

Metromix Teralba Quarry Community Consultative Committee – Annual Report for 2022

CCC / Project Name:	Teralba Quarry	Reporting Period:	March 2021 to March 2022
Independent Chairperson:	Lisa Andrews	Proponent Contact:	Mo Yunusa

1. Executive Summary

The Metromix Teralba Quarry Community Consultative Committee was established as part of a condition of consent approval by the Department of Planning and Infrastructure's Director General as the Minister's Delegate in February 2013. The project is a hard rock quarry supplying to the construction industry and situated approximately twenty kilometres south of the city of Newcastle, NSW, off Rhondda Road, and in proximity to the village of Teralba, on the western side of Lake Macquarie and in the Local Government Area of the City of Lake Macquarie. The quarry has been in operation since 1964 and has been part of the Metromix operations since 1986.

The Committee operates in accordance with the current version of the Department of Planning and Environment's Community Consultative Committee Guidelines for State Significant Projects. The committee is comprised of:

- Two local community representatives
- One elected Lake Macquarie Council representative;
- Two company representatives; and
- One Independent Chairperson.

As can be seen, this is a very small committee. The quarry has been in existence for over half a century and is part of the accepted landscape with minimal complaints, suggesting its activities are of little concern to the local community and the Council. The committee had met biannually for the last several years and following a review of community complaints (four community complaints in 2016, one in 2017 and no community complaints since 2018) at its October 2019 meeting, decided to move to annual meetings, with the option to hold an extraordinary meeting, should the need arise.

2. CCC activities over last 12 months

The committee receives company reports and a detailed PowerPoint presentations at the annual meeting. A good rapport exists amongst all members. Matters discussed during the reporting period included rehabilitation and photo comparison of the areas progressively covered between 2015 to 2022, plant species and volume used and the impacts from drought conditions and bushfires. In summary:

- The CCC held its annual meeting on 7 May 2022.
- Due to the number of members on this CCC, the attendance is usually minimal, however, this does not impact on the quality of the presentation from the proponent.
- Presentation to the CCC at this meeting comprised of:
 - Annual Environmental Review
 - Environmental, Water, Air, Noise, Blasting Monitoring results
 - Sales and Extraction

- Community Support
 - Community Complaints Register
 - Non-compliances
 - Rehabilitation works
 - Weed maintenance
 - Nesting Box monitoring program
 - Updating of heavy machinery/equipment on site
- The committee also received a detailed explanation of a large cavity/dyke occurring following a blast in November 2021. The quarry sits over very old mining workings/tunnels, which are part of Newcastle's long mining history. The company engaged specialists to mitigate all hazards and amend its onsite activities for the safety of staff and future operations.

Key issues

The committee maintains an interest in all the company's reports and operations. There have been no key issues raised by committee members on any of the quarry's activities. The committee recognises the quarry's long term presence within the local community and supportive interactions with its neighbours, the local school and businesses, confirming it is an accepted neighbour within the district.

3. Focus for next 12 months

The planned activities for 2023 will be guided by the contributions of the CCC members. These activities are likely to include:

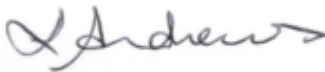
Updates from Metromix as it considers its options for the future of the Teralba Quarry due to "in demand requirements" for construction materials in the area, accordingly, options for consideration include:

- Mining Mid Pit
- Greenfield deposits
- Brownfield reserves
- Operational quarries
- Near-field reserves located adjacent to or in the vicinity of the existing Teralba Quarry

As well as the usual:

- a site inspection of the quarry operations planned for May
- review of ongoing environmental monitoring
- operational activities
- local community support program.

To the best of my knowledge, there are no outstanding or emerging issues that have not been addressed or are in the process of being so, to the committee's satisfaction. Committee Meeting minutes and presentations are available on the website within two weeks of each meeting.

Signature of Chair:	
Date:	31 May 2022