



Karuah East Quarry - Community Consultative Committee

Meeting Minutes – 10 May 2016

Venue: Karuah Community Hall – 2 Engel Avenue, Karuah

Time: 4pm

Minutes

Attendees: John Turner (Chairperson), Wade Cameron (Community Representative), Goetz Schraer (Community Representative), Matthew Bell (Great Lakes Council), Gerard Bowen (Karuah East Quarry), Tim Grugeon (Karuah East Quarry), Nathan Archer (SLR) and Mat Radnidge (ADW Johnson)

1) Welcome and Introductions

- Each CCC member introduced themselves, their background and interest in the Karuah East Quarry project.
- A copy of the draft 'Community Consultative Committee Guidelines for State Significant Projects' was distributed to each member. John Turner confirmed that the CCC would be operating under these guidelines. It was noted that the guidelines are draft and when the guidelines are finalised and adopted by the NSW Department of Planning, the adopted guidelines will be used for the CCC.
- John Turner explained that the role of the CCC was advisory and not a decision making committee. It was explained that the purpose of the CCC is for members to relay project information to the broader local community.

2) Apologies

- Nil apologies.
- John Turner confirmed:
 - Benita Parker has formally resigned from the CCC.
 - As a consequence, this leaves 2 community representatives on the CCC. The CCC Guidelines specify that 3 – 5 community representatives are required.
 - Karuah East Quarry Pty Ltd (KEQ) are required to advertise for additional community members in accordance with the CCC Guidelines.

- It was acknowledged that since Benita's resignation that a number of people have approached KEQ to join the CCC, however in this instance the CCC Guidelines must be adhered to and re-advertising must take place.

3) Declaration of Pecuniary Interests

- John Turner confirmed that KEQ is paying him a fee to act as the independent chairperson for the CCC.

4) Acceptance of Previous Minutes

- N/A

5) Business Arising from Previous Minutes

- N/A

6) Correspondence

- Each CCC member was supplied with an information package comprised of the following documents:
 - Project Approval 09_0175.
 - Environmental Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act (EPBC) Approval 2014/7282.
 - Environmental Protection Licence 20611.
 - Approved Management Plans:
 - Biodiversity Offset Area (including addendum document 'Baseline Ecological Surveys and Monitoring')
 - Tetratheca Juncea Translocation.
 - Noise Management.
 - Air Quality & Greenhouse Gas.
 - Blasting.
 - Water.
 - Traffic (including Construction Management and Operational Traffic Management).
 - Heritage.
 - Landscape & Rehabilitation.
 - Environmental Management Strategy.
 - Approved Quarry Plans.
- It was confirmed that all of the abovementioned documentation is available on the Hunter Quarries website (www.hunterquarries.com.au).
- It was confirmed that as the project progresses, CCC members will be supplied with the following as they become available:
 - Environmental Monitoring Results.
 - Annual Review Reports.
 - Audit Reports.

- Reports on any community concerns or complaints and company responses.
 - It was confirmed that CCC members will be provided with regular project update reports including operations, environmental performance, and community relations (refer to point 7 below).
- 7) Enclosed with these minutes is the Company Report and Overview of Activities that details:
- Introduction of Approved Project (presented by Mat Radnidge)
 - Progress of the Project (presented by Tim Grugeon)
 - Monitoring and Environmental Performance (presented by Nathan Archer)
 - Community Complaints and Response to Complaints (presented by Tim Grugeon)
 - Information Provided to the Community and any Feedback (presented by Mat Radnidge)

Questions / discussions resulting from the above were as follows:

- Goetz Schraer – Is there an opportunity / intention that the Karuah East resource on Lot 12 be accessed through the existing quarry on adjacent land to the west (Lot 11)?

Tim Grugeon & Gerard Bowen Response – Access through Lot 11 is not an option. RMS approval for road extension works to Blue Rock Lane has been secured and vegetation clearing has commenced. KEQ are entirely committed to constructing the road and KEQ have no intention whatsoever to seek access through Lot 11. KEQ do not own Lot 11 and this matter was dealt with in detail during the Development Approval phase.

- John Turner asked for clarification of *Tetratheca juncea* (in response to Tim Grugeon outlining the *Tetratheca* Translocation Management Plan).

Mat Radnidge Response – Confirmed:

- *Tetratheca juncea* is a protected plant species under both State and Commonwealth legislation.
- When the application was originally lodged, the original quarry layout proposed to disturb approximately 2,700 clumps of *Tetratheca juncea*. The NSW Office of Environment and Heritage and NSW Department of Planning were not satisfied with this impact and as a result KEQ undertook a substantial redesign to minimise impact on *Tetratheca juncea*. The impact was reduced to 243 clumps of *Tetratheca juncea* and a commitment was made by the company that each of the 243 clumps would be translocated from the disturbance area into a pre-prepared bed within the Biodiversity Offset Area on Lot 14.

Tim Grugeon – Explained the *Tetratheca juncea* Management Plan and confirmed that work would commence on this on 11 May 2016.

Wade Cameron – Have any trial plots been undertaken? It is his understanding that translocation of *Tetratheca juncea* has a low success rate.

Tim Grugeon Response – Noted. KEQ are acting in accordance with the Project Approvals.

- Goetz Schraer – Asked if KEQ had secured Lot 5 as part of the Biodiversity Offset site.

Mat Radnidge Response – Confirmed that KEQ had secured ownership of Lot 5.

- Tim Grugeon – In the next quarter it is expected that two aerial fauna crossings will be installed (as required by the Project Approval). These will be located across the north/south KEQ internal haul road and also across part of the existing haul road on Lot 21 associated with the existing quarry. The aerial fauna crossings will be installed after the construction of the internal haul road.

Mat Radnidge – Confirmed that the background of this requirement was that authorities wanted to minimise vegetation fragmentation (of the bushland on the southern sections of Lot 21, Lot 11 and Lot 12) and ensure that opportunity for fauna movement was not sterilised.

- Goetz Scharer – Asked for an estimate of when quarrying may commence.

Gerard Bowen Response – Confirmed that KEQ are aiming to be crushing material by December 2016, initially for use in construction of haul roads.

Tim Grugeon – Noted that this timing is obviously dependent on a number of factors in particular construction timing.

- Goetz Schraer – Will the crushers be enclosed.

Nathan Archer Response – Yes it is a requirement of the air quality management plan that crushers will be enclosed.

8) Would the CCC like to arrange a site visit?

Yes. A site inspection will be arranged to occur immediately before the next CCC meeting.

9) General Business

- Matthew Bell – If a community member contacts Matthew with a complaint, what is the process he should follow?

John Turner Response – Refer the person directly to KEQ. KEQ has complaint handling procedures in place.

- Wade Cameron – What is he allowed to say to the general public?

John Turner Response:

- Press interviews can only be undertaken by John.

- Anything discussed at the CCC meeting can be relayed to the general public. All of the information / matters discussed will be made public on the Hunter Quarries website.
- All documentation discussed is publicly available on the website.

10) Next Meeting

The next two (2) meeting dates / times will be confirmed in due course by John Turner; however the following dates are tentatively scheduled:

- Monday 8 August. Site inspection at 3pm, CCC meeting afterwards at 4pm.
- Monday 14th November at 4pm.

Meeting closed – 4.45pm.

Enclosed: Company Report & Overview (refer to Item 7 above).