

## Salt Ash Sand Mine Community Consultative Committee – Annual Report for 2018-2019

<b>CCC / Project Name:</b>	Salt Ash Sand Mine Community Consultative Committee	<b>Reporting Period:</b>	May 2016 to May 2019
<b>Independent Chairperson:</b>	<b>Lisa Andrews</b>	<b>Proponent Contact:</b>	<b>Luke Johnson</b>

### 1. Executive Summary

ATB Morton operates Salt Ash Quarry, which is located 22 km west of Nelson Bay and 3km east of Salt Ash Village in the Port Stephens LGA. Access to the quarry is via Janet Parade (a dead end road) off Nelson Bay Road.

Salt Ash Quarry was granted project approval in October 2010 to undertake sand extraction activities until 2030. The project has been modified on three occasions and in 2017 the proponent lodged Mod 4, proposing to increase sand production transportation rate, increase truck movements and extend working day operations.

The CCC was established in 2016 and operates in accordance with the guidelines. The membership consists of:

- Three local community representatives (one alternate)
- One Council delegate (Port Stephens Council)
- Two company representatives; and
- One Independent Chairperson.

The meetings are held bi-annually (usually, May and October).

The committee receives information from the project operators regarding its compliance with the conditions of consent as well as updates concerning its recent Mod 4 application.

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 2016, October 2016, July 2017, October 2017, April 2018, October 2018 and May 2019.
- This is a very small committee on a small site, with only two neighbouring property owners as community representatives on the CCC. Despite letters and invitations to other stakeholder groups, there has been no interest from the broader community in becoming members on this CCC.
- Attendance is inconsistent, with apologies recorded due to competing obligations experienced by volunteer members.
- The Port Stephens Council delegate was only appointed in October 2018.
- Briefing of outcomes of the project's Annual Review (2018).

- The proponent commenced consultation with the CCC in October 2017 regarding its intention to lodge Modification 4 to increase its operations and has kept members up to date with the application's assessment and determination.
- Decision by CCC to reduce bi-annual meetings to annual, due to minimal issues of concern.

### 3. Key issues

Trending topics of committee discussion can be summarised as:

Issue	Actions Taken	Outcome
<b>Truck movements to and from the site</b>	Drivers operate under a Drivers Code of Conduct and the company demands strict compliance.	Ongoing monitoring by company.
<b>Reduce Speed Limit along Janet Parade</b>	The proponent has a self-imposed reduced speed limit for all of its truck drivers (40km /ph) despite the road being signposted as 40km/ph	Ongoing monitoring.
<b>Concerns from resident regarding damage to home from vibrations from truck movements along Janet Parade</b>	The proponent has requested the property owner to provide a written report with supporting evidence for its consideration. (Private matter.)	Ongoing.

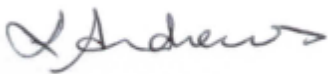
### 4. Focus for next 12 months

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

- Decision on whether the proponent will proceed with its Mod 4 approval (due to conditions imposed on the determination by RMS requiring extensive road works, including turning lanes and treatments, which would make the project cost prohibitive).
- Regular updates on environmental monitoring; including noise, dust and fauna.
- 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:	26 June 2019