

Dixon Sand Community Consultative Committee – Annual Report for 2022

CCC / Project Name:	Dixon Sand (Haerses Road Quarry)	Reporting Period:	March 2021 to March 2022
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 and November 2021 receiving presentations covering:

Operations & Progress including:

- Production/Sales
- Old Northern Road Quarry
- Haerses Road Quarry
- Haerses Road Quarry Mod. 3 (approved 23 July 2021).
- Haerses Road Quarry Mod. 4 (approved on 29 June 2021).

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 provide a comprehensive presentation of works undertaken and the program for future works.
- Updates on bio-banking agreements.
- The proponent continues to provide updates on the new approvals for Modifications 3 & 4 for the Haerses Road Quarry) and the Old Northern Road Quarry No. 2.
- The proponent has also advised of a proposed Development Consent Mod. 5 Modification under Section 4.55(1A) of EP&A Act 1979 (Preparation of Scoping Letter), which will include; relocation of the approved site office, maintenance shed and weighbridge from to an area adjacent to Lot 177 and minor increase in internal floor dimensions (approx. 1,400 m2 incl. awning).

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.
Updates on the new approvals for Mod 3 & Mod 4	CCC members kept up to date throughout the assessment and determination process.	Ongoing.
Proposed submission of Mod 5 application	Preparation of Scoping Letter. (Relocation of site office, maintenance shed, weighbridge, etc.)	Initial presentation provided. Updates will be provided at each CCC.
Rehabilitation/Weed Management	Consultant attends each CCC and provides updates on the rehabilitation program, including weed management.	Ongoing attendance.

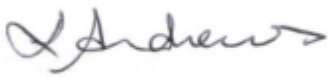
4. Focus for next 12 months

The planned activities for 2022 will be guided by the contributions of the CCC members. These activities are likely to include:

- Ongoing updates from the proponent regarding the recent approval of Haerses Road Quarry Mod 3 & Mod 4 applications and the Old Northern Road Quarry No. 2 developments.
- The proponent will keep the CCC informed of its proposed Development Consent Mod. 5 Modification under Section 4.55(1A) of EP&A Act 1979 (Preparation of Scoping Letter).
- 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 and reporting back to the complainants.

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:	30 April 2022