to the DPE in accordance with the consent.
- Additionally, all relevant monitoring data is reported to the Environment Protection Authority (EPA) in the Annual Return documentation.

Environmental Audit

Audit of compliance with conditions of consent identified the following key issues (refer to the table in slides for complete audit list of actions):

1. Increase noise monitoring to quarterly
2. Rehabilitation to commence shortly. Landscape and Rehabilitation Plan being updated to be submitted to DPE in May 2019.
3. Biodiversity offsets committed for the extension area approvals are undergoing formal protection process. Daracon land is undergoing BAM certification (or similar subject to further advice from the Biodiversity Conservation Trust (BCT)) to ensure ongoing protection as required by the legislation.
4. Road safety audit action recommendations have commenced.
5. JC has investigated wild goat control.

ACTION: LR or JC to advise residents before any feral controls are implemented.

Q (DR): Will actions address wild deers too? Presence of deers has attracted unwanted poachers onto private properties recently.

JC: A licenced hunter has approached Daracon to assist with this process.

Q (BA): It would be good if they could reduce the noise of the airbag trucks but know it's unlikely.

LR: We will speak with the drivers but we agree with BA that it's unlikely that we'll be able to reduce noise of airbag trucks (when empty) unfortunately.

Scone Bypass

Carting to continue for another few months.

DA: Human shaped signs are being used throughout the construction site to reduced change of barricades being run over. Hands up indicates powerlines overhead, hands down indicates a hole.

6. Section 75W modification – Proposed consent modification #2

As advised by the DPE, this is now being processed via the state significant development, section 4.55(2) pathway.

Modification includes increasing road haulage to 100%.

Noise bunds have been included to address EPA concern regarding compliance. Noise mitigation measures comprise:

- crusher pad height reduced
- 7m high, 14m long barrier at jaw crusher
- 4m high barrier at the northern ridge of the site
- 5m high noise bund at pad embankment

The modification has been updated in consultation with EPA, LPSC and Crown Lands. It is not clear if DPE plan to re-exhibit the updated modification.

DA: It would be confusing to the community if it were re-exhibited. The community won't realise it's only a function of the legislation and not a demonstrable change from the proposal that was already exhibited.

DA: What happens to the fixed plant?

LR: fixed plant will be demolished and disposed of appropriately

LR met with Anna Cronin (Crown Lands) onsite who confirmed there is no Travelling Stock Reserve (TSR) within the quarry land or access road. Anna offered to address any further community inquiries regarding TSR directly.

LR has discussed the potential increase in truck movements with the local bus company 'Howards' who did not express any specific concerns.

Pedestrian and stock access over the rail bridge to be incorporated into the management plan. If stock are to be moved, Daracon are happy to manage truck movements while stock cross the road in consultation with the relevant community members.

Rail transport may still be used in the future.

DR: How many years until the proposed modifications are implemented?

LR: We do not specifically know the exact timeframes with the modification process but expect it to be approximately six months for DPE approval of the modification and then approximately six months for construction. However Daracon are unlikely to start construction until there is a market need due the high cost of equipment (eg the crusher alone is around $850K).

Noise

Construction noise is predicted to exceed criteria by 2-3dBA at Christine Thomson's and Bill Avery's properties. EPA require Daracon to contact affected property owners to discuss potential mitigation options.

Mitigation measures include arranging noisy work to periods when affected residents are not home, house treatments, noise screens, temporary relocations etc. Potential noise mitigation measures will be included on the management plan and refined post-approval.

ACTION: SRL to contact CT to invite a discussion with LR regarding noise mitigation options.

[Note: Action completed – SRL contacted CT on 9.5.19 to discuss the predicted noise impacts and inquire if LR could contact her to discuss suitable noise mitigation measures for construction. CT declined the offer to discuss options with LR and will not accept any exceedance of EPA criteria]

ACTION: LR to discuss noise mitigation options with BA.

7. Questions/Issues

Operating Hours [Issue raised prior to meeting]

CT contacted SRL on 18th April 2019 at 6:30am concerned that trucks were entering and leaving the site outside the approved hours. SRL contacted LR who referenced the conditions of consent that certain activities (including truck access/egress to site) are permitted from 6:30am. This information was promptly conveyed to CT who was satisfied.

MT: Council water cart is on the access road regularly. Where is the water coming from? Does it affect the availability of local bore water?

LR: To assist LPSC with their ongoing unsealed road maintenance, Daracon intermittently permit the LPSC watercart access to site to obtain small amounts of water from the pit sump.

ACTION: LR to investigate source of water and advise if there is potential for groundwater impacts on bore water availability.

MT: The Quirindi Advocate 27/3/19 article that High Street is being divested by Council. All of High Street from the causeway to east needs maintenance.

DA: A report presented to Council describes the context of this divestment.

ACTION: DA to provide a copy of the Council report to the CCC.

[Note: Action complete. Council report provided as Attachment 4]

ACTION: DA to confirm who is responsible for maintenance of the gravel section.

BA: Car with trailer arrived at the quarry Monday night. Who is available after hours for any security concerns?

JC: If you are worried for your safety then call LR, SRL or 'Snow' (Scott Brown). However the quarry is insured so don't risk yourself.

DR: The quarry has security signs and cameras to deter trespassers.

8. Pecuniary interests

- SRL is no longer working on the Scone Bypass project. A conflict of interest concern was raised by a community member to the DPE. SRL responded to the DPE (refer Attachment 2) outlining the roles on both the Scone Bypass and Ardglen CCC have no influence on decision making and present no conflict of interest. This has been accepted by DPE.

  A letter (refer Attachment 3) was also sent to the Ardglen residents outlining the role of the Ardglen CCC and the facilitator and encouraging residents to contact SRL with any queries. No feedback has been received.

- Dell Ross leases Daracon owned property in Ardglen. DPE have been advised and are satisfied with Dell's role on the CCC.

9. Date of next meeting

Next meeting is scheduled for 9:00am Tuesday 26th November 2019.

Meeting Closed at 4:40pm.

Attachments:

1. Daracon presentation
2. Conflict of Interest response to DPE (dated 27th November 2018)
3. Letter to Ardglen residents (dated 4th February 2019)
4. Council Report regarding High Street divestment

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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.

DRAFT

- SRL to advice 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

DRAFT

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?

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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

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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 Ardglen 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 advice 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

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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

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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 Ardglen Quarry.

7. Questions

Christine Thomson provided the Chair will 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 vis 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

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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

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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