

Calga Sand Community Consultative Committee – Annual Report for 2021

CCC / Project Name:	Calga Sand	Reporting Period:	March 2020 to March 2021
Independent Chairperson:	Lisa Andrews	Proponent Contact:	Andrew Driver

1. Executive Summary

The Calga Sand Quarry is located off Peats Ridge Road, 1.7 km north-northwest of the Calga Interchange on the M1 Freeway. The quarry has operated periodically since the late 1960's and more formally since the early 1990's.

The site is located adjacent to the Australia Walkabout Wildlife Park.

The project operates in accordance with its approval and a Community Consultative Committee has been meeting regularly since 2011 and operates in accordance with the guidelines. The membership consists of:

- Six local community representatives
- Three company representatives (Hanson); and
- One Independent Chairperson.

The meetings are held bi-annually in May and October (both virtually, due to COVID-19 restrictions) with the committee receiving information from the project operators regarding its compliance with the conditions of consent including the monitoring of environmental, air, noise and water management on the quarry site.

The CCC is an effective communication forum between the community and the company, who have worked hard to establish an improved working relationship with the committee following the purchase from the previous owner. It functions well and accordingly, fulfils its objectives under the Department's guidelines.

2. CCC activities over last 12 months

- Virtual meetings held in March 2020 and March 2021.
- Attendance is consistent, with some apologies registered depending on competing obligations with volunteer members.
- One community representative has resigned her position due to moving out of the area. Given the CCC still meets its membership requirements under the guidelines, there is no intention to recruit for a replacement at this stage.
- Presentations to the CCC at these meetings comprised of:
 - Annual Environmental Review
 - Environmental, Dust and Noise Monitoring results
 - Groundwater, bore water and surface water monitoring results
 - Complaints Register
 - Rehabilitation works
 - Weed maintenance

- Trail maintenance
- Extraction Program (cells and stages)
- Heritage listing of adjacent property.

Key issues

Trending topics of committee discussion can be summarised as:

Issue	Actions Taken	Outcome
Concerns with truck movements to and from the site	Drivers operate under a Drivers Code of Conduct and the company demands strict compliance. Any complaints are addressed immediately. It is noted however, that not all issues are attributable to Hanson trucks & its contractors, as a number of trucks use this area.	Hanson continue to be pro-active and deal with any complaints swiftly and firmly.
Illegal Motorbike riders	Motorbike riders are entering the site illegally, which has required Hanson to install concrete barriers, fencing & padlocks. Unfortunately, these barriers are often vandalised.	Hanson have installed bollards, which unfortunately have been removed illegally by users of the area. Neighbours are encouraged to contact Hanson when activities are observed/heard, which allows staff to attend the site immediately.
Weed eradication	Monthly weed control works are undertaken by a contractor.	Ongoing maintenance carried out.
Groundwater Monitoring/Bore Water Monitoring	During the extended drought, water management on the site remained an important issue for the community.	Ongoing details provided at each CCC.
Bushfire Management	The RFS continue to assess and undertake hazard reduction works.	CCC members to be notified when works are to be carried out.
End of Mine Life Strategy	Community members are concerned with the potential use of the land following the end of mine life.	CCC members to be included and engaged when the end of Mine Life Strategy is being prepared.

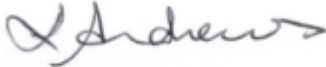
3. Focus for next 12 months

The planned activities for 2021 will be guided by the contributions of the CCC members. These activities are likely to include:

- A site inspection.
- Updates on environmental monitoring of the site, including weed maintenance program, groundwater/surface water and bore monitoring.
- Continued rehabilitation of the site with results presented to the CCC.
- Drivers' continued compliance with the road rules and driving to conditions in accordance with the Drivers Code of Conduct.

To the best of my knowledge, there are no outstanding or emerging issues that have not been addressed.

CCC minutes are available on the project website.

Signature of Chair:	
Date:	15 April 2021