

Central Coast Sand Quarry Community Consultative Committee – Annual Report for 2022

CCC / Project Name:	Central Coast Sand Quarry	Reporting Period:	March 2021 to March 2022
Independent Chairperson:	Lisa Andrews	Proponent Contact:	Andrew Driver

1. Executive Summary

The Central Coast Sand quarry is situated on Reservoir Road, Somersby, on the Somersby Plateau, approximately 9 kilometres to the north-west of Gosford on the NSW Central Coast.

The land is surrounded by rural properties with ranging agricultural uses, such as orchards, market gardens, poultry farming and grazing.

The quarry activities have been occurring for over four decades and the site is currently owned by Hanson. The CCC was established in November 2017 and operates in accordance with the guidelines. The membership consists of:

- Three local community representatives
- One LGA - Central Coast Council delegate
- Three company representatives (Hanson); and
- One Independent Chairperson.

Meetings are held bi-annually and were held in July 2021 and October 2021 (virtually due to COVID-19 restrictions).

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 July 2021 and October 2021 (virtually).
- Attendance is consistent, with some apologies recorded depending on competing obligations experienced by volunteer members.
- One community representative, a nearby neighbour, has resigned as he feels that the company are meeting its legislative requirements.
- Mining of cells.
- Dams (tailings & freshwater).
- Dust management and suppression.
- Bush Fire Management.
- Rehabilitation and planting of bund area.
- Feral Animal Management.

3. 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.	It was determined that Hanson trucks are complying with their Code of Conduct. Residents confirm that Hanson trucks are not causing problems.
Reducing speed limit on Grants Rd for all motorists	Following representations to Council's Traffic Committee (RMS, Police, Council, etc). The 100km speed limit was reduced to 80km.	Complete.
Bund Wall Rehabilitation	Following failed attempts to rehabilitate the bund wall in accordance with the project approval, a new contractor was engaged and presented their proposal to the CCC.	Works are being undertaken and proving to be very successful.
Maintenance of Grants Rd	Council's delegate on the CCC is happy to receive any feedback from residents.	Road maintenance works continue to be undertaken by Council.
Parking on Grants Rd	Some trucks are parking on the shoulder verge on Grants Rd	Hanson has instructed drivers not to park in this area.
Noise	Noise from reversing machinery on site.	Mitigation measures put in place.
Dust	Dust is managed on site depending on weather conditions.	Extra dust suppression measures put in place. Neighbours are encouraged to contact Hanson direct if there experience any issues.
Vibration	Concerns with vibration being held on a neighbouring property.	Hanson engaged a vibration specialist to conduct monitoring at the site.
Bush Fire Management	Members have previously raised concern with bush fires in the surrounding area.	Hanson to provide where feasible, its water cart to assist the RFS.
Transport Management Plan	Transport within quarry – Traffic Management Plan update. One way cycle trial to be undertaken, to utilise the site as a whole. Change of entry point for road trucks, utilisation of secondary gate. More	CCC members to be kept informed of the outcome of the trial.

	road truck traffic but less haul truck traffic near neighbours.	
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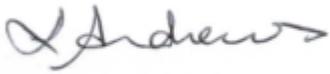
4. Focus for next 12 months

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

- Updates on environmental monitoring of the site, including weed maintenance program, groundwater/surface water and bore monitoring.
- Continued rehabilitation of the site, including the bund wall.
- Update of trial for internal truck movements (Traffic Management Plan) to be provided 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:	11 April 2021