

# Sancrox Quarry Community Consultative Committee – Annual Report for 2021

<b>CCC / Project Name:</b>	Sancrox Quarry CCC	<b>Reporting Period:</b>	March 2020 to March 2021
<b>Independent Chairperson:</b>	<b>Lisa Andrews</b>	<b>Proponent Contact:</b>	<b>Andrew Driver</b>

## 1. Executive Summary

The Sancrox Quarry is a hard rock quarry located in Sancrox approximately 8 kilometres west of Port Macquarie, within the Port Macquarie Hastings Council (PMHC) local government area on the Mid North Coast of NSW, 380km north of Sydney. The development operates under consents issued by Council since 1995, however, the company, Hanson, recently applied to extend the life of the quarry by expanding the approved extraction boundary to facilitate the extraction and distribution of construction materials for the use in civil infrastructure, concrete, road construction projects.

Accordingly, a CCC was established in 2018 as part of the consultation process for this application and the SEARs issued by the Secretary. The CCC operates in accordance with the guidelines and consists of the following:

- Six local community representatives (one alternate)
- One LGA delegate
- Three company representatives (Hanson); and
- One Independent Chairperson.

The company is about to lodge its Response to Submissions (RTS) following the exhibition (November 2019). CCC members were invited to provide feedback on the draft RTS.

The CCC will be an effective communication forum between the community and the company, during the assessment of the state significant development application.

## 2. CCC activities over last 12 months

- The committee met in December 2020 and March 2021, with the proponent's consultant (author of the RTS) attending via video-conferencing to brief members and assist with answering any questions from members.
- The CCC received a presentation from the proponent on its development application to DPIE for the expansion of the quarry. A meeting was held during the exhibition period, to enable CCC members to ask questions in relation to the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS). The main issues of concern from the community included, but not limited to:
  - Whether there was sufficient resource to justify a 30 year extraction life
  - The pit footprint
  - Noise, noise envelopes, noise mounds (size), etc
  - Dust, blasting/vibration impacts
  - Impacts on existing and future residential development (conflicts, sterilisation, etc)
  - The management of the over burden, including containment, storage and disposal of material within the site
  - The impact of the expansion on local fauna and flora

Following concerns directed to DPIE, a Community Information Session was held in Port Macquarie on the 10<sup>th</sup> February 2020, hosted by DPIE to hear from the community about its views on the project and for the Department to provide information on the process for the assessment of the proposal.

An alternate delegate for one of the stakeholder groups has been endorsed by DPIE for membership on the CCC.

Sadly, the delegate for the stakeholder group RAN, who recently moved to being a community representative following the cessation of the group, passed away. At this stage, there is no plan to replace him, given the CCC membership meets the guidelines, however, this will be reviewed at a later date.

### 3. Key issues

The CCC is focussed on the assessment process for the proposed expansion.

<b>Issue</b>	<b>Actions Taken</b>	<b>Outcome</b>
<b>SSD application for extension to the life of the quarry</b>	Hold a CCC meeting when there is something meaningful to impart to the CCC.	Chair provides updates to keep CCC members informed.
<b>Potential impacts that the extension may have on neighbouring properties</b>	Company to provide information at each CCC.	Presentation to CCC.
<b>Presentation on the Response to Submissions (RTS)</b>	Proponent to provide a presentation on the RTS, once submitted to DPIE.	Complete - CCC invited to provide feedback on draft Response to Submissions document.
<b>Koala Habitat &amp; Biodiversity</b>	Concerns of potential impacts on biodiversity and koalas if the expansion is approved.	Relevant surveys undertaken by consultants and submitted to DPIE as part of the assessment process.
<b>Dust from operations</b>	Concerns with dust from activities on site.	Proponent advised that no complaints have been received regarding dust. Inviting CCC members and the broader community to contact them if they have concerns.
<b>Port Macquarie Hastings Council Strategic Review</b>	Council's delegate has advised the CCC that it is currently preparing its Urban Growth Management Strategy, which includes land in the locale of the Sancrox Quarry Expansion proposal.	Council's delegate on the CCC provides updates to members.

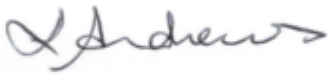
#### 4. Focus for next 12 months

The planned activities for 2021 will be guided by the proponent and its commitments to engage with the CCC on the progress of its application for expansion of the quarry.

- Hold regular CCC meetings.
- Continue to update the CCC on the RTS.
- Continued updates on the progress of the application.
- Undertake a site inspection of the quarry.

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:	24 April 2021