



## MINUTES

### BUTTAI QUARRY COMMUNITY CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE

9am to 11.45am, Friday 15 November 2024

Kurri Kurri Community Centre, 251 Lang Road, Kurri Kurri, followed by a site inspection at Buttai Quarry

## ATTENDEES

Janet Murray	Community Representative
Terry Lewin	Community Representative
Colin East	Community Representative
Cr Mitchell Hill	Cessnock City Councillor
Cr Chris Madden	Cessnock City Councillor (alternate)
Sarah Hyatt	Cessnock City Council
Luke Robinson	Daracon
John Cannon	Daracon
Kate Baartz	Independent Facilitator (Baartz & Co)
Guest	Julia Ryl, Cessnock City Council

## APOLOGIES

Nil

## AGENDA ITEMS

### Welcome, acknowledgement and apologies

Minutes from February 2024 meeting were noted with no changes. Actions arising from previous minutes were reviewed. All agendas and minutes are available in the [meeting share file](#)

### Actions arising

Action	Responsibility	Status
Remind drivers about using facilities on site	LR	Complete
Provide a copy of the photo of the dust prior to the storm on 14 February 2024.	JM	Complete
Discuss dust issue raised by JM with team on site and determine if additional measures are needed in the future	LR	Complete
Advise trucks drivers to be aware of early morning cyclists along Old Buttai Road	LR	Complete

### Daracon presentation

LR provided an update on the operations of the quarry, a copy of the presentation is available in the [meeting share file](#) and it is summarised below.



## Current operations

- Quarrying continuing in Lot 76
- Crushing and stockpiling of quarried materials continuing
- The quarry continues to provide various essential construction materials for the local construction industry and government sectors, key projects include
  - John Holland M1 to Raymond Terrace (M12RT)
  - Seymour Whyte M1 to Raymond Terrace (M12RT)
  - Hexham Straights Widening Alliance (HWA)
  - Fulton Hogan Jesmond to Rankin Park (J2RP)
  - NCC Astra St Landfill
- 2024 continues to be busy from a quarrying perspective with the ability to export up to 100 laden trucks per day greatly assisting our capacity to supply local projects efficiently
- A total of nine blasts have been conducted during 2024 so far
- One external site environment inspection
- Two site inspections by the resources regulator
- Two internal audits, these occur quarterly

## Air quality

- Buttai Barn monitors continue to have higher monitoring than the other monitors
- There has been works on site to construct a road network
- We have moved Buttai Barn #2 monitoring gauge to an area where there is less activity and therefore less likely to be adversely affected by localised land owner activities
- Still on privately held land
- Described where the new location was relatively to the barn, property and Lings Road
- Change in location has had an initial improvement in air quality level reported (compared to recent erroneous results)

## Noise

- Monitoring happens even three months
- Results have shown noise from operations is not an issue

## Flora and fauna

- Slightly altered quarry footprint
- Ecologists advise on clearing
- National Parks has been working on their land on George Booth Drive
- Fauna found – possums with no injuries reported
- Clear around habitat trees and leave in place until critters moved out
- JM noted two koalas sighted in the area, both were deceased on the main road

## Blasting results

- Compliant and below the monitoring levels



## Incidents

- Discussion around the dust event that JM raised at the previous meeting
- Discussion around trucks accessing site via Lings Road, this appears to be the route for GPS directions via Google Maps. JM advised that a b-double was doing a three point turn around two weeks ago and that identification signage at the Give Way sign on Old Buttai Rd may be useful to indicate that Old Buttai Rd continues beyond the quarry access Rd intersection. To be discussed further at the site inspection. There also may be potential to add signage stating "Daracon operations" or similar but Daracon are conscious of the communities desire for no signage associated with the facility

**Action: SH to investigate installing street signage (Old Buttai Rd)**

**Action: LR & JC to investigate installing site access signage**

- LR advised there has been some trespassing issues, with locks broken and equipment stolen from site. JM advised there is activity in the area on weekends and weeknights noting the lounges in the National Park section.
- LR advised Daracon will keep monitoring, don't want the road destroyed.

## Rehabilitation

- Walk on benches two and three today
- Have tried downward planting as suggested at previous meeting, not overly successful
- Less brown and more green with Umwelt's suggestion sticky hop-bush seems to be working, will check during site visit

## Dust issue noted at previous meeting

- The embankment at top of quarry and a number of other disturbed areas were hydromulched following the previous meeting and there is a fair bit of greenery now
- Will continue to water stockpiles to reduce dust with additional carts operating in summer

## Additional truck movements

- There has been some days where the laden truck movements hit 100 per day, average laden truck movements is however 59.1 per day from December 2023 to September 2024
- One complaint received in this period regarding incorrect access to site via Lings Rd
- JC noted the additional movement has allowed operations to be a bit smoother
- LR requested for the first meeting of CCC to be held in mid-February 2025 to discuss 100 trucks a day and RRF construction certificate received and processing
- JM advised noise is improved since road updated, still can hear but better

**Action: KB to organise first CCC in mid-February 2025**

## Resource Recovery Facility

- LR provided an update on the RRF with construction work now underway for the weighbridge, wheel wash and new site office
- Planning for it to be operational Q1 2025



- There was discussion about the need for the RRF with JC confirming that there will be waste concrete from many sites that will need to be recycled, new part of the business and new project manage.

### Next 2025

- Continuing operations and monitoring, current consent is in place until 2037
- RRF progression

### General business

- CE requested renaming files and reports in the meeting share file so things are easier to find.

#### Action: KB to rename/rearrange files

- JM shared that a pink donkey orchid was growing in the area, these are only found from Putty to Denman, relatively small area and there's one in Buttai



- JC advised feral animals are a big problem at the Ardglan site and asked if there was anything roaming around Buttai. JM advised only deer on her property.
- Preferred meeting day/time was discussed with Fridays in the school holidays (if possible).
- Next meeting to be organised for Mid-February
- MH requested tabling minutes at Council meetings, the group agreed this was acceptable.

### SITE VISIT

The group stopped at the new road alignment and agreed signage installed on the give way sign would be helpful for drivers. An indicative 'mock up' of the potential signage is shown below.



The group proceeded to site and visited the bench 2/3 to inspect plantings.

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Action	Responsibility	Status
Investigate installing street signage	SH	In progress
Investigate installing site access signage	LR/JC	In progress
Organise first meeting in mid-February 2025	KB	Not started yet
Rename/rearrange files	KB	Complete