

Calga Sand Community Consultative Committee – Annual Report for 2023-2024

CCC / Project Name:	Calga Sand	Reporting Period:	April 2023 – April 2024
Independent Chairperson:	Lisa Andrews	Proponent Contact:	Belinda Pignone

1. Executive Summary

The Calga Sand Quarry is located off Peats Ridge Road, 1.7 km north-northwest of the Calga Interchange on the M1 Freeway. The quarry has operated periodically since the late 1960's and more formally since the early 1990's.

The site is located adjacent to the Australia Walkabout Wildlife Park.

The project operates in accordance with its approval and a Community Consultative Committee has been meeting regularly since 2011 and operates in accordance with the guidelines. The membership consists of:

- Five local community representatives
- Three company representatives (Hanson); and
- One Independent Chairperson.

The meetings are held bi-annually with the committee receiving 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.

The CCC is a successful forum between the community and the company, who have worked hard to establish an improved working relationship with the committee following the purchase from the previous owner. It functions well and accordingly, fulfils its objectives under the Department's guidelines. Recently, there has been a decline in attendees, which is mainly due to reduced activities on site as the mine moves into closure.

2. CCC activities over last 12 months

- Presentations to the CCC at these meetings comprised of:
 - Annual Environmental Review
 - Environmental, Dust and Noise Monitoring results
 - Groundwater, bore water and surface water monitoring results
 - Complaints Register
 - Rehabilitation works
 - Weed maintenance
 - Trail maintenance
 - Extraction Program (cells and stages)
 - Site horticulturist review
 - Aboriginal Heritage Management Plan
 - Mining Exit Strategy
 - Quarry Closure Ground Water Management Plan

- The CCC received a presentation by the Independent Chairperson on the Department of Planning's revised guidelines for SSD CCCs; outlining the changes and providing an opportunity to reinforce the objectives of the CCC and role of members. The members of the CCC have developed a specific Terms of Reference for this committee as well as completed the necessary governance forms (Pecuniary Interest Declarations and Code of Conduct), which will be reviewed annually.

Review of Effectiveness of the CEMCC

- In accordance with the revised CCC guidelines, it is deemed that the CEMCC operates effectively. The proponent provides comprehensive presentations, ongoing notifications, timely responses to requests and completion of action items. There have been no concerns raised by CEMCC members.

Key issues

Trending topics of committee discussion can be summarised as:

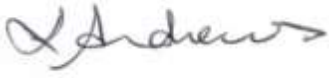
Issue	Actions Taken	Outcome
Concerns with truck movements to and from the site	Drivers operate under a Drivers Code of Conduct and the company demands strict compliance. Any complaints are addressed immediately. It is noted however, that not all issues are attributable to Hanson trucks & its contractors, as a number of trucks use this area.	Hanson has always been pro-active and deal with any complaints swiftly and firmly.
Illegal Motorbike riders	Motorbike riders are entering the site illegally.	Hanson has met with a neighbouring property owner to try and mitigate the issue.
Weed eradication	Monthly weed control works are undertaken by a contractor.	Ongoing maintenance carried out.
Groundwater Monitoring/Bore Water Monitoring	Monitoring undertaken in accordance with the Management Plan.	Ongoing details provided at each CCC.
Bushfire Management	The RFS continue to assess and undertake hazard reduction works.	CCC members to be notified when works are to be carried out.
End of Mine Life Strategy	Community members are concerned with the potential use of the land following the end of mine life.	Hanson's plan is to rehabilitate the site in accordance with its consent.

3. Focus for next 12 months

Mining activities on the site have ceased. The proponent has kept members informed of its intentions and consulted them in relation to the Quarry Closure Ground Water Management Plan. Following discussions at the last CCC, it was agreed that the chair write to DPHI requesting that the CCC be paused whilst Hanson undertakes the required rehabilitation and restoration of the site. In the event that any concerns are raised by the community during this time, the CCC may be reconvened.

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 April 2024