

Metromix Teralba Quarry Community Consultative Committee Annual Report for 2018.

Community Consultative Committee Details

CCC / Project Name:	Teralba Quarry	Reporting Period:	January - December 2018
Independent Chairperson:	Margaret MacDonald-Hill	Proponent Contact:	Mo Yunusa

1. Executive Summary

The Metromix Teralba Quarry Community Consultative Committee was established as part of a condition of consent approval by the Department of Planning and Infrastructure's Director General as the Minister's Delegate in February 2013. The project is a hard rock quarry supplying to the construction industry and situated approximately twenty kilometres south of the city of Newcastle, NSW, off Rhondda Road and in proximity to the village of Teralba, on the western side of Lake Macquarie and in the Local Government Area of the City of Lake Macquarie. The quarry has been in operation since 1964 and has been part of Metromix operations from 1986.

The Committee operates in accordance with the current version of the Department of Planning and Environment's Community Consultative Committee Guidelines for State Significant Projects. Meetings are held biannually and the committee is comprised of:

- two local community representatives;
- one elected Lake Macquarie Council representative;
- two Teralba Quarry representatives;
- one independent Minute Taker;
- one independent Chairperson.

The committee is only small and struggled to attract additional members since its inception. However, as the quarry has been in existence for over half a century and is part of the accepted landscape with minimal complaints, suggesting its activities are of little concern to the local community and the Council.

The committee meetings are well attended with company reports and detailed PowerPoint presentations given at each meeting. A good rapport exists amongst all members. Matters discussed during the reporting period varied from the Department's approval of a minor modification to the Biodiversity Offset Strategy, changes to EPA licence, the Voluntary Planning Agreement with Council, statutory requirements and environmental monitoring. Other matters discussed for the reporting period were:

- extraction volumes, number of sales and blasts on site
- general environmental monitoring for water, air noise, blasting and transport (truck movements)
- non compliances
- community complaints
- broader community engagement and community sponsorship

- progress of rehabilitation works
- weed management
- 2017 Annual Environmental Review

2. CCC activities over last 12 months

- The committee met in May and October during 2018.
- Attendance at meetings is static, with an occasional apology.
- A site inspection of quarry operations was included as part of the October meeting.
- No joint CCC meetings were held during the period.

3. Key issues

There have been no key issues raised by committee members on the activities of the quarry. The quarry's long term presence within the local community and supportive interactions with its neighbours, school and local businesses indicates it is an accepted part of the district. The committee maintains an interest in all the company's reports and operations.

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 of the rehabilitation works
- biodiversity offsets
- review of ongoing environmental monitoring
- operational activities
- local community support program.

To the best of my knowledge, there are no outstanding or emerging issues that have not been addressed or are in the process of being so, to the committee's satisfaction.

Committee Meeting minutes and presentations are available on the website within two weeks of each meeting.

Signature of Chair:	
Date:	May 7 2019