

MACKAS SAND PROJECT COMMUNITY CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT FOR YEAR 2021

Community Consultative Committee Details

CCC / Project Name:	Mackas Sand Project	Reporting Period:	January - December 2021
Independent Chairperson:	Margaret MacDonald-Hill	Proponent Contact:	Robert Mackenzie Daniel Sullivan

1. Executive Summary

The Mackas Sand Project Community Consultative Committee (CCC) held its inaugural meeting in September 2010, as part of a condition of consent by the then Minister for Planning's 2009 approval of the project for the extraction of sand operations with a limit of 1 million tonnes per annum from each Lot 218 and 220 Salt Ash NSW. The quarrying operation is located within the Port Stephens Council Local Government area, approximately twenty five kilometres north east of Newcastle. The land is held by the Worimi Local Aboriginal Land Council and with their concurrence, sand operations have been undertaken in the area since 1992.

The Committee operates in accordance with the Department of Planning and Environment's 2019 Community Consultative Committee Guidelines for State Significant Projects.

The committee is currently comprised of:

- three local community representatives and an alternate;
- one community representative who acts in a dual capacity as Port Stephens Council representative;
- CEO of the Worimi Local Aboriginal Land Council plus one alternate;
- one Mackas Sand representative, with attendance from other personnel as required;
- an environmental consultant from Umwelt (Australia) Pty Ltd;
- one independent Chairperson.

The committee held its annual meeting in April and in doing so, managed to avoid further complications with Covid-19 restrictions that ensued as the year progressed, although attendance numbers were reduced.

Matters discussion at the meeting included the withdrawal of the proposed modification for Lot 218 and a proposal to lower the floor level on Lot 218 with further investigative studies to be undertaken, roadwork improvements to the Lemon Tree Passage/Nelson Bay roundabout carried out by RMS and a number of potholes in Oakdale Road following heavy rain. The committee also noted there were no complaints for the year. The committee retains its original membership and all members are known to each other. The Company continues its support of local and regional charities and maintains the ongoing dialogue with its members and near neighbours beyond the meeting schedule.

2. CCC activities over last 12 months

- The committee meeting was held in April 2021.
- The committee was consulted on the Triennial Independent Environmental Audit – no issues raised.

- No site inspections were carried out during 2021.
- No joint CCC meetings were held during the period.

3. Key issues

There have been no emerging key issues raised by committee members for the reporting period.

Issue	Actions Taken	Next Steps
truck movements and safety	Enforcement of Drivers' Code of Conduct.	Ongoing.
	Proposed road upgrades and maintenance. RMS improvements to roundabout.	Ongoing.
Proposed modifications	CCC to be briefed on any future modifications.	When required.


4. Focus for next 12 months

The planned activities for 2021 will be guided by the interests of the CCC members. These activities are likely to include:

- a site inspection.
- updates on any project modifications
- updates to management plans
- any incidents reports or complaints.

To the best of my knowledge, there are no outstanding matters that have not been addressed or are in the process of being so, to the committee's satisfaction.

Committee Meeting minutes are available on the website within two weeks of each meeting.

Signature of Chair:	
Date:	March 9 2022