

GRANTS RD SAND COMMUNITY CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT FOR YEAR 2018-2019

Grants Rd Sand Community Consultative Committee Details

CCC / Project Name:	Grants Rd Sand	Reporting Period:	October 2018 to April 2019
Independent Chairperson:	Lisa Andrews	Proponent Contact:	Steve Jones

1. Executive Summary

Grants Rd Sand is a family owned and run sandstone quarry located on the Central Coast of New South Wales that supplies sand, sandstone and sandstone products for domestic and commercial projects.

The project operates in accordance with its approval (No. 080099 25 July 2014, which was modified in April 2018 to provide more improved biodiversity outcomes).

In October 2018, a Community Consultative Committee was established as per Schedule 5, Environmental Management Reporting & Auditing, condition 6 of the development consent:

Community Consultative Committee

6. If directed by the Secretary, the Proponent must establish and operate a Community Consultative Committee (CCC) for the project to the satisfaction of the Secretary. Any such CCC must be operated in general accordance with the Community Consultative Committee Guidelines: State Significant Projects (2016).

The CCC operates in accordance with the guidelines. The membership consisted of:

- Three local community representatives
- One Central Coast Council delegate
- Two company representatives and
- One Independent Chairperson.

The meetings are held bi-annually and to date, two meetings have occurred.

As is often the case with sand mines and aggregate quarries; the main issue of concern for the community is traffic movements, road/pedestrian safety and dust.

The Grants Rd Quarry is located in a rural area at the end of a dead-end road and therefore, only provides one way in and out. This combined with another sand quarry off Grants Road (Reservoir Rd) presents cumulative impacts for local residents.

The proponent has shown its willingness to work with the community and has recorded no complaints since the CCC's establishment.

The committee receives 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.

It is also pleasing to report that Central Coast Council has listened to the concerns of the community and provided additional signage on Grants Road, indicating speed limits, stop signs, parking signs, etc. Road maintenance works are also planned to mitigate safety concerns.

The CCC is an effective communication forum between the community, the Council and the company. It functions well and accordingly, fulfils its objectives under the Department's guidelines.

2. CCC activities over last 12 months

- The committee met in October 2018 and March 2019.
- Attendance is low due to the size of the committee and apologies from members because of other commitments. Currently the Independent Chair is recruiting for an additional community representative, due to a recent resignation, as well as inviting a local stakeholder group to join the CCC.
- There were no joint CCC's held.

3. Key issues

Trending topics of committee discussion can be summarised as:

Issue	Actions Taken	Outcome
Concerns with the speed at which motorists drive along Grants Rd and other local roads.	Wrote Central Coast Council.	Matter considered by the Local Traffic Committee (RMS, Council & Police delegates). Signage has been installed.
Levy paid by the company to Council not being returned to the community for local roads maintenance.	Wrote to Central Coast Council.	Levy is paid into general revenue, however, Grants Rd will be considered for treatment in the 2020/21 road program.
Tree trimming	Wrote to Central Coast Council	Works undertaken.
Road shoulder work to improve drainage and safety	Wrote to Central Coast Council.	Being considered.

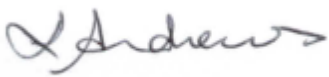
4. Focus for next 12 months

The planned activities for 2019 will be guided by the contributions of the CCC members. These activities are likely to include:

- A site inspection.
- Updates on environmental monitoring of the site.
- Drivers' continued compliance with the road rules and driving to conditions.

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

CCC minutes and presentations are available on the project website.

Signature of Chair:	
Date:	2 April 2019