

Item 4

Department of Planning Review of Existing Quarries

An expert panel has been engaged by the Department of Planning to investigate and test all affects that quarries have on surrounding areas particularly the groundwater and dust generated from the site and blown to adjacent areas. Dust on the Rocla site has been monitored by three (3) high volume samplers, (1 on back of bulldozer and 2 on dump truck). The results were well below Australian Standard minimum.

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Annual Environmental Report

Pat advised that the Annual Report for last year should be available on the web next week. He suggested that hard copies of the summary report be distributed with the minutes. Tony Tuxworth to organise copies which will be distributed with Minutes.

The Reports that accompany the main report are available on the web site or can be viewed at the Quarry.

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Review of Environmental Management Reports

Alex advised that there were some dust readings recorded in June but were disregarded as it was thought that the readings were due to either bird droppings or plant matter contaminating the dust monitors.

Rehabilitation of batters to the north of the extraction area has been completed. The areas that hold water have been filled and replanted with native vegetation to protect the ground.

The relocation of the Wash Plant may not happen for 2 – 3 years due to the reduced demand. A large amount of reject material is being produced from the crusher. Pat advised that the acquisition of a new crusher (jaw-type) to aid in reducing reject material.

Environmental Impact Statement – Sth Extension

Still waiting on the Report from the Consultants made since last meeting - may be completed early in 2009. The Committee will be advised when complete. The EIS will be discussed with all adjoining land owners when complete.

No more additional dust monitoring to be carried out at this stage. People working on site will continue to wear personal dust monitors.

OH & S Regulation relating to quarries coming into effect on 1 September 2008. The Regulation has a lot of new procedures particularly relating to dust monitoring.

Pat stated that no health issues from this type of quarry have been recorded.

Meeting closed 6.45pm
Next Meeting 16 March 2009