

Metromix Teralba Quarry Community Consultative Committee Annual Report for 2020.

Community Consultative Committee Details

CCC / Project Name:	Teralba Quarry	Reporting Period:	January - December 2020
Independent Chairperson:	Margaret MacDonald-Hill	Proponent Contact:	Mo Yunusa

1. Executive Summary

The Metromix Teralba Quarry Community Consultative Committee was established as part of a condition of consent approval by the Department of Planning and Infrastructure's Director General as the Minister's Delegate in February 2013. The project is a hard rock quarry supplying to the construction industry and situated approximately twenty kilometres south of the city of Newcastle, NSW, off Rhondda Road and in proximity to the village of Teralba, on the western side of Lake Macquarie and in the Local Government Area of the City of Lake Macquarie. The quarry has been in operation since 1964 and has been part of Metromix operations since 1986.

The Committee operates in accordance with the current version of the Department of Planning and Environment's Community Consultative Committee Guidelines for State Significant Projects. The committee is comprised of:

- two local community representatives;
- one elected Lake Macquarie Council representative;
- two Teralba Quarry representatives;
- one independent Minute Taker;
- one independent Chairperson.

As stated in previous reporting, this is a very small committee. The quarry has been in existence for over half a century and is part of the accepted landscape with minimal complaints, suggesting its activities are of little concern to the local community and the Council. The committee had met biannually for the last several years and following a review of community complaints (four community complaints in 2016, one in 2017 and no community complaints since 2018) at its October 2019 meeting, decided to move to annual meetings, with the option to hold an extraordinary meeting, should the need arise.

The committee meetings are well attended with company reports and detailed PowerPoint presentations given at each meeting. A good rapport exists amongst all members. Matters discussed during the reporting period included rehabilitation and photo comparison of the areas progressively covered between 2015 to 2020, plant species and volume used and the impacts from drought conditions and bushfires.

The committee had a detailed explanation of blasting activities, overpressure and vibration from a blasting expert from Saros International, the company engaged by Teralba Quarry to assist with online blasting. This was following an incident in March, which resulted in an overpressure blast that exceeded the criteria in the southern extraction area.

Other matters discussed for the reporting period were:

- extraction volumes, number of sales and blasts on site
- statutory requirements and general environmental monitoring for water, air noise, blasting and transport (truck movements)
- non compliances
- community complaints
- broader community engagement and community sponsorship
- progress of rehabilitation works
- Independent Environmental Review
- Covid-19 impacts on quarry operations
- Plant and equipment electrical upgrade and relocation of power lines.

2. CCC activities over last 12 months

- The committee met in May during 2020.
- No site tour of quarry operations was undertaken because of Covid-19.
- No joint CCC meetings were held during the period.

3. Key issues

The committee maintains an interest in all the company's reports and operations. There have been no key issues raised by committee members on any of the quarry's activities. The committee recognises the quarry's long term presence within the local community and supportive interactions with its neighbours, the local school and businesses, confirming it is an accepted part of the district.

4. Focus for next 12 months

The planned activities for 2021 will be guided by the contributions of the CCC members. These activities are likely to include:

- a site inspection of the quarry operations planned for May
- review of ongoing environmental monitoring
- operational activities
- local community support program.

To the best of my knowledge, there are no outstanding or emerging issues that have not been addressed or are in the process of being so, to the committee's satisfaction. Committee Meeting minutes and presentations are available on the website within two weeks of each meeting.

Signature of Chair:	
Date:	March 25 2021