

MACKAS SAND PROJECT COMMUNITY CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT FOR YEAR 2018

Community Consultative Committee Details

CCC / Project Name:	Mackas Sand Project	Reporting Period:	January - December 2018
Independent Chairperson:	Margaret MacDonald-Hill	Proponent Contact:	Robert Mackenzie

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 in 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 sand operations have been undertaken in the area since 1992, with their agreement.

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 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 the decision was made to meet annually from 2018, with the option to hold additional meetings if and when required. The committee, albeit small, has retained its original membership for the past nine years and attendance numbers at meetings remain consistent. Since it began, the CCC have undertaken occasional site tours of the operations, including rehabilitation, location of monitoring equipment and truck haulage routes.

A good rapport exists amongst all members, the Company is receptive to any queries and has kept the CCC informed on environmental requirements, audits and any non compliances, truck movements and management thereof. Despite periodic media attention the company attracts, complaints are minimal and meetings remain succinct. As such the CCC meets the intent of the Department's guidelines.

For the reporting period, the committee has been briefed on truck movements, extraction depth, non compliances and the actions taken to remedy the situations, departmental Annual Review, management of potential heritage items and vegetation, air quality monitoring, ground water monitoring and condition of local access road.

2. CCC activities over last 12 months

- The committee met in April 2018 and confirmed its intention to meet annually for the ensuing year.
- Attendance at meetings is static, with an occasional apology.
- No site inspections were carried out during 2018.
- No joint CCC meetings were held during the period.

3. Key issues

There have been no emerging key issues raised by committee members and it appears that 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	Upgrade to software - refinement of system.	Ongoing.
	Enforcement of Drivers' Code of Conduct.	Ongoing.
Exceed extraction depth	Environmental testing carried out to determine any impact - none.	Completed.
Oakdale Road	Regular reporting of any potholing to Council.	Ongoing.


4. Focus for next 12 months

The planned activities for 2019 will be guided by the interests of the CCC members. These activities are likely to include:

- a site inspection.
- updates on progress of the project
- 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 16 2019