

Cabbage Tree Road Sand Quarry Community Consultative Committee

Annual Report – 2019

CCC/Project Name	Cabbage Tree Road Sand Quarry	Reporting Period:	8.05.19. to 31.12.19. (annual reporting)
Independent Chairperson:	John Turner	Proponent Contact:	Darren Williams

1. Executive Summary

Williamtown Sand Syndicate operates Cabbage Tree Road Sand Quarry which is located on Cabbage Tree Road, Williamtown.

The company was given development consent on 9th May, 2018, and I was appointed Independent Chair on 8th May, 2019. The development consent required a Community Consultative Committee (CCC) to have an independent chair, representative from the proponent, council (Port Stephens Council), Hunter Water and Surrounds Residents' Action Group and local community.

Advertising for local community members occurred with little interest. In addition, the Residents' Action Group was in the process of being wound-up and therefore could not provide a representative. Four community members were accepted as members of the CCC, two of whom had some exposure to the action group.

The original meeting was held on 11th October, 2019.

At that meeting there was a free exchange of information between the proponents and the committee members.

Also a discussion on the 2019 Community Consultative Committee Guidelines occurred as part of the meeting.

All members of the committee completed a pecuniary interest declaration and code of conduct agreement.

2. CCC Activities of Last 12 Months

As the Planning Secretary endorsed the committee on 20th August, 2019, the only activity of the CCC has been to meet on 11th October, 2019.

At that meeting the proponents gave an overview of the operations to date and future work, including arrangements for road works on Cabbage Tree Road to facilitate the quarry's operations.

The community members raised a number of concerns they had encountered and these were addressed by the proponent.

The committee also agreed to an agenda for future meeting and resolved to meet four times a year.

It was determined to hold a site meeting with the proponents and CCC when safety measures were such that a visit could be accommodated.

3. Key Issues

Early key issues established were the proposed access to the site and machinery noise from the site. The proponents explained their proposal for noise minimisation on site and proposed plans to ensure vehicles entering from public roads do so in accordance with the development approval.

4. Focus for Next 12 Months

The quarry is in it development stage, including road access development and quarry excavation.

It would be proposed that the proponents progressively inform the CCC of the development activities.

Additionally, when appropriate, a site visit will occur.

Signature of Chair:	
Date:	