

MACKAS SAND PROJECT COMMUNITY CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT FOR YEAR 2019

Community Consultative Committee Details

CCC / Project Name:	Mackas Sand Project	Reporting Period:	January - December 2019
Independent Chairperson:	Margaret MacDonald-Hill	Proponent Contact:	Robert Mackenzie Bret Jenkins

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 approval by the Minister for Planning's 2009 approval of the project for the extraction of sand operations at Lots 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. There have been no changes to the original membership of the committee and an healthy rapport amongst all continues at meetings and between. As the committee is a small one, attendance numbers remain consistent with previous years.

The committee has undertaken occasional site tours of the operations, including rehabilitated areas, location of monitoring equipment and truck haulage routes and other areas of interest, although no tour was conducted for the reporting year. Discussion at the meeting has focused on continued sand extraction on Lots 218 and 220, rehabilitation, environmental management activities, proposed measures to minimise truck noise impacts, administrative non compliances; elevated groundwater results at one location, dust sampling reporting, regulatory focus and complaints. Only one complaint was received for the reporting period, which related to truck noise.

The Company has maintained an ongoing dialogue with its members and near neighbours and is receptive to any queries. The committee has been kept informed on environmental

requirements, truck movements, installation of dust gauges, a shed fire and damage to video camera equipment and proposed modifications. Other topics of discussion for the reporting period also included but were not limited to:

- Monitoring and Environmental Performance
- Complaints
- updates to Landscape, Soil and Water, Air Quality Management Plans
- 2018 Annual Review
- 2017 Annual Review responses and recommendations
- Independent Environmental Audit
- Chair's Annual Report

The company continues to attract periodic media attention but this has diminished over the past year and has not been raised as a concern by the members. Rather, it is accepted as simply legacy news of company directors who have had a previous high profile. Meetings remain succinct and the attendance and knowledge of Umwelt's Environmental Consultant has contributed to this. As such the CCC meets the intent of the Department's guidelines.

2. CCC activities over last 12 months

- The committee met in April 2019 and confirmed its intention to meet annually for the ensuing year.
- No site inspections were carried out during 2019.
- No joint CCC meetings were held during the period.

3. Key issues

There have been no emerging key issues raised by committee members and as stated previously, a regular dialogue occurs between all parties outside of the meetings. The committee maintains an interest in any complaints or non compliances and these are reported to every meeting.

Issue	Actions Taken	Next Steps
Excess truck movements	Incident investigation. Upgrade to software - refinement of system resulting in minimum breach. Enforcement of Drivers' Code of Conduct.	Ongoing. Ongoing.
Installation of dust gauge	Requested by CCC member. Installed to provide background information.	Completed. No issues to date.
Proposed modifications	CCC to be advised of progress and timing for public exhibition.	When available.


4. Focus for next 12 months

The planned activities for 2020 will be guided by the interests of the CCC members. These activities are likely to include:

- a site inspection.
- updates on progress of 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:	April 27 2020