

Dixon Sand Community Consultative Committee – Annual Report for 2021

CCC / Project Name:	Dixon Sand (Haerses Road Quarry)	Reporting Period:	March 2020 to March 2021
Independent Chairperson:	Lisa Andrews	Proponent Contact:	Hunny Churcher

1. Executive Summary

Dixon Sand Pty Ltd operates the Haerses Road Quarry and Old Northern Road Quarry at Maroota. The development consent was originally issued for the Haerses Road Quarry by the Minister for Planning on 14 February 2006. This quarry extracts and processes sand to supply concrete and speciality sand products to the Sydney metropolitan market.

The quarry site is approximately 128 hectares and located in Maroota, 49 kms north-west of Sydney, NSW within The Hills LGA. The region holds a sand deposit in excess of 100 million tonnes. Accordingly, the area is scheduled under the Sydney Regional Environmental Plan (SREP) No. 9 – *Extractive Industries*.

The CCC was established in 2017 and operates in accordance with the guidelines. The membership consists of:

- Three local community representatives (one alternate)
- Two Council delegates (The Hills)
- Three company representatives (Dixon Sand); and
- One Independent Chairperson.

The meetings are held bi-annually (May and November).

The committee receives information from the project operators regarding its compliance with the conditions of consent including the monitoring of environmental, air, noise, rehabilitation and water management on the quarry site.

The CCC is an effective communication forum between the community and the company.

2. CCC activities over last 12 months

The committee met in May 2020 (held virtually due to COVID-19 restrictions) and November 2020, receiving presentations covering:

Operations & Progress including:

- Production/Sales
- Old Northern Road Quarry
- Haerses Road Quarry
- Haerses Road Quarry Mod. 3 (additional Information provided to DPIE regarding air quality assessment).

- Hearses Road Quarry Mod. 4 (Application for Modification 4 lodged on 7 October 2020 under Section 4.55(1A) of EP&A Act – minimal environmental impact).

Environmental Monitoring Results

- Environmental Monitoring Locations
 - TEOM – PM10 data
 - Dust Deposition data
 - Noise Monitoring data
 - Ground water and Surface water data
 - Maximum Extraction Depth Maps
 - Rehabilitation Bonds
 - EMS and Management Plans
 - Groundwater Monitoring Data within the MTSGS Buffer Zone at Haerses Road
- Annual Review
 - Independent Environmental Audit
 - Complaints and non-conformances.
 - Attendance is consistent, with some apologies recorded depending on competing obligations experienced by volunteer members.
 - The CCC benefits from the regular attendance of the bush regeneration and rehabilitation contractor (Bush-It) at each meeting, who provides a comprehensive presentation of works undertaken and the program for future works.
 - Updates on bio-banking agreements.
 - The proponent continues to consult with the CCC in regard to its current DA before the Department of Planning (Modifications 3 & 4 for the Haerses Road Quarry), to increase extraction rates as well as its proposed Old Northern Road Quarry No. 2.

3. Key issues

Trending topics of committee discussion can be summarised as:

Issue	Actions Taken	Outcome
Truck movements to and from the site	Drivers operate under a Drivers Code of Conduct and the company demands strict compliance.	Ongoing monitoring by company.
Consultation process for Mod 3 & Mod 4	Proponent provides CCC with comprehensive information.	Ongoing.
Rehabilitation/Weed Management	Consultant attends each CCC and provides updates on the rehabilitation program, including weed management.	Ongoing attendance.
Concerns with the school zone/bus stop at Maroota Public School	Whilst not technically an issue for this CCC, a community representative has raised concerns regarding traffic around the school. Accordingly the Chair has	Still awaiting response from several representatives to local MP.

	written to the local Member of Parliament seeking their assistance.	
Trespassing/Illegal entry to neighbouring private properties	Representations were received from a neighbour advising of problems with trespassers using Crown Land to access his private property. He requested that Dixon Sand install gates where Old Northern Rd meets the crown road.	Difficult issue to mitigate due to Crown Land issue. Proponent to consider options.

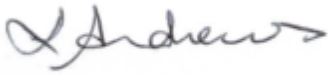
4. Focus for next 12 months

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

- Ongoing updates from the proponent regarding the Haerses Road Quarry Mod 3 & Mod 4 applications and the proposed Old Northern Road Quarry No. 2 assessments.
- Regular updates on environmental monitoring of the site, including TEOM data, dust deposition, noise, groundwater and surface water as well as bush regeneration works.
- Drivers' continued compliance with the road rules and driving to conditions in accordance with the Drivers Code of Conduct.
- Continue to investigate and address any complaints received. It should be noted that the company follows through on all complaints, even when it has shown that they relate to other companies in the area, raising these matters with other quarries.

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:	21 April 2021