

Central Coast Sand Quarry Community Consultative Committee – Annual Report for 2018-2019

CCC / Project Name:	Central Coast Sand Quarry	Reporting Period:	November 2017 to May 2019
Independent Chairperson:	Lisa Andrews	Proponent Contact:	Andrew Driver

1. Executive Summary

The Central Coast Sand quarry is situated on Reservoir Road, Somersby, on the Somersby Plateau, approximately 9 kilometres to the north-west of Gosford on the NSW Central Coast.

The land is surrounded by rural properties with ranging agricultural uses, such as orchards, market gardens, poultry farming and grazing.

The quarry activities have been occurring for over four decades and is currently owned by Hanson. The CCC was established in November 2017 and operates in accordance with the guidelines. The membership consists of:

- Three local community representatives
- One Central Coast Council delegate
- Three company representatives (Hanson); and
- One Independent Chairperson.

The meetings were held quarterly on site from November 2017 to November 2018 with the CCC resolving to move to bi-annual meetings in November 2018. Accordingly, future meetings will be held in May and November. Of course, extra-ordinary meetings may be called at any time.

The committee receives information from the project operators regarding its compliance with the conditions of consent including the monitoring of environmental, air, noise, rehabilitation and water management on the quarry site.

The CCC is an effective communication forum between the community and the company.

2. CCC activities over last 12 months

- The committee met in November 2017, February 2018, May 2018, August 2018 November 2018 & May 2019.
- Attendance is consistent, with some apologies recorded depending on competing obligations experienced by volunteer members.
- A site inspection was undertaken in May 2018.
- Presentation from the Rehabilitation Consultant regarding proposed works to be undertaken, including the Bund Wall.
- Traffic audit of Grants Rd Somersby.

3. 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.	Hanson undertook auditing of all traffic on Grants Rd. It was determined that Hanson trucks are complying with their Code of Conduct. Residents confirm that Hanson trucks are not causing problems.
Reducing speed limit on Grants Rd for all motorists	Following representations to Council's Traffic Committee (RMS, Police, Council, etc). The 100km speed limit was reduced to 80km.	The road was previously not signposted, so motorists generally drove to the road conditions, however, now the new signs have been erected there seems to be some motorists increasing to this limit.
Bund Wall Rehabilitation	Following failed attempts to rehabilitate the bund wall in accordance with the project approval, a new contractor was engaged and presented their proposal to the CCC.	Works are being undertaken and proving to be very successful.
Maintenance of Grants Rd	Following representations to Council, its delegate presented to the CCC advising that the road levy paid by Hanson to Council is placed in the general fund for road maintenance in the shire.	Condition of approval requires contributions to be used for the maintenance of Grants Rd. Hanson & chair will continue to lobby Council.
Noise	Noise from reversing machinery on site.	Mitigation measures put in place.

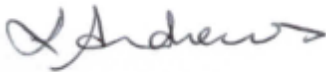
4. Focus for next 12 months

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

- Updates on environmental monitoring of the site, including weed maintenance program, groundwater/surface water and bore monitoring.
- Continued rehabilitation of the site, including the bund wall, with results presented to the CCC.
- 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:	27 May 2019