

## **MACKAS SAND PROJECT COMMUNITY CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT FOR YEAR 2022**

### **Community Consultative Committee Details**

<b>CCC / Project Name:</b>	Mackas Sand Project	<b>Reporting Period:</b>	January - December 2022
<b>Independent Chairperson:</b>	Margaret MacDonald-Hill	<b>Proponent Contact:</b>	Robert Mackenzie Daniel Sullivan

### **1. Executive Summary**

The Mackas Sand Project Community Consultative Committee (CCC) held its inaugural meeting in September 2010, as part of a condition of consent by the then Minister for Planning's 2009 approval of the project for the extraction of sand operations with a limit of 1 million tonnes per annum from each Lot 218 and 220 Salt Ash NSW. The quarrying operation is located within the Port Stephens Council Local Government area, approximately twenty five kilometres north east of Newcastle. The land is held by the Worimi Local Aboriginal Land Council and with their concurrence, sand operations have been undertaken in the area since 1992.

The Committee operates in accordance with the Department of Planning and Environment's 2019 Community Consultative Committee Guidelines for State Significant Projects.

The committee is currently comprised of:

- three local community representatives and an alternate;
- one community representative who acts in a dual capacity as Port Stephens Council representative;
- CEO of the Worimi Local Aboriginal Land Council plus one alternate;
- one Mackas Sand representative, with attendance from other personnel as required;
- an environmental consultant from Umwelt (Australia) Pty Ltd;
- one independent Chairperson.

The committee originally met quarterly until 2012, then biannual for the next five years until it resolved to meet annually from 2018, with the option to hold additional meetings if and when requested by any member. It continues to meet annually with concise dialogue amongst the original membership, most of whom are near neighbours to the operation.

Normal face to face meeting protocol resumed for the April meeting. Discussion was on the current operations of sand extraction on Lots 218 and 220, the proposal to lower the floor level on Lot 218 and further information requested by the Worimi Aboriginal Land Council, a member of the committee. The committee reiterated its request to be advised when this modification is lodged with the Department and is placed on public exhibition. The proponent advised the meeting of further upgrades to the access road and approaches to the weighbridge. As in previous years, no complaints were received. The company remains supportive of local and regional charities.

## 2. CCC activities over last 12 months

- The committee meeting was held in April 2022.
- No joint CCC meetings were held during the period.
- The review of the DPE CCC Guidelines was sent to the CCC in October 2022, no comments were received.

## 3. Key issues

There have been no emerging key issues raised by committee members at the annual meeting other than ongoing interest in the proposed lowering of the floor level on Lot 218. As stated in previous reporting, a regular dialogue occurs between all parties outside of the meetings.

Issue	Actions Taken	Next Steps
<b>truck movements and safety</b>	Enforcement of Drivers' Code of Conduct.	Ongoing.
	Proposed road upgrades and maintenance.	Ongoing.
<b>Installation of dust gauge</b>	Requested by CCC member. Installed to provide background information.	Completed. No issues to date.
<b>Proposed modifications</b>	CCC to be briefed on any future modifications.	As and when required.


#### 4. Focus for next 12 months

The planned activities for 2023 will be guided by the interests of the CCC members. These activities are likely to include:

- a site inspection.
- updates on any project modifications
- updates to management plans
- any incidents reports or complaints.

To the best of my knowledge, there are no outstanding matters that have not been addressed or are in the process of being so, to the committee's satisfaction.

Committee Meeting minutes are available on the website within two weeks of each meeting.

Signature of Chair:	
Date:	March 16 2022