

# CHAMPIONS QUARRY

## COMMUNITY CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE

### **Final Minutes of Meeting held on 25 February 2014**

**Meeting Location** – Lismore Workers Club, 225-231 Keen Street, Lismore, NSW

**Designated Meeting Time** – 2:30pm Tuesday 25 February 2014

**Meeting Opened** – 2:30pm

**Meeting Closed** – 4:30pm

#### **Attendances –**

1. Gary Burrige (Chairperson)
2. Jeff Champion (Champions Quarry Representative)
3. Belinda Nott (Champions Quarry Representative)
4. Andrew Gordon (General Community Representative)
5. Matt Kelly (Lismore City Council Representative)
6. John White (Local Community Representative)
7. Cath Champion (Minute Taker)

**Apologies** – Lewis Cook (Bunjalong Aboriginal Elder Representative) as he was in hospital.

#### **Declaration of Pecuniary Interests –**

No pecuniary interests declared.

#### **Draft Minutes of Previous Meeting on 10 October 2013 –**

John White wanted the following items recorded in the Minutes of the previous meeting on 10 October 2013:

1. John White wanted it recorded that he wanted his noise meter tested side by side against Champions Quarry's noise meter. John White stated that the measurements carried out by his noise meter were at times disputed. The Chairperson suggested testing one metre against the other when Champions Quarry's noise metre is calibrated and John White's is not is futile. The Chairperson summated the discussion by stating that John White should use his noise meter to record a complaint if his noise meter read levels above the established noise criteria.
2. John White wanted it recorded that he believed sound modelling carried out did not include noise being created in areas outside the operational area of the quarry

(including activities carried out at the farm shed). Discussions took place. Jeff Champion expressed that noise modelling incorporated the farm shed being used and in any event the farm shed will continue to be used for farm purposes. The Chairperson acknowledged that a quarry specific shed would be built on site after the Part 3A Approval had been activated and hopefully in 2014.

3. John White wanted it recorded that he believed the unsealed farm road that connects the Central Extraction Area to Hazlemount Lane has been used contrary to purpose and spirit of the conditions in the Part 3A Conditions of Approval. Discussions took place. Jeff Champion expressed the opinion that actions were not taking place contrary to the Conditions of Approval. The farm road would be used as a farm road. Belinda Nott reiterated exact wording of Condition 11 Schedule 2 in the Conditions of Approval.

Condition 11, Schedule 2 states:

*“With the exception of vehicle movements required to construct Bund A or movements of light vehicles used by quarry employees who live on Hazlemount Lane, quarry-related vehicles are not permitted to use the unsealed ‘farm road’ that connects the Central Extraction Area to Hazlemount Lane, or enter or exit the site from Hazlemount Lane.”*

4. John White wanted the issue of weekend dust recorded. Jeff Champion stated dust criteria do not apply weekend/public holidays when the quarry is not open. The Chairperson stated that he raised at the last CCC Meeting that the CCC Meeting could unanimously write to the DP & I and request Champions Quarry be permitted to use dust management systems on weekend and public holidays if so required. The Chairperson acknowledged no-one wanted to do so.

### **Confirming Draft Minutes of Previous Meeting on 10 October 2013 –**

Andrew Gordon moved the minutes of the previous meeting as amended to record the above items, Jeff Champion seconded the minutes.

### **Business Arising From Previous Minutes –**

1. Noise Monitoring Equipment and Complaint Management

A demonstration of noise monitoring equipment was carried out by Champions Quarry and discussions took place in relation to the background noise (non-operational) and operational noise comparison and testing. A copy of the calibration certificate for Champions Quarry noise meter was provided.

Jeff Champion explained that Part 3A Approval has not been implemented and once implemented the Part 3A Conditions of Approval will apply. Until it has commenced Champions Quarry operates under the umbrella of LCC except for operational works carried out pursuant to the Part 3A Approval which are governed by DP & I. Once the Noise Management Plan is approved by DP & I it will be displayed on Champions Quarry website.

Champions Quarry provided a handout to members of the CCC in relation to how to lodge a legitimate complaint and the appropriate procedures to follow. John White was requested to provide a copy of this form to surrounding landowners as John White represents these community members. Belinda Nott requested that complaints in the first instance should come to Champions Quarry, and that Champions Quarry

would prefer an email or telephone call rather than a letter in the mail so that Champions Quarry can more promptly respond. Matt Kelly confirmed he had lodged a complaint with Champions Quarry on the Champions Quarry website and received a response. Jeff Champion reiterated that he needed to know the complainants name and location in order to effectively respond to the complaint.

2. Wadsworth's letter dated 8 October raised at CCC Meeting of 10 October 2013

Jeff Champion noted that in response to Wadsworth's letter Champions Quarry extended the tree planting area/bund and responded directly to Wadsworth's by letter.

3. John Whites request for the extension of Bund B

Jeff Champion stated completion of the dam will see completion of Bund B as it gets topsoil from the dam area and will then be planted with trees.

4. Progress of Bund construction

Bund A and Bund D construction complete. No other comments were made.

**Correspondence –**

1. Wadsworth's letter dated 24 February 2014 was tabled

The letter raised issues of dust. Jeff Champion responded that dust is only an issue if it reaches the residence of the complainant or 25% respondents property. Jeff Champion undertook to respond directly to Mr and Mrs Wadsworths.

2. White's letter dated 22 February 2014 was tabled

The letter requested a further extension to Bund B. Jeff Champion undertook to respond directly to Mrs White.

3. Woolley's letter undated February 2014 was tabled

The 8 page letter was tabled and unread. Jeff Champion undertook to respond directly to Mr and Mrs Woolley.

**Meeting Open for General Business –**

1. Frequency of Noise Testing

Champions Quarry discussed the fact that noise monitoring frequency was a matter for the Noise Management Plan which was currently before DP & I and had not been approved. The proposed plan has quarterly and annual reporting in addition to responsive reporting following a legitimate complaint. Once the Noise Management Plan was approved it would be displayed on Champions Quarry website.

2. Letter from unidentified complainant in relation to "excavating on a watercourse" was raised

Jeff Champion identified firstly that one needs to identify themselves when making a complaint but understood the complaint had arisen from the Woolley residence. John White stated no one was notified of works surrounding the building of the dam. Jeff

Champion highlighted that no where was/is Champions Quarry required to notify landowners of all individual works to be carried out except for liaising with the affected landowners when building Bund A (Woolley) and Bund D (Websters).

Chairperson stated that if a dam is being built one should look to the conditions of consent. A concerned community member should contact John White as the Community Representative and then John White should contact Champions Quarry to discuss any issues. A simple phone call between the concerned person and John White or Champions Quarry could save a lot of time. The Chairperson concluded that what is needed in the community and at the CCC Meeting is open interaction between the parties. The Chairperson continued that if John White doesn't want to approach Jeff Champion directly then John White may ring the Chairperson and the Chairperson will contact Jeff Champion.

### 3. Communication with DP & I

Jeff Champion stated no official communications from DP & I as relates to the Champions Quarry CCC had been received.

## **Company Reports and Overview of Activities –**

### 1. Progress of Management Plans for the Quarry

Jeff Champion stated currently 1 plan yet to be submitted to DP & I (Waste Management Plan). 3 approved on website. Plans completed and lodged with DP & I, comments are made, potential for amendments and then approved. Once approved they are published on the Champions Quarry website.

### 2. Progress of Operational Works

Jeff Champion identified some of the next steps over the coming months involve amongst other things earthworks in the Southern Extraction Area but not extraction, some sedimentation ponds, some bunds to be built on top of the ridge, if noise becomes an issue then further bunds may be built, sand washing plant is to go in, other equipment is mostly mobile equipment, interconnection of road works, haul road works, intersection upgrades at Wyrallah and at a later date another dam will be built in the valley. Jeff Champion also stated and the chairperson acknowledged, that it is not possible that every time something is to happen we can notify landowners.

When the second dam is going to be built, which may be 12 months, Champions Quarry will attempt to notify Wadsworth's and Woolley's and their new adjoining neighbour.

## **Community Complaints –**

### 1. Dirty Water

John White raised issues of dirty water and associated photos in Woolley's letter which was undated. Jeff highlighted there are specified water monitoring points in the Water Management Plan which has not yet been approved. There is one testing point along the way between the quarry and Tucki Creek. Chairperson acknowledges that monitoring although not supervised is overseen by the relevant Department whom may then come and test themselves.

### 2. Dust

John White raised issue of dust and acknowledged it had been dealt with.

### 3. Fuel Truck

John White raised the issue of a semi-trailer using Hazlemount Lane to deliver fuel to the fuel container at the farm shed. John White requested the semi-trailer in future use Wyrallah Road. Jeff Champion raised that this was not possible due the building of the dam and that the fuel is also for farm use. Jeff Champion further identified that ordinarily a flat top truck was used but unfortunately the flat top-truck had broken down. Belinda Nott requested it be minuted that the fuel would continue to be supplied at that container until the shed and new fuel storage cell are installed at the quarry, after which it will continue to be used for farm use.

### 4. Bund A

John White raised the issue that Bund A construction acoustic noise modelling was based on only 2 machines operating at the one time in construction pursuant to the Land and Environment Court. Jeff Champion responded that the bund construction was approved by DP & I, not the Land and Environment Court and that no commitment was ever made that only 2 machines would be working on the bund and extra machines were placed to build the bund to expedite the process and minimise disturbance.

The Chairperson raised that a discussion took place at the last CCC Meeting that bund would be built in 5 days and no commitment to only use 2 machines were made. Jeff Champion explained that operations ended up commencing one day earlier than anticipated and communicated to Mr Woolley. John White disputed the hours taken by Champions Quarry to build the bund as incorrect. The Chairperson acknowledged that the bund is now built and Mr Woolley should have a better environment as far as noise goes.

### **Next Meeting –**

Agreed to have the next meeting after the Part 3A Approval has commenced. The proposed new meeting will be the end of July after Part 3A Approval is implemented.

### **Meeting Close – 4:30pm**

### **Action required to be taken following this CCC Meeting –**

Jeff Champion to communicate with:

1. Wadsworth's re their letter dated 24 February 2014 as was tabled;
2. White's re their letter dated 22 February 2014 as was tabled; and
3. Woolley's re letter undated as was tabled.