

Present: Chairperson, Commercial Services Manager, Compliance Manager, Quarry
Operations Coordinator, Compliance Officer

Community Committee Members: Neighbour 7

Apologies: Neighbour 1, Neighbour 8, Local Land Services staff

Welcome

The meeting opened at 4.03pm by the Chairperson and welcomed all members.

Previous Minutes

Overview of previous meeting and minutes were accepted as being true and correct.

Business arising from minutes of previous meeting:

Fencing

Fencing complete along Neighbour 3 boundary and Neighbour 1 boundary.

- Neighbour 1 very happy with fencing, passing on thanks to Council staff and contractor for an excellent job

Map has been prepared of fencing type and condition

Wild dog baiting

Due to COVID-19 the baiting program was postponed from March until September 2020.

There was little interest for a community bait, only one (1) neighbouring property participated with the Quarry.

Vertebrate Pest Control training conducted by LLS was attended by Quarry staff and baiting commenced on 8 September 2020 with Notification period of 6 months (ending 8 March 2021).

To date 29 from 40 baits have been taken with baiting to continue until expiration of Notification period (or until baits are no longer taken, whichever occurs first)

Bushfire management on site

- Operational bush fire management plan in development
- Fences, gates and access roads mapped as above

Traffic Management Assessment

- Compliance Manager advised the Quarry (Commercial Entity) pays Section 94 levy on outgoing quarry material. Council receives this payment and is responsible for Nimbin Road maintenance. Noting this meeting was being held by the commercial entity (Blakebrook Quarry) and could not speak for divisions of Council. Section 94 Levies Jan-Dec 2019 = \$141,328.59
- Turning intersection redesign still currently with DPIE under assessment.

Correspondence

Email sent to an enquiring neighbour regarding – straying cattle information on 10/12/2019

Email sent to members regarding - Council's website link and Quarry's reporting page 22/1/2020

Email and letters sent to members regarding – postponement of Wild Dog baiting program due to COVID-19.

Condolence letters sent to families on the passing of Neighbour 3 and Neighbour 2.

General Business

- Quarry Operation and Production
 - Quarry operation is currently at low activity.
 - The Quarry being licenced as a State Significant Project means additional reporting and compliance requirements. Council has been actively working on addressing imposed compliance requirements through thorough auditing which has resulted in significant increases to costs.
 - Crushing operations are now performed by a contractor on site (recently put in place through the Procurement process).
 - Drill and Blast tender will soon be ready to go to market to compliment crushing operations.
 - Asphalt plant production has been busy recently (upcoming night works as below).
- Night works – separate DA. Night shift from 1st – 6th November inclusive. Neighbours to Quarry commented they are aware of night works with Asphalt plant however it doesn't bother them as only periodic night activity.
- Project to dismantle old Asphalt Plant in progress. Includes installation of water treatment device for vehicle washdown area (stage 1), removal of old tanks (2 stage process) and installation of fuel bowser (stage 3).

Amalgamation of Asphalt and Quarry Development Application

Still ongoing and has been sitting with the DPIE for over 12 months. Application is now in the assessment phase, so expecting to hear an outcome soon.

LEP AMMENDMENT – E2 Conservation Zoning

LEP amendment still under assessment and Map sheets uploaded to DPIE for finalisation. Possibly be gazetted in November

Annual Environmental Monitoring Report (AEMR)

The 2019 AEMR was completed and submitted to the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment (DPIE) for review on 31 March 2020. The DPIE has responded to Council advising it has accepted this report in line with requirements of the Approval. The report can be found on Council's website.

Three (3) non-compliances

- Two minor dust exceedances within Quarry boundary – furthest from operations anticipated to be related to bushfire impacts at the time.
- Groundwater data exceedance in March 2019. Background data collection in progress per revised Soil and Water Management Plan to establish more accurate trigger levels.

Key action items for next reporting period

- Continuation of groundwater data collection to establish 12 data points for each monitoring well
- Working with Council's Strategic Planners to finalise the Planning Proposal to rezone the environmental offset area to the E2 Environmental Conservation Zone
- Continuing to work with DPE to finalise the current modification request to Part 3A Approval No.07_0020

Site Maintenance

Weed Control

- Regular weed control is undertaken by the Quarry's Bush Regeneration contractors. In accordance with Bushland Regeneration Plan and Biodiversity Offset Strategy.
- \$60,000 per year allocated to Bush Regen activities. Slightly ahead of schedule overall. e5c slightly due to dry and dusty conditions in 2019. w4 commenced early and some additional work

undertaken in s2 to manage weeds and encourage natural regeneration. Zones n2, n3, e5a and e5b completed on schedule. Zone w4 to be completed by end of 2021 and e1 by end of 2022.

Groundwater Investigation

As a result of the DPIE required Groundwater Investigation Council was required to purchase 70ML of groundwater shares. Council engaged a broker and successfully bided for 70ML of water shares in July 2020.

Additional Other Business

External audit for ISO certification occurring 2-6 November 2020

The meeting closed at 4.30pm. Meetings are scheduled annually, due October 2021.

ACTION	ACTION OUTCOME	BY WHOM & WHEN
Wild dog baiting	to continue until Notification period lapses	Quarry staff – March 2021
Contact LLS to enquire about availability of wild dog baits	Contact Committee members and advise outcome	Council – 31 January 2020 Complete
Traffic Management Assessment relating to Nimbin Road	Forward link to Departments State projects page to ensure committee members know where to locate assessment information and outcome	Council – 31 January 2020 Complete
Council website Quarry records	Forward link to Council records page to ensure committee members can find referenced records	Council – 31 January 2020 Complete