

Meeting Minutes for Community Consultative Committee for Macka's Sand Extraction Operations from Lot 218 DP 1044608 and Lot 220 DP 1049608, Salt Ash

Wednesday 3 April 2019

Chair: Ms Margaret MacDonald-Hill

Minute taker: Mr Rod Williams

**Meeting commenced: 9.00 am**

Location: Mackas Sand and Soil Supplies,  
2846 Nelson Bay Road, Salt Ash NSW 2318

**Attendees**

Name	Initials	Position
Ms Margaret MacDonald-Hill	MM	Chairperson
Mr Robert MacKenzie	RM	Mackas Sand Representative
Ms Julie Towers	JT	Community Representative
Mr Kent Sansom	KS	Community Representative
Mr Cliff Johnson	CJ	Community Representative / Council Representative
Mr Rod Williams	RW	Umwelt (Australia) Pty. Ltd.

**Welcome & Apologies**

*MM Welcome to meeting*

Following apologies were tendered for the meeting:

Ms Lizzy Slater	Worimi Aboriginal Land Council
Mr Stephen Hufnagl	Community Representative

**Declarations of Interest**

MM

- Declaration – independent chair approved by Department of Planning and Environment.
- No longer a member of the Mine Subsidence Board, NSW Subsidence Advisory Office remains agency for all mine subsidence matters.

JT

- As per previous declaration.

**Confirmation of Previous Minutes**

JT

- Moved to accept minutes.

CJ

- Seconded.

## **Business Arising**

### **Reporting & Management Plans**

**RW**

- Annual Review for the 2017 calendar year was accepted by DPE late December 2018.
- 2017 Annual Review has been uploaded to the Mackas Website.
- Annual Review for the 2018 calendar year submitted 28 March 2019 (submission deadline 31 March 2019) and will be uploaded to the Mackas Website once accepted by DPE.
- Independent Environmental Audit was accepted by DPE late December 2018 and a copy has been uploaded to the Mackas Website.
- Multiple management plans have been updated (Landscape, Soil and Water, Air Quality) minor revisions either in response to audit recommendations / findings or non-compliance.
- DPE has approved the Air Quality Management Plan, approval of the Landscape Management plan is expected this week and the Soil and Water Management Plan in perhaps the next 4-6 weeks.

### **Monitoring and Environmental Performance**

**RW**

- Operations at Lot 220 are being undertaken beyond the minimum distance to the Hufnals' residence.
- Mackas Sand has installed a dust gauge at the Hufnals' residence to provide some background information. The data is provided to the Hufnals each month.
- Operations at Lot 218 continue extraction sand generally parallel to the vegetation, with the extraction operations progressing towards Nelson Bay. Some sand is however being extracted towards the Newcastle end of Lot 218.
- A number of minor / administrative non-compliances were reported in 2018 and related to:
  - 2 extra truck movements on 15 November 2018.
  - Dust sample duration 34 days and not 30 days as per the standard.
  - Elevated turbidity at one groundwater monitoring bore - suspect this may have been due to the sampling methodology.
  - Shed fire and damage to video camera which records truck movements
  - Incident reporting outside 6 day period.
- DPE are maintaining a high level of regulatory focus.
- Mackas Sand is allocating significant effort / resources to addressing and maintaining a high level of regulatory compliance.
- Overall Mackas Sand has made significant headway with addressing a number of legacy issues.

## **Modifications**

### **RW**

- Traffic and extraction depth modifications continue to be in preparation.
- Email to MM when modification documents to be put on public exhibition.

### **RM**

- Traffic modification likely to be ready in the next month.

## **Correspondence**

### **MM**

- Annual report on CCC activities during 2018 to be submitted to DP&E.
- Report to be uploaded to the Mackas Website.

## **Reports**

Given in Business Arising – Nil

## **Complaints**

One complaint received from resident near Lot 220 regarding the use of engine brake during the day time. The resident lives near the roundabout and was not able to confirm if it was a truck departing Lot 220 or a truck travelling on Nelson Bay Road.

## **General business**

Nil

**Meeting adjourned: 9:20am**

## **Actions Summary:**

Next meeting proposed 1 April 2020 (TBC).