

Grants Rd Sand Community Consultative Committee Annual Report 2020

CCC / Project Name:	Grants Rd Sand	Reporting Period:	April 2019 to April 2020
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 in March and September. A meeting was held in September 2019, however, the meeting planned for March 2020 was postponed due to the COVID-19 situation. The meeting will be rescheduled as soon as restrictions are lifted.

Following the resignation of a community representative (due to moving away from the area), recruitment was undertaken in accordance with the CCC guidelines. Despite writing to several stakeholder groups and advertising in the local area, the campaign only resulted in one community representative being appointed. This still allows for an effective committee membership.

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 access. 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 have recently been undertaken 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 September 2019.
- Attendance is low due to the size of the committee and apologies from members because of other competing commitments.
- One complaint was received during the last 12 months and following investigation was not attributable to this project as it was a Council contractor working on a local road over the weekend.
- 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.	There has been extensive correspondence with Central Coast Council and Roads & Maritime Services. Speed limit signs have been posted.	Matter considered by the Local Traffic Committee Signage has been installed for 80kph, which has actually meant that motorists have increased their speed as they previously thought it was 60kph area.
Road shoulder work, maintenance and improvement to drainage	Central Coast Council has undertaken works. Residents have been encouraged by LGA delegate to register any concerns with Central Coast Council to ensure there is a record for investigation.	As with most LGAs, budgets allocated for road maintenance are in great demand from all communities. Accordingly, most residents in LGA's would prefer more money be spent in their area.

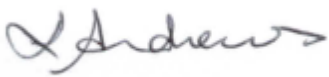
4. Focus for next 12 months

The planned activities for 2020 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:	30 April 2020