

Present: Chairperson, Commercial Services Manager, Compliance Manager,
Compliance Officer

Community Committee Members: Neighbour 1, Neighbour 10

Apologies: Quarry Operations Coordinator, Neighbour 7, Neighbour 2

Welcome

The meeting was opened at 4.00pm by the Chairperson and all members welcomed.

Previous Minutes

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

Business arising from minutes of previous meeting:

LEP AMMENDMENT – E2 Conservation Zoning

Rezoning for offset bush regen areas gazetted on 18 December 2020 as E2 Conservation. Neighbour 10 queried the fencing arrangement on behalf of Neighbour 2, as they understood upon the transfer of the land sale that a new barb wire boundary fence would be erected by Council – to date it is still an electric fence. Commercial Services Manager will follow up on the arrangements and provide a response.

Drill & Blast tender – finalised (2 yr + 2 yr extension option).

Amalgamation of Asphalt and Quarry Development Application

- Mod 3 approved on 20th July 2021 with updated conditions of operation
- Upgrade Quarry access intersection to satisfaction of TfNSW, then laden truck movements can increase to 150 per day (currently 120 per day including asphalt)
- Out of Hours Work Protocol – submitted to DPIE for approval. OHWP is for night works and emergency works as required (notification sent to neighbours that night work would be conducted up to 5 nights per month),
- A new lease is being negotiated with Trico, continuance of existing arrangements.

Traffic Management Assessment

- Intersection redesign approved and costed, not currently budgeted. Council will revisit the timing of the proposed intersection upgrade based on trends of truck movements and sales and including in budgets when required.

Correspondence

- Correspondence from DPIE (MOD 3 & AEMR) as discussed
- Emails to neighbours inviting them to CCC meeting

General Business

- Quarry Operation and Production
 - The Quarry being licenced as a State Significant Project means additional reporting and compliance requirements which has resulted in significant increases to costs.
 - Neighbour 10 commented that the noise from trucks has decreased and he was appreciative of the efforts that have been made.
 - Crushing operations are performed by a contractor on site – all going well.

- Drill & Blast - Two (2) blasts have occurred in recent months with new contractor. No environmental exceedances from reporting. Planned production blasts will be based on production needs.
- Production – Council did a production costings exercise (including all overhead costs) to fully capture expenses, enabling Council to employ strategies for servicing customer and LCC needs.
- The Quarry pays Section 94 levy on outgoing quarry material. Council receives this payment and is responsible for Nimbin Road maintenance. S94 Levies Jan-Nov 2021 = \$112,297.
Neighbour 10 enquired about Quarry financials to better understand how S94 & other overhead costs are distributed. Commercial Services Manager explained the Quarry financials are on track for this FY.
- Project to dismantle old Asphalt Plant.
Stage 1 – complete (install GPT system), Stage 2 - complete (decommission and removal of old tanks), Stage 3 – in progress (install new fuel tank & resurface area, then expand sediment basin).
- Customer feedback – no complaints.
 - Customer survey sent out each month via online platform for anonymous feedback. Positive feedback received so far (with some months no response).
 - Nil complaints via Council register or directly to the Quarry.

Annual Environmental Monitoring Report (AEMR)

The 2020 AEMR was completed and submitted to the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment (DPIE) for review on 31 March 2021. 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

- Excess truck movement of one (1) additional truck on 8th September 2020, occurred due to internet disruption causing data delay. No further action required.
 - Dust exceedance at monitoring location D2 due to hot, dry & windy weather conditions. No further action required.
 - Surface water parameters (turbidity, nutrients, oil & grease) were not monitored in March & June 2020. Rectified for September & December 2020 monitoring. No further action required.
- Key action items for next reporting period
- Continuation of groundwater data collection to establish 12 data points for each monitoring well
 - Continuation of surface water data collection to establish 8 data points for each sampling location
 - Continuing to work with DPIE to finalise the current modification request to Part 3A Approval No.07_0020.

Site Maintenance

Wild dog baiting

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

Baiting commenced in September 2021 with Notification period of 6 months (ending March 2022). Two (2) rounds of baits have been put out with 100% uptake.

Weed Control

- Regular weed control is undertaken in biodiversity areas by the Quarry's Bush Regeneration contractors. In accordance with Bushland Regeneration Plan and Biodiversity Offset Strategy.
- \$65,000 per year allocated to Bush Regen activities. Slightly ahead of schedule overall. All work zones are progressing as planned.
- Koala populations still present on site.
- Zones n2, n3, e5a and e5b – in maintenance stage.
- Zone w4 to be completed by end of 2021 and e1 by end of 2022 - on track.
- Bush Regen Monitoring Report Year Two 2020 – completed (ED21/1672)
- Rehabilitation Bond due 2022 (following Independent Environmental Audit early 2022)
- Neighbour 10 raised concerns about Devils Fig and other weeds on the Quarry site (namely the bund along the entrance road). This section is maintained by LCC internally. The Quarry will discuss the current maintenance program with Civic Pride and work towards improving the weed situation. Quarry staff have also recently obtained chemical application qualifications.

Additional Other Business

External audit for ISO certification 1st & 2nd December 2021.

- Conducted online due to Covid restrictions.
- Auditor very happy with management of system and processes.
- 1 minor NCR, 2 observations.

Site security – Neighbour 10 raised concerns regarding contractors entering/exiting the site after hours, saying that he has witnessed some contractors trying to enter/exit the Quarry site via private property. Council suggested gates to be padlocked.

Commercial Services Manager committed to following this up with Quarry staff that:

- the induction process is very clear to include access through private property is trespassing and not allowed.
- ensuring communication with contractors is clear and safe to improve the current system.

Old roadworks debris – Neighbour 10 commented at times of high rainfall, that the culvert on Nimbin Road (adjacent Neighbour 1 front gate) becomes blocked with water. He approached Council road staff recently and the culvert drain contained old guard rail. The road staff cleaned some out however he believed it wasn't fully cleaned out and asked if it could be looked at, as it can affect surface water in his and Neighbour 1 paddocks.

Nimbin Road product disposal – Neighbour 10 has noticed that fill from the Nimbin Road roadworks has been taken into the Quarry site for stockpiling. Commercial Services Manager will investigate with Quarry and Roads staff to identify what is occurring.

The meeting closed at 5.20pm. Meetings are scheduled annually, due by December 2022.

ACTION	ACTION OUTCOME	BY WHOM & WHEN
Site access and security	Communicate with contractors regarding access hours and revisit site induction to emphasise no private property access	Quarry – Ongoing
Nimbin Road roadworks material	Investigate with Quarry and Roads staff to identify what is occurring	Manager Commercial Services – December 2021
Old roadworks debris in culvert on Nimbin Rd	Undertake inspection and advise Civic Services via Contact Centre if further clean-up is required.	Compliance Team – January 2022
Weed control on entrance road bund	Revisit maintenance program to control noxious weeds	Quarry & Civic Pride – February 2022
Quarry/Neighbour 2 boundary fence installation	Clarify agreed arrangements and provide response to affected neighbour	Manager Commercial Services – June 2022
Wild dog baiting	To continue until Notification period lapses	Quarry staff – March 2022
Quarry entrance intersection upgrade	Plans approved however not budgeted yet (as needs basis)	To be monitored
RPQ/Trico Asphalt Plant – Out of Hours Work Protocol	Submitted to DPIE for approval. Will be available on the Quarry website once finalised.	Compliance Team – indicative March 2022
RPQ/Trico Asphalt Plant - lease agreement	Renew lease agreement	Council and Trico – in negotiation
Stage 3 Project	Installation of new fuel tank and resurface area. Expansion of sediment basin	Quarry staff and Compliance Team – June 2022