

MINUTES OF MEETING

TERALBA QUARRY

COMMUNITTEE CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE (CCC)

DATE: Monday 2 September 2013

MEETING COMMENCED: 3.57pm

MINUTES TAKEN BY: Debbie Charman

ATTENDEES:

Independent Chair: Margaret McDonald-Hill (MMH).

Metromix: William (Bill) Sanderson (WS), Robert McCabe (RMc) and Debbie Charman (DC).

Community members: Richard Metcalf (RM) and Susan Gleeson (SG).

Lake Macquarie City Council: Symon Walpole (SW).

APOLOGIES: Nil.

ITEM	ACTION
<p>1.0 Welcome and introductions</p> <p>Margaret McDonald-Hill, as the independent chair, opened the meeting at 3.57pm and welcomed everyone to the first CCC meeting for the Teralba Quarry. Symon Walpole stated that a councillor will be determined by next meeting and that person will be attending each Teralba Quarry CCC meeting.</p>	

<p>2.0 Declaration of interest</p> <p>MMH advised that she was appointed by the Director General of the Department of Planning and Infrastructure as the independent Chair for Teralba Quarry. She also advised she is a Board member of the Mine Subsidence Board and a Member of the Ministers' Arbitration Panel.</p>	
<p>3.0 Role of the Committee</p> <p>MMH explained the role of the committee, which will operate in accordance with the Department's Community Consultative Committee Guidelines previously forwarded to the committee members. The committee is an advisory one and provides a forum for good communication and information exchange between the parties. Matters of compliance and approval remains with the Government agencies..</p>	
<p>4.0 Overview of the Teralba Quarry</p> <p>William (Bill) Sanderson presented a PowerPoint slide presentation (see attached). The presentation covered the following information:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ History ▶ Current Operations ▶ Project Approval conditions ◦ Limits of extraction ◦ Truck movements ◦ Hours of operation ◦ Blasting ◦ Transport routes ◦ Future operations ◦ Monitoring and reporting ▶ Discussion <p>The following items were discussed by attendees:</p>	
<p>2.1 Sales</p> <p>RM – Are sales lower because of the current downturn?</p> <p>WS – Yes.</p>	

<p>2.2 Clearing</p> <p>WS: Metromix will be clearing 1Ha of land at a time and this will commence very soon.</p> <p>SG: Will all of the land be cleared at 1Ha at a time?</p> <p>WS: Yes it will be.</p>	
<p>2.3 Opening of the north side of Rhondda Road</p> <p>SG: Why was the area north of the quarry opened?</p> <p>WS: Because Metromix had current approval to quarry there and we were running out of rock. Metromix ceased sourcing rock from the north side on 22 August 2013 and will not be returning there for approximately seven years. At that time a conveyor will be built to transport the material under the road through a culvert to the existing operation for processing.</p> <p>SG: Will this area be rehabilitated now?</p> <p>WS: No, it will be maintained as a working site.</p>	
<p>2.4 Blasting</p> <p>SW: What time does Metromix blast?</p> <p>WS: Generally around 2pm.</p>	
<p>2.5 VENM and ENM</p> <p>SW: Is Metromix going to be importing VENM and ENM?</p> <p>WS: Yes we will be, but not until the Environment Protection Authority (EPA) approve it.</p> <p>RM: What is VENM and ENM?</p> <p>WS: Explained that VENM is Virgin Excavated Natural Material. It is material that has been excavated or quarried from a virgin source and is free of contaminants. ENM is Excavated Natural Material. It is material that can be reused because it doesn't contain any contaminants and has had rigorous testing to ensure it hasn't. All material that will be brought into the quarry will be tested by a NATA laboratory and the results be reported to Metromix prior to acceptance of the material.</p>	
<p>2.6 Zoning</p> <p>WS: Stated that the land at the base of the existing quarry will not be rehabilitated because the area has been zoned Industrial and is to be kept cleared for "its end use".</p>	

<p>RM: Does that mean there will be heaps of buildings erected?</p> <p>WS: We don't know what will be there because Metromix is not the land owner.</p> <p>SG: How will the rehabilitation advance?</p> <p>WS: Rehabilitation has been carried out at the Teralba Quarry for 20 years. We employ people to weed and carry out ongoing rehabilitation. Areas will be rehabilitated as per the management plan that is currently with the Department of Planning for approval.</p>	
<p>2.7 Biodiversity</p> <p>WS: Stated that the Tetratheca juneca plant was present on the Teralba Quarry site.</p> <p>RM & SG: Asked what the plant was?</p> <p>SW: Explained that the Tetratheca is listed as a threatened species and the Lake Macquarie area is the most common area for the plant.</p> <p>DC: Added that it originally was found from Sydney to Taree areas, but its communities have seriously declined.</p> <p>WS: The communities of the Tetratheca plants were pointed out on the overhead of the quarry land.</p> <p>WS stated that there has 148Ha set aside for the biodiversity offset.</p> <p>As part of the Project Approval Metromix must place aside enough money with the Department of Environment and Heritage for the Landowner to operate the biodiversity offset for perpetuity after the Metromix lease over the land has expired.</p>	
<p>2.8 Truck movements</p> <p>RM: Requested clarification on the limit on truck movements. Is it only Metromix that has these restrictions?</p> <p>WS: Yes. It is only for trucks despatched from Teralba Quarry.</p>	
<p>3.0 General Business</p> <p>SG: Stated that she hoped to learn more about the Teralba Quarry operation as time went on.</p> <p>SW: Suggested that it would be informative for the committee to visit Teralba Quarry.</p> <p>MMH: Stated that had been a suggestion for the next meeting.</p> <p>SW: Stated that LMCC is undertaking an Air Quality Study and that Council would appreciate the data from Metromix's weather station. He is also very interested</p>	

in discussing the Biodiversity Offset at further meetings.

SW: Requested that any complaints received by Teralba Quarry should be tabled and discussed at each meeting.

WS: Agreed.

4.0 Next Meeting

MMH asked the committee how often it would like to meet and suggested that the next meeting be held at the Teralba Quarry.

The timing and setting for future meetings, other than the next site visit, was not decided. To be discussed at the next meeting.

The next meeting will be held on **Wednesday 27 November 2013** at the Teralba Quarry. It will be necessary to wear Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) while on site, however, Metromix will supply Hi viz top, hard hat, safety glasses and steel cap boots for those that require them (it will be necessary for each person requiring boots to contact Metromix to ensure that the correct size is available for you). Can each person please wear long sleeved shirts and long pants?

5.0 Meeting Closed

MMH thanked everyone for being part of the committee and their participation in today's meeting. The meeting was closed at 4.45pm.