



The other twenty eight (28) complaints had been received from Tassin Barnard (Walkabout Park) regarding the wash plant. Paul advised that alterations/adjustments had been made to the wash plant by providing rubber screens in lieu of steel therefore minimising noise from the washplant. These alterations were made after the Noise Survey was carried out.

As a result of complaints made by Tassin Barnard of Walkabout Park, Alex advised that that a Noise Survey carried out by Wilkinson & Murray indicated that the quarry was operating in compliance with Conditions of Consent. This report is on the website. All complaints received are also available on the web site.

Margaret advised that she had been hearing a loud dozer noise. She queried where it might be coming from. After a brief discussion it was suggested that the noise might be coming from the Gosford quarry.

**Item 3            Current operation of quarry**

Paul advised the following:

- Works are still being carried out in Stage 3 Cell 2B. He said there were only four (4) metres from the bottom and should be completed by Christmas this year.
- Works will commence on Stage 3 Cell 3 after Christmas. This will require the relocation of the existing dam on this part of the site.
- The washplant relocation is proposed in 2012. This should reduce noise affects on neighbouring property.

**Item 4            Rehabilitation**

Paul advised the following:

- The bench for 2a & 2b has now been top soiled and planted out.
- The acoustic bund wall needs to be replanted as feral and native animals have caused damage to the seedlings planted. John Steed is to come back to replant native species in the next month or so. He will also carry out weed spraying.
- The Rehabilitation Report for the trees will be on the web site within the next two (2) weeks.
- Another Rehabilitation Report will be carried out in December. This can go into the Annual Report next year which will be available Feb/March 2011.

**Item 5            Review of Environmental Management Reports**

- Noise  
The latest noise report is not yet completed. The Report should be available to Rocla within the next month. Alex will then place on web site.
- Dust  
No discussion took place with regard to this matter.
- Groundwater

Tony enquired about the level of the water table. Alex advised that the ground water monitoring generally indicates that the level of the water table is affected by the amount of rain and is not affected by the operation of the quarry.

## **Item 6**

### **General Business**

- Paul welcomed Mrs Helen Simmonds to the committee as a respected community representative.
- Production of Quarry  
Paul advised that sales are still slow. Last month's figures were a little better which is consistent with previous year where production increases leading up to Christmas.

In preparation of the extraction of Cell 4 a development application for the demolition of the house on site had to be submitted to Council for approval. A member from the community approached the Department with regard to aboriginal archeological connections to the site. An investigative survey of the site was carried out and as a result no archeological items were found. The application has now been submitted to Council and the house will be demolished when approval is received.

Once the dwelling is demolished the acoustic bund wall will be extended and be landscaped.

- Southern Extension  
Pat advised that there was little change to the southern extension application. Corkery are reviewing submissions from Archeologists & Aboriginal community. Alex advised that the Flora and Fauna Survey has been completed but is waiting on completion of the final reports. He was advised that they would be six (6) weeks but have now been delayed for twelve (12) weeks. He also stated that Department of Planning would then have to review these reports before being available to the public. His estimate was approximately 3-6 months in Department of Planning.

Paul advised that Rocla now have engaged a new web provider and was proving to be much more efficient at maintaining the web site.

Meeting concluded 6.10pm

Next meeting scheduled for Monday 14 March 2011