



# Dixon Sand (Penrith) Pty Ltd

**MINUTES OF THE BI-ANNUAL  
COMMUNITY CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE  
4610 Old Northern Road, Maroota  
20<sup>th</sup> November 2019**



<b>PRESENT</b>	<b>NAME</b>	<b>ORGANISATION</b>
	Lisa Andrews (LA)	Independent Chairperson
	Kristine McKenzie (KM)	The Hills Shire Council Representative
	Pat Schwartz (PS)	Community Representative ( <i>arrived at 1pm</i> )
	Farley Roberts (FR)	Community Representative
	Lisa Aylward (LAy)	Maroota Public School Representative
	Chris Spraggon (CS)	Bush Regeneration Contractor (Bush-It)
	Robert Buckham (RB)	The Hills Shire Council Representative
	Hunny Churcher (HC)	Environmental Officer, Dixon Sand
	David Dixon (DD)	General Manager, Dixon Sand
	Mark Dixon (MD)	Dixon Sand
	Melissa Mass (MM)	Dixon Sand - Ecologist
<b>APOLOGIES</b>	Jemma Roberts	Community Representative (alternate)

**Lunch was provided for CCC members 12.30pm-1pm.**

**The CCC meeting was opened at 12.55pm**

<b>WELCOME</b>	The chair welcomed all present and thanked them for their attendance. Melissa Mass, Dixon Sand's new Ecologist was introduced and asked to provide some background to the CCC.	
<b>DECLARATION OF INTEREST</b>	LA declared that she is approved by the Department of Planning and Environment to chair the meeting and engaged by Dixon Sand.	<b>No changes to previous declarations by members.</b>
<b>BUSINESS ARISING</b>	<b>Action Item</b> 1 HC to send link to Fact Sheet once prepared and upload to website. <b>Complete 2/9/19.</b>	
<b>CORRESPONDENCE (as emailed with Meeting Notice on 21/10/19)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 21/5/19 - Draft minutes sent to members for review.</li> <li>• 30/5/19 - Finalised minutes sent to members.</li> <li>• 11/6/19 – Advice from HC regarding the Q&amp;A sheet for the Modification to Operations application.</li> <li>• 20/8/19 – Email from RW Corkery advising of their appointment by DPIE to undertake an Independent Environmental Audit of the Quarries. This email forwarded on to CCC members requesting feedback of any items they wish included in the audit by the consultant.</li> <li>• 23/8/19 – Email from LAylward with no comments to add for audit.</li> <li>• 28/8/19 - Email from KM advising that Council will be preparing a submission direct to RW Corkery.</li> </ul>	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2/9/19 – Email from HC attaching Haerses Road Quarry - Modification 3 - Community Flyer No. 2</li> <li>• 29/9/19 – Email from HC advising that the Annual Review 2018-19 for the Old Northern Road and Haerses Road quarries has been submitted to DPIE.</li> <li>• 8/10/19 – Email from HC with Melissa Mass's completed declaration &amp; code of conduct forms.</li> <li>• 21/10/19 – Email to CCC members with the Meeting Notice, Agenda for this meeting.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>PROJECT REPORT, INCLUDING PRODUCTION/SALES OLD NORTHERN ROAD QUARRY, HAERSES ROAD QUARRY AND HEARSES ROAD QUARRY MODIFICATION 3 FOR HEARSES ROAD</b></p>	<p><b>See attached presentation.</b></p> <p>DD provided a project update to members:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Operations are steady with the rush to Christmas. Sales have been constant and the sandstone logs are moving quite well.</li> <li>• There has been a fair bit of rehabilitation at Haerses Rd with the final dam being constructed.</li> <li>• Intersection works for Modification 1 commenced on Monday and will get to a certain stage prior to the closure time over the Christmas break (2 weeks). Works should be completed at the end of February 2020 and were held up due to the other roadworks in the area (Nicholsons). Concerns were raised by LAy regarding the design and the inability to turn right out of this intersection, thus vehicles will turn left and drive past Dixon Sand Quarry to turn around at the Haerses Road/Wisemans Ferry Road intersection. HC commented that they may have to address this issue in the Traffic Management Plan and when inducting truck drivers to work on the sites. Further, that it is proposed that Hearses Rd will be 20kph.</li> <li>• The Statement of Environmental Effects (SEE) for Haerses Road Mod 3 has been lodged with DPIE. Two community flyers have been delivered and feedback received to date include truck movements and buffer zones. The noise requirements have been remodelled and brought up to the current standards.</li> <li>• Negotiations have occurred regarding encroachments into the buffer area (Roberts), who have agreed to the application to Council.</li> <li>• The adequacy test of the SEE is currently occurring and once the document is placed on exhibition by DPIE, CCC members will be informed of the advertising period.</li> <li>• Two complaints were received by neighbours concerning a truck speeding. Investigations have revealed that it was not a Dixon Sand (or its contractors) truck. Further investigations through the Inter-Pit Policy are occurring with the other quarries, however, it appears that it is not associated with any of these operations.</li> <li>• LAy asked if the sand had to be covered when being trucked. DD confirmed yes, however, the sandstone logs do not.</li> <li>• KM enquired which site the sandstone was being mined. DD advised, this site, Old Northern Road and Laughtondale Gully Road.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Questions were asked and answered throughout the presentation.</b></p>
<p><b>ENVIRONMENTAL MONITORING RESULTS</b></p>	<p>HC provided results of the environmental monitoring program:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Environmental Monitoring Locations</li> </ul>	<p><b>Questions were asked and answered</b></p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ TEMO- PM10 results</li> <li>○ Dust deposition results</li> <li>○ Noise results</li> <li>○ Ground water and surface water data.</li> </ul> <p>HC went into detail regarding the dust exceedance results, which were due to regional dust events, scheduled hazard reduction burns and bushfire events. KM enquired whether the site was closed down because of the exceedances, with HC advising no, as it was classified as an “un-natural” event</p>	<b>throughout the presentation.</b>
<b>BUSH REGENERATION WORKS</b>	<p>CS advised that one of the company’s long term supervisors was leaving and there would be new management for the site. There have been lots of issues with recent bush fires. The revegetation is looking good despite the dry period, however is not showing too much growth.</p> <p>CS presented on the :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Native Vegetation Corridor – Western Revegetation</li> <li>○ Eastern Woodland</li> <li>○ Lot 196 Embankment Rehabilitation</li> <li>○ Old Northern Road Biodiversity Offset</li> <li>○ Haerses Road Offset</li> <li>○ Haerses Road Visual Screen</li> </ul> <p>HC advised that they took more cutting for the endangered species at the Old Northern Road (<i>Melaleuca deanei</i> and <i>Darwinia fascicularis</i> ssp. <i>oligantha</i>) working with EcoFlora a local native nursery. KM enquired what the survival rate was; with DD responding – about 50% for the <i>M. deanei</i> but much higher for <i>D. fascicularis</i> ssp. <i>oligantha</i>.</p> <p>PS asked CS whether they were keeping an eye out for Crofton Weed as it follows water ways so upstream control is very important. PS also stated that the downstream environment from Hearses Rd site is weed free along Little Cattai Creek through the Maroota Forest to the Broadwater Wetland.</p> <p>CS responded that this weed likes moisture so the dry conditions have helped in suppressing it. PS explained a technique for removing the plant.</p>	<b>Photographs were shown in the presentation depicting the rehabilitation works.</b>
<b>GENERAL BUSINESS</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ PS enquired whether any Koalas have been sighted in the area; stating that following the 2002 bush fires the population has not come back. Discussions ensued about this subject.</li> <li>○ MM advised that she has been surveying the area and has only found scats across the river – none in the local area. The University of Western Sydney is obtaining funding for survey work for vulnerable species.</li> <li>○ HC advised that she is moving to Tasmania, however, will be continuing her compliance work with Dixon Sand. MM will take over field work, ecology and bush management.</li> </ul>	<b>CCC members wished HC well in her move to Tasmania.</b>
<b>MEETING SCHEDULE FOR 2020</b>	<p>It was agreed to continue the bi-annual meetings with the existing schedule:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">  <b>Wednesday - 13th May 2020; and</b>   <b>Wednesday - 11th November 2020.</b> </p>	<b>Agreed.</b>

*Meeting closed at 2.08pm with LA thanking all CCC members for their attendance and as it was the last meeting of the year, wished them a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.*

**ACTION ITEM**

1 Advise CCC members when SEE goes on exhibition. HC