



## Karuah East Quarry - Community Consultative Committee

### Meeting Minutes – 9 March 2020

Venue: Karuah East Quarry Office (Blue Rock Close, Karuah)

Time: CCC Meeting: Start 3.35pm  
End 4.02pm

#### Minutes

Attendees: Michael Ulph (Chairperson), Tony Ebben (Community Representative), Goetz Schraer (Community Representative), Greg Dressler (Karuah East Quarry), Joel Fleming (Karuah East Quarry) and Mat Radnidge (ADW Johnson).

#### **1) Welcome**

- Michael Ulph paid respect to the traditional Aboriginal land owners of Karuah, past, present and future.

#### **2) Apologies / Absentees**

- Wade Cameron (Community Representative) – Absent.
- Mat Bell (Mid Coast Council) – Absent.

#### **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.
- Mat Radnidge confirmed that KEQ Pty Ltd is paying ADW Johnson (his employer) a fee for Mat to be a member of the CCC.
- Greg Dressler & Joel Fleming are employees of Hunter Quarries / Karuah East Quarry Pty Ltd.

#### **4) Acceptance of Previous Minutes**

- Draft CCC meeting minutes dated 2 September 2020; and
- Draft site inspection record dated 2 September 2020.

Moved: Goetz Schraer  
Seconded: Greg Dressler

## 5) Business Arising from Previous Minutes

- Mat Radnidge to advise Michael Ulph when a decision on MOD 8 (to address acoustics) is made by the NSW DPIE. Michael will then advise the CCC members.

**Comment** – Mat Radnidge advised the CCC that the MOD 8 application remains under assessment by NSW DPIE. All elements of the proposal remain the same as reported at the previous CCC meeting (September 2019).

It was confirmed that when a decision on MOD 8 is made by the NSW DPIE, Mat would update the CCC (via Michael Ulph).

No questions / comments were raised by the CCC.

- Mat Radnidge to advise Michael Ulph as any progress on MOD 9 (proposed additional disturbance area for stockpiling) is made. In particular when an application is lodged with NSW DPIE.

**Comment** – Mat Radnidge advised the CCC that the application remains preliminary in nature and an application has not yet been lodged with the NSW DPIE.

It was confirmed that ecology fieldwork investigations are well advanced and some discussions have been held with both the NSW Biodiversity Conservation Division (formerly NSW OEH) and the Federal Department of Agriculture, Water & the Environment (formerly the Department of Environment & Energy). Both agencies have confirmed that the application could be progressed (in terms of ecology considerations) provided that a suitable ecology outcome can be achieved that includes (1) replacement of the offset area to be impacted by the proposal; and (2) offsetting the impacts of the proposal.

Ecology investigations and reporting is continuing.

Other specialist investigations necessary as part of the MOD 9 modification application have not yet commenced. These studies include (but not limited to) surface water management, noise, air quality, visual impact, Aboriginal Archaeology, rehabilitation and civil design. Studies necessary to inform the MOD 9 application will be confirmed with the NSW DPIE in due course.

As any further progress is made with the MOD 9 proposal, such as lodgement of the application with the NSW DPIE, Mat Radnidge will notify the CCC (via Michael Ulph).

No questions / comments were raised by the CCC.

## 6) Correspondence

- a) 23 September 2019 – Michael Ulph supplied the draft minutes of the 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2019 CCC meeting and site inspection to all CCC members and invited comment.
- b) 1 October 2019 – Email from Wade Cameron to Michael Ulph confirming that Wade is happy with the draft minutes.

Both of the above items were noted by the CCC members present.

## 7) Company Report and Overview of Activities

The Company Report and Overview of Activities (see attached) was presented by Joel Fleming and included the following:

- Progress of the Karuah East Quarry
- Construction & Operation Schedule
- Monitoring and Environmental Performance
- Community Complaints
- Information Provided to the Community

Questions / discussions resulting from the above were as follows:

- Joel Fleming – The improved surface water management system at Dam 1 to control treatment of excess TSS in dam water (as discussed at the previous CCC meeting in September 2019) has been installed and is working efficiently. Compliance with operating criteria is being achieved.
- Joel Fleming – There were two (2) exceedances of air quality criteria since the last CCC meeting. These exceedances were due to the state wide bushfire emergency over summer.
- Joel Fleming – Blasting has been compliant with criteria.
- Joel Fleming – Advised that three (3) complaints had been received since the September 2019 CCC meeting. The complaints were in relation to:
  - A heavy vibration felt by a nearby resident.  
Joel Fleming Comment – A blast was not undertaken by KEQ Pty Ltd on the day of the complaint and this has been resolved with the resident.
  - Blasting Notifications for Residents.  
Joel Fleming Comment – This matter has been resolved with the local resident (the resolution included confirming with the resident approved quarry and blasting hours).

**8) CCC briefing on the status of Modification Applications lodged with the NSW Department of Planning & Environment by KEQ Pty Ltd.**

Addressed in Item 5.

**9) General Business**

- Greg Dressler – In early December 2019 the NSW Environment Protection Authority (EPA) undertook an inspection of the Karuah East Quarry. At the time of inspection EPA staff witnessed some minor dust coming off the conveyor belt from the jaw crusher. Despite KEQ Pty Ltd's dust monitoring demonstrating compliance, KEQ Pty Ltd were issued with a notice from the NSW EPA for dust exceedance.

This comment was noted by all CCC members.

**10) Next CCC meeting and site inspection to be scheduled.**

Next meeting scheduled for Monday 7 September 2020. Details as follows:

- 3pm – Site Inspection (meet at Karuah East Quarry Office, Blue Rock Close, Karuah); and
- 4pm – CCC Meeting at Karuah East Quarry office.

Michael Ulph confirmed he would issue calendar invites to CCC members.

**Meeting closed – 4.02pm.**

**Summary of Actions Arising from Meeting**

- Mat Radnidge to advise Michael Ulph when a decision on MOD 8 (acoustics) is made by the NSW DPIE. Michael will then advise the CCC members.
- Mat Radnidge to advise Michael Ulph as any progress on MOD 9 (proposed additional disturbance area for stockpiling) is made. In particular when an application is lodged with NSW DPIE.
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Michael Ulph to issue calendar invites.

**Enclosed:**

- Site Inspection Minutes 9 March 2020; and
- Company Report & Overview 9 March 2020 (refer to Item 7 above).