

# MINUTES OF CALGA COMMUNITY CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE MEETING



**Meeting Date:** Monday, 10 August 2009 at 5.00pm

**Venue:** Rocla Quarry

**Present:** Jock Simmonds (Community Representative)  
Paul Slough (Rocla)  
Pat McCue (Rocla)  
Alex Echt (Rocla)  
Tony Tuxworth (Chairperson)  
Margaret Pontifex (Community Representative)  
Russell Donovan (nominated Community Representative)  
Tassin Barnard (Community Representative)  
Julie Renshaw (Minute taker)

**Apologies:** Terry Thompson (Community Representative)

## **Item 1 Previous Minutes**

Copies of previous minutes were distributed. Motion: That the minutes be accepted as a true record of the meeting, moved by Margaret Pontifex, seconded by Jock Simmonds. Motion carried.

Matters arising from previous minutes – Nil

## **Item 2 Non Compliances**

Paul advised that there was one complaint received last month. This was in relation to noise emanating from the hired dump truck's reversing beeper. This noise was muffled and the matter was followed up with Mr Rozmanic and no further action was required. The complaint was placed on file.

Tassin enquired as to what procedure was taken when a complaint is made and how the outcome is communicated to the public. In particular, the letter she submitted in 2006 and was wanting confirmation that it was being investigated. Pat advised Tassin he would follow up and advise her of the outcome.

Tassin also referred to the last minutes, in particular, the dust monitor on the Gazzana property which was continuously recording a high reading and questioned who or what body advises where the dust monitors should be placed. Paul advised that it was a requirement of the Department and a condition of consent that there be dust monitors placed in specific locations in and around the quarry. Rocla are

presently looking at relocating the monitor on the Gazzana property to a more appropriate location but need approval from the department before doing so. Consultants will advise after liaising with the Department when this can be done.

**Item 3      Current Operation of the Quarry**

Paul advised that the extraction of Stage3 Cell 1 is completed and that they are half way through Stage 2.

In the process of changing siltation dam.

**Item 4      Rehabilitation**

Paul advised that they were in the process of rehabilitating the area at the front entry, around where pines have died, as it had become too wet for them to survive. He said that they are in the process of reshaping the toe of the bund area and looking to replant the area. Planting will begin in approximately one (1) month.

Margaret advised that Swamp Mahogany (*Eucalyptus robusta*) was a good replacement as it is known to be fast growing and adaptable to wet boggy soil.

The following points were also noted:

- 1<sup>st</sup> bench area at west end of Cell 2 has been created and just about ready to start rehabilitation in accordance with rehabilitation plan.
- Capping will begin on cell 2C as it dries out.
- New screen on wash plant has now been completed.
- Cell 2 (adjacent to Gazzana property) has been split in half to form 3-2A and 3-2B. At present it is 80m long x 50m wide. The Bench is being formed 5 m wide now around 50 m long and will extend over the next 8-10 months then the bench will be 160m long.

**Item 5      Annual Report Update**

Pat advised that Mr R W Corkery has been commissioned to do the annual report. It is almost complete. The report should be ready sometime in the next four (4) weeks and will be listed on the web and copies will then be sent to Council and the Department.

Tony asked if a copy of the report could be sent to him.

Independent Compliance Review conducted through Umwelt, brought up a few issues. Department of Planning, Julia Pope, carried out a site inspection and a compliance audit review at the same time. The biggest issue raised was that the fuel storage area was not best practice and a few reporting issues where there was no evidence that they were followed through.

Umwelt report was not on the web but Paul has a copy on site.

## **Item 6**

### **Review of Environmental Management Reports**

Compliance issues were looked at, predominantly recommencement of the quarry and the follow up on requirements by the Director General in the Development consent.

All Environmental Management Reports are all completed and up to date.

TREES, the consultants who look after Flora Reports, will attend the site and review vegetation on the bund. Monitoring of rehabilitation is ongoing.

Rocla manages weed control. There has been an increase of weeds with more spraying to be done.

- Noise has been within requirements of the conditions of consent.
- The annual ground water report by Aqua Terra states that the Quarry has not affected ground water.
- Rehabilitation will be on going.

No work required as a result of the reports. Copies of all Reports are available on the web.

## **Item 7**

### **General Business**

#### **Production of the Quarry**

Pat advised that the quarry was running at 50% or less but it is hoped it will pick up in the next six months. A competitor in the Penrith area is closing down which may increase demand.

#### **Southern Extension**

Pat advised that the EIS has been submitted for adequacy with some information sent back to Consultants. The EIS will then go back to the Department for review and once accepted by the Department will be sent out for public comment. It is not expected to be available until Christmas.

Margaret asked about the status of the investigation of the significant aboriginal artefacts mentioned in previous minutes. Paul advised that the matter had been investigated by the archaeologist and the area has been excluded from the extraction zone.

Tassin enquired about getting a copy of the draft proposal. She was advised by Paul that the draft will not be available as it is not complete and would cause some confusion. The final EIS will be available when placed on exhibition.

#### **New Committee Member**

The Committee welcomed new Community Representative, Russell Donovan, a local with extensive knowledge of the area, who will step in as the replacement for Jock Simmonds who has resigned from the Committee.

This information will be forwarded on to the Department as per Condition of Consent by Tony Tuxworth's office in the form of a letter.

Meeting Closed 6.00pm

Next Meeting to be held at Site Office at 5.00pm, Monday 15 March 2010.