



Karuah East Quarry - Community Consultative Committee

Meeting Minutes – 13 February 2017

Venue: Site inspection followed by meeting at Karuah Community Hall – 2 Engel Avenue, Karuah

Time: Site Inspection: Start 3.00pm
End 4.10pm
CCC Meeting: Start 4.28pm
End 5.11pm

Minutes

Attendees: Michael Ulph (Chairperson), Heidi Watters (NSW Department of Planning & Environment), Goetz Schraer (Community Representative), Tony Ebben (Community Representative), Wade Cameron (Community Representative), Gerard Bowen (Karuah East Quarry), Tim Grugeon (Karuah East Quarry), Chris Jones (SLR) and Mat Radnidge (ADW Johnson).

Mat Bell (Mid Coast Council) attended the CCC meeting but was an apology for the site inspection.

1) Welcome

- Michael Ulph paid respect to the traditional Aboriginal land owners of Karuah, past, present and future.
- Heidi Watters – Introduced herself to the CCC committee and her role as part of the NSW Department of Planning of Environment’s (DPE) Compliance team. Advised the following:
 - Her role was to monitor compliance with development consents and review Annual Environmental Monitoring Reports;
 - Attends CCC meetings of various projects in her region where possible; and
 - Is available to be contacted by the CCC should any questions arise in the future.

2) Apologies

Mathew Bell (Mid Coast Council) for site inspection only.

3) Declaration of Pecuniary Interests

- Michael Ulph confirmed that KEQ Pty Ltd is paying GHD (his employer) a fee for Michael to act as the independent chairperson for the CCC.
- Chris Jones (SLR) confirmed that KEQ Pty Ltd is paying SLR (his employer) a fee for Chris to be a member of the CCC.
- Mat Radnidge (ADWJ) confirmed that KEQ Pty Ltd is paying ADW Johnson (his employer) a fee to be a member of the CCC.

4) Acceptance of Previous Minutes dated 14 November 2016

- Draft CCC meeting minutes dated 14 November 2016.

Moved: Goetz Schraer

Seconded: Tony Ebben

5) Business Arising from Previous Minutes

- A site inspection was to be carried out by the CCC prior to this meeting. This was completed – refer to enclosed record of site inspection.

6) Correspondence

- KEQ received correspondence (dated 19/1/17) from management of Karuah Community Hall requesting that the 2017 CCC meetings be booked in one booking.

Item 10 below confirms the dates, which were agreed to be the CCC members.

7) Company Report and Overview of Activities

The Company Report and Overview of Activities (see enclosed) was presented by Tim Grugeon and included the following:

- Introduction of Approved Project
- Progress of the Project
- Monitoring and Environmental Performance
- Community Complaints and Response to Complaints
- Information Provided to the Community and any Feedback

Questions / discussions resulting from the above were as follows:

- Wade Cameron – In response to Tim Grugeon’s comments regarding blast monitoring compliance (which has an Environment Protection License limit of 5mm/s (with a 5% allowable exceedance for blasts over a period of 12 months)), Wade asked for clarification on what the 5mm/s stands for.

Chris Jones – Confirmed it stands for 5mm of movement per second.

Gerard Bowen – Confirmed that no exceedance has been recorded and given current monitoring results it is highly unlikely that an exceedance would happen in the future.

- Mat Bell – Asked if Tim Grugeon could supply him with a copy of the recently completed annual reporting (completed in December 2016) for the Biodiversity Offset Area. Mat asked for clarification on what works had been completed?

Tim Grugeon – Confirmed that he would supply Mat with a copy of the report. Tim confirmed that the works undertaken were largely weed management (in particular lantana).

Wade Cameron – Asked what product was being used for weed control?

Tim Grugeon – Confirmed that the product ‘Hot Shot’ herbicide was being applied.

Wade Cameron – Advised that ‘Hot Shot’ was a good product and agreed with its use for weed management.

Chris Jones & Tim Grugeon – Advised that 77 tree hollows were retained from vegetation clearing activity and were available to be used in the offset area of for future rehabilitation works.

Tim Grugeon – Confirmed that 30 nest boxes had been installed in the biodiversity offset area. Approximately 200 additional nest boxes are likely to be installed this year.

8) Would the CCC like to arrange another site visit prior to the next CCC meeting?

No. It was resolved by CCC members that the next site inspection should occur prior to the August 2017 CCC meeting when further works have been completed. It was generally agreed that a site inspection would be undertaken twice per year (ie. every 6 months).

9) General Business

- Wade Cameron – Asked how the tetra-theca juncea (TJ) translocation area was going?

Tim Grugeon – Advised the following:

- The TJ translocation is going well with approximately 80-90% of the translocated plants flowering over spring.
- Indicated that despite the hot and dry weather, some of the plants had also flowered over summer due to the watering regime.

Wade Cameron – Where is the water sourced from?

Tim Grugeon – Water for the translocation area is sourced from a nearby dam.

Wade Cameron – Please keep in mind that as the dam level is reduced, Electrical Conductivity (EC) may impact the TJ plants.

Tim Grugeon – Thanked Wade for the advice and confirmed that it is something that he will keep in mind for ongoing management.

Michael Ulph – Confirmed to the broader CCC that EC relates to the salinity of water.

- Wade Cameron – Asked whether any consultation has been undertaken with the Karuah River Oyster Association? Wade indicated that Association Chair, Mr Mark Hunter, had recently raised questions regarding water runoff quality management. Wade assumed that through the assessment/approval process there would have been mandatory consultation requirements.

Mat Radnidge – Confirmed that Wade was correct and noted the following:

- During the preparation of the Environmental Assessment there were two (2) community open days held at the Karuah Community Hall where any interested local residents / groups were invited to attend to raise any questions / voice any concerns.
- The NSW DPE publicly exhibited the Environmental Assessment for approximately 1 month where submissions could be made.
- The application was determined by the NSW Planning Assessment Commission (PAC). A public meeting was held at the Karuah Community Hall where any interested parties were invited to register to speak at the meeting for consideration by the PAC members.
- It is noted that no representations were made by the Karuah River Oyster Association however any questions that they had would be welcomed by KEQ.

Tim Grugeon – Confirmed that Wade could supply Tim's contact details to Mr Mark Hunter from the Karuah River Oyster Association. Tim is happy to discuss any quarry related questions with Mr Hunter.

Heidi Watters – Confirmed that prior to any stormwater discharge from the quarry site (from dams), that there are environmental limits, which are regularly monitored.

- Mat Bell – Confirmed that prior to each CCC meeting he issues an email to Mid Coast Council staff inviting any comment / questions to be raised at the CCC meeting. There were no questions / comment to report for this meeting.
- Tim Grugeon – Indicated to Mat Bell that a car had been damaged and abandoned on Blue Rock Close around the 26th December 2016. Police were notified. Police advised Gerard Bowen that Mid Coast Council is responsible for the removal of the abandoned car. The abandoned car still remains on Blue Rock Close.

Mat Bell – Indicated that he would raise with Council's Regulatory Services Department.

10) Next Meeting

The meeting date / time (including site inspection details) for the remaining 2017 CCC meetings were confirmed as follows:

- Monday 8 May 2017 - 4pm at Karuah Community Hall (2 Engel Avenue, Karuah).
- Monday 14 August 2017:
 - Site Inspection – 3pm meet at Hunter Quarries Office (Andersite Road, Karuah).
 - 4pm at Karuah Community Hall (2 Engel Avenue, Karuah).
- Monday 13 November 2017 - 4pm at Karuah Community Hall (2 Engel Avenue, Karuah).

Meeting closed – 5.11pm.

Summary of Actions Arising from Meeting

- Tim Grugeon to supply Mat Bell with a copy of the recently completed annual monitoring report for the Biodiversity Offset Area.
- Wade Cameron to supply Tim Grugeon's contact details to Mr Mark Hunter of the Karuah River Oyster Association. Tim will address any quarry related questions that Mr Hunter may have.
- Mat Bell to liaise with Mid Coast Council's Regulatory Services department regarding removal of the abandoned vehicle on Blue Rock Close.

Enclosed: Site Inspection Record 13 February 2017 (refer to Item 5 above).
Company Report & Overview 13 February 2017 (refer to Item 7 above).