

Dixon Sand Community Consultative Committee – Annual Report for 2018-2019

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| CCC / Project Name: | Dixon Sand (Haerses Road Quarry) | Reporting Period: | May 2017 to May 2019 |
| 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 2017, November 2017, May 2018, November 2018 and May 2019.
- Attendance is consistent, with some apologies recorded depending on competing obligations experienced by volunteer members.
- A site inspection was undertaken in November 2017.
- The CCC benefits from the regular attendance of the bush regeneration and rehabilitation contractor at each meeting, who provides a comprehensive presentation of works undertaken and the program for future works.

- Updates on Bio-banking agreements.
- The proponent commenced consultation with the CCC in May 2019 regarding its intention to lodge Modification 3 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 |
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| 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 – increasing of extraction rates | Proponent provides CCC with comprehensive information. | Ongoing consultation throughout the processing of the Mod 3 application. |
| Community concerns with Mod 3 application in relation to the increased traffic/truck movements, retention of Buffer Zones, dust and groundwater impacts | The proponent has prepared a Q&A sheet for distribution to the community, addressing the concerns that have been raised. | Letterbox drops to surrounding properties as well as information being displayed on the project website. |
| Rehabilitation | Consultant attends each CCC and provides updates on rehabilitation program. | Ongoing attendance. |

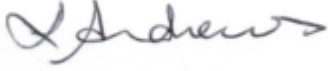
4. Focus for next 12 months

The planned activities for 2019 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 application and the proposed Old Northern Road Quarry No. 2.
- The proponent holding an Open Day for the community.
- 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.

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.

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| Signature of Chair: |  |
| Date: | 26 June 2019 |