

Gunlake Community Consultative Committee (CCC) – 2024 Annual Report

CCC project name:	Gunlake Quarry	Reporting period:	January 1 to December 31 2024.
Independent chairperson:	Margaret MacDonald-Hill	Proponent contact:	Geoff Kettle, Gunlake Quarries Community and Stakeholder Engagement

1. Executive summary / introduction

The Gunlake Quarry Project was originally approved by the Minister for Planning in 2008 as State Significant Development (SSD) 7090 for the hard rock quarry operations at Marulan. With subsequent modifications for the extension of the existing quarry footprint, approved by the Land and Environment Court's decision in 2017, a community consultative committee was established under the Department's guidelines, although a community liaison committee had been operating previously. There has been a subsequent modification, the Gunlake Quarry Extension Project, and a new SSD, the Gunlake Quarry Continuation Project approved. The quarry extracts up to 2.6 million tonnes per annum by approved transport routes; the Primary Transport Route and the Secondary Transport Route and is a twenty four hour operation within the Goulburn Mulwaree Council Local Government area, approximately thirty kilometres north east of Goulburn.

The committee is comprised of:

- seven community representatives;
- one elected councillor representative and alternate and one staff member from Goulburn Mulwaree Council;
- three Gunlake representatives, with attendance from other personnel as required;
- an independent Chairperson.

2. CCC activities over last 12 months:

- The committee met in April and December 2024. Topics discussed included maintenance of the haulage routes and Council's works program, CCC guidelines, Council elections and representation, number of employees and local employment opportunities, community sponsorship, update on continuation project and proposed modifications to address biodiversity and offset areas and an increase in truck numbers.
- Attendance at meetings is consistent with previous years.
- The committee usually meets at a local church hall in Marulan. Although planned, no site visit was undertaken for the reporting period because of the resignation of the former chairperson and a delay in the appointment of a new chairperson.
- The community members are long term residents in a small country town and are well known and respected within the area. By virtue of this, engagement is ongoing outside of committee meetings.
- A good rapport exists amongst all members and the committee fulfils its purpose as an effective means of communication.

- The Terms of Reference was adopted by the committee at the December meeting.

3. Key issues

Issue	Actions taken	Next steps
Maintenance of haulage routes	Thorough review undertaken by Goulburn Mulwaree Council	Safety improvements proposed by Gunlake under assessment by Council. Federal Government funding applications by Council for improvements.
Proposed modifications	Committee briefed at December meeting	Further updates will be provided during 2025 meetings.

4. Focus for next 12 months:

- Planned activities for 2025 will include further updates on the proposed modifications, a site tour and any emerging issues the committee may raise.
- To the best of my knowledge, there are no outstanding issues which have not been addressed or are in the process of being so, to the committee's satisfaction.

Name of chairperson:	Margaret MacDonald-Hill
Date:	February 26 2025.