

## Meeting Notes Ardglen Quarry Community Consultative Committee

Distributed May 2021

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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

## Meeting Notes Ardglen Quarry Community Consultative Committee

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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](mailto: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 29<sup>th</sup> 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

## Meeting Notes

### Ardglen Quarry Community Consultative Committee

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Michelle Reed (Crown Lands Department)  
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 29<sup>th</sup> June 2020. Hard copies were delivered to BA and CT on 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 26<sup>th</sup> November 2019.

Please advise if any comments on the previous notes ([Attachment 1](#)).

No comments were received.

3. Pecuniary interest

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- 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 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 Ardglan 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](mailto: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 of 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 Ardglan, 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 27<sup>th</sup> 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

## **Ardglen Quarry Community Consultative Committee Meeting Notes**

Murrurundi Library, 9am Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> 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 7<sup>th</sup> 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 Ardglan 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.

### Dust

*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.

### Noise

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 is 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 of 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 28<sup>th</sup> April 2020, followed by a site inspection.

Meeting Closed at 10:30am.

### **Attachments:**

1. Daracon presentation



## **Ardglen Quarry Community Consultative Committee Meeting Notes**

Murrurundi Library, 3-5pm Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> 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 16<sup>th</sup> 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 18<sup>th</sup> 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 26<sup>th</sup> November 2019.

Meeting Closed at 4:40pm.

### **Attachments:**

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



## **Ardglen Quarry Community Consultative Committee Meeting Notes**

Murrurundi Library, 10:30am Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> October 2018

### **Attendees:**

Shay Riley-Lewis (Independent Chairperson)

Luke Robinson (Daracon)

Dell Ross (Community Representative)

Megan Taylor (Community Representative)

Bill Avery (Community Representative)

### **1. Welcome and introductions**

### **2. Apologies**

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

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

Minutes were confirmed.

### **4. Issues raised from previous minutes**

- LR to email electronic version of photos to CT

Completed and uploaded to drop box.

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

Completed.

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

Completed and uploaded to dropbox.

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

Completed.



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

Completed.

## 5. Planned activities

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

## 6. Section 75W modification

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

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

### Traffic

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

### Noise

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

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

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

*BA: Never notice the train noise.*

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

### Water

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



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

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

## **7. Questions**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

LR: results good – all within criteria.

*Q (BA): Marsupial boxes still there?*

LR: Still there and checked regularly by consultant.

*Q (BA): When will blasting start?*



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

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

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

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

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

#### **8. Date of next meeting**

Next meeting is scheduled for 10:30am Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> April 2019.

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

Meeting Closed at 12:00pm.

#### **Attachments:**

Daracon presentation



## **Ardglen Quarry Community Consultative Committee Meeting Notes**

Murrurundi Library, 12:30pm Friday 20<sup>th</sup> 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 Ardglan Quarry, further consideration of Chair's suitability was sought from the CCC.



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

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

**9. Date of next meeting**

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

Meeting Closed at 1:20pm.

**Attachments:**

Daracon presentation

Christine Thomson Crown land lease area



## **Ardglen Quarry Community Consultative Committee Meeting Notes**

Murrurundi Library, 10am Monday 9<sup>th</sup> 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 placed on top of the quarry and moved throughout the quarry.

- *CT: The quarry should not be storing any materials within the Travelling Stock Route (TSR) located within the quarry.*

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

## **7. Date of next meeting**

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



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

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

## **8. Pecuniary Interests**

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

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

## **9. Scone Bypass**

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

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

Meeting Closed at 11:00am.

### **Attachments:**

Daracon presentation



## **Ardglen Quarry Community Consultative Committee Meeting Notes**

Murrurundi Library, 11am Monday 11<sup>th</sup> 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 with the following questions to raise in her absence:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

## **8. Date of next meeting**

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

Next meeting 10:30am Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2018 at Murrurundi Library.

Meeting Closed at 11:55am.

### **Attachments:**

Daracon presentation



**Ardglen Quarry Community Consultative Committee  
Meeting Notes**

Murrurundi Library, 10:30am on 23<sup>rd</sup> 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 4<sup>th</sup> April 2017 at Murrurundi Library.

Meeting Closed at 11:30am.

### **Attachments:**

Daracon presentation





## **Ardglen Quarry Community Consultative Committee Meeting Notes**

Held at Murrurundi Library, 2:00 – 3:30pm on 17<sup>th</sup> 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