

Stone Ridge Quarry Community Consultative Committee

Meeting Minutes – 3.00PM, 23 February 2023

Sir Francis Drake Motel, Heatherbrae

Attendees	Michael Ulph (MU) - Chair Justin Meleo (JM) - Australian Resource Development Group Damon Bird (DB) - Australian Resource Development Group Penny Williams (PW) - Umwelt John Simpson (JS) - Hunter Water Chris Brown (CB) - NSW Forestry Corporation Charlee Connor (CC) - Community Representative Boyd Taylor (BT) - Community Representative Bruce Lyon (BL) - Community Representative Pre McGee (PM) - Community Representative Brad Dillon (BD) - Community Representative
Apologies	Matthew Higgins (MH) – Circuit Italia
Next meeting	Approximately three months from 23/2/23, TBC by MU

Agenda

1. Welcome and introductions
2. Apologies
3. Declaration of pecuniary interests
4. Acceptance of previous minutes
5. Business arising from previous minutes
6. Correspondence
7. CCC establishment and guidelines
8. Project overview / timeframes
9. Forestry Corporation relationship
10. Community feedback via the CCC members
11. General business
12. Next meeting date
13. Meeting close

1. Welcome and introductions

- MU acknowledged Worimi traditional owners and welcomed all, followed by a short introduction.
- Each member of the Community Consultative Committee (CCC) introduced themselves and provided a short background to their involvement / interest in the Project.

2. Apologies

- Matthew Higgins was noted as an apology.

3. Declaration of pecuniary interests

- MU requested declaration of any pecuniary interests of all present. MU and PW declared commercial arrangements with ARDG related to their presence at the CCC.

4. Acceptance of previous minutes

- This being the first meeting, there were no previous minutes.

5. Business arising from previous minutes

- This being the first meeting, there was no business arising.

6. Correspondence

- The expression of interest process, correspondence to chose a meeting time, and invitations sent and responded to for this meeting.

7. CCC establishment and guidelines

- MU provided a background to the establishment of the CCC and relevant NSW Department of Planning and Environment (DPE) guidelines relating to its functions and operation.
- MU summarised the roles and responsibilities of CCC members.

8. Project overview / timeframes

- JM/DB/PW presented an overview of the Project (Project Need/Justification; Project Overview/Resources/Staged Development; Planning Approval and Assessment; Project Timeline).
- Discussion is captured below in item 10.

9. Forestry Corporation relationship

- CB presented the role / involvement of FCNSW in the Project.
- CB discussed FCNSW role in managing fires in general, including in Wallaroo SF
- CB outlined that FCNSW would be providing a submission on the project once it is on public exhibition. Also outlined FCNSW ongoing role in the Project re: bushfire management, biodiversity, broader stewardship role across wider Wallaroo Forest Area.

10. Community feedback via the CCC members

- BL raised issues of grid connection and silica dust.
- JM explained ARDG's meeting with Hunter Water re: potential grid connection off their line parallel to Italia Rd. Hunter Water not able to accommodate this. ARDG undertaking further investigations into grid connection for the Project.
- DB explained process for managing dust, Silica content in rock, how this issue is managed from a regulatory and site perspective. JM indicated that the site will not operate unless a Dust Management Plan has been approved by EPA and the Resources Regulator has been satisfied with OH&S management processes/procedures on site.
- CB also spoke about the role of the Resources Regulator in safety management on site, including management of dust.
- CC – raised concerns of residents, in particular those involved in the Italia Rd Facebook group. Issues raised included cumulative impacts on wildlife, traffic impacts on Italia Rd, whether the quarry was consistent with Section 11 of Forestry Act.
- PM – raised issue of traffic on Italia Rd and potential for queuing at the Pacific Highway / Italia Road intersection.
- PW outlined that cumulative impacts of the Project are being addressed for all assessment issues (e.g. noise/dust/traffic), including wildlife.
- JM described how the traffic issue, in particular at the Pacific Highway / Italia Road intersection, was being dealt with by all three quarry parties on Italia Rd and that quarry trucks from all three quarries would be conditioned in any consent for each quarry to only turn left at the Pacific Highway / Italia Road intersection.
- It was further discussed that any breach of this rule by any quarry truck driver would result in that driver being banned from site.
- BD raised issue of access to Wallaroo State Forest and whether Nine Mile Creek Road would be closed.

- JM indicated that the Project boundary does not cross Nine Mile Creek Road and that the road would be kept open.
- CB indicated that FCNSW would be working with ARDG on various issues in Wallaroo State Forest re: improving amenity value for users of the forest (*e.g.* potential track improvements to facilitate better access).

11. General business

- No other general business was raised.

12. Next meeting date

Next meeting (MU).

- A tentative date is to be set for next meeting after ARDG has received DPE request for Response to Submissions.
- ARDG to advise MU of timeframes as this date becomes clearer, though estimated at this stage to be around mid-May 2023.
- PM suggested Raymond Terrace Bowling Club as venue for next meeting given it is more accessible and has good facilities.
- Agreed by all that this should be the venue for the next meeting.

13. Meeting close

- MU called the meeting closed at 5.00pm.