

CHAMPIONS QUARRY

COMMUNITY CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE

Final Minutes of Meeting held on 16 October 2015

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

Designated Meeting Time – 3:00pm Friday 16 October 2015

Meeting Opened – 3:05pm

Meeting Closed – 3:50pm

Attendances

1. Gary Burrige (Chairperson)
2. Jeff Champion (Champions Quarry Representative)
3. Andrew Gordon (General Community Representative)
4. Matt Kelly (Lismore City Council Representative)
5. Lewis Cook (Bunjalung Aboriginal Elder Representative)
6. Cath Champion (Minute Taker)

Apologies

- Chris Woolley (Local Community Representative) was unable to attend due to work commitments. Chris Woolley tabled a letter dated 30 September 2015 in relation to his absence and future CCC Meetings (discussed below).
- Belinda Nott (Champions Quarry Representative)

Declaration of Pecuniary Interests

No pecuniary interests declared.

Confirming Draft Minutes of Previous Meeting on 5 March 2015

Andrew Gordon moved the minutes of the previous meeting be accepted as circulated, seconded by Matt Kelly and carried by the meeting.

Business Arising From Previous Minutes

1. The Chairperson confirmed that he had contacted Mr Chris Woolley to discuss alternative times for this CCC Meeting. The Chairperson confirmed that he had advised Mr Chris Woolley that this CCC Meeting would be moved from a Thursday to a Friday in an attempt to enable Mr Chris Woolley to attend. The Chairperson tabled a letter received from Mr Chris Woolley dated 30 September 2015 (discussed below).

2. The Chairperson confirmed that he had contacted the NSW Department of Planning and Infrastructure to request an Alternate Local Community Representative be sought.
3. Jeff Champion confirmed that Champions Quarry had contacted the six closest residences to the Quarry by letter dated 24 June 2015 seeking applications/expressions of interest for an Alternate Local Community Representative. Jeff Champion confirmed that no responses were received from the six closest residences. A copy of the letter to each of the six closest residence was read out at the meeting.

Company Reports and Overview of Activities

1. Progress of Operational Works

Jeff Champion provided the following overview of current/completed activities, notably:

- Champions Quarry is operating in Progression 1 of the Western Quadrant of the Southern Extraction Area (and expanding this area) and the Central Extraction Area;
- As expansion occurs Champions Quarry is constructing noise bunds; and
- Champions Quarry is now operating under an Environmental Protection Licence.

Matt Kelly sought information relating to the demand for material extracted from the Quarry. Jeff Champion explained demand was significant especially with the proximity of the Quarry to the Pacific Highway Upgrade.

2. Site Inspections

Jeff Champion provided the following overview of site inspections:

- One site inspection was carried out by the Independent Environmental Auditor in August 2015 – A copy of the Independent Environmental Audit Report (October 2015) (“IEA Report”) and the Champions Quarry Response to Recommendations (October 2015) is available on the Champions Quarry Website.

It is noted that the IEA Report (including appendices) was in excess of 100 pages and a copy of the IEA Report (excluding appendices) and the Response to Recommendations was given to each CCC Member at the CCC Meeting. Jeff Champion advised that a complete copy was available for download from our website or in hard copy upon request to Champions Quarry.

The Chairperson drew the CCC Members attention to the statement in the IEA Report which started “*Overall, Champions Quarry have demonstrated a high level of compliance with the conditions of the Project Approval 09_0080 and EPL 20562 with only two code yellow non-compliances, nine administrative non-compliances and 10 not verified.*” The Chairperson considered that this was a very good report given that Champions Quarry is a new Quarry.

Jeff Champion explained that Champions Quarry had submitted the IEA Report and Response to Recommendations to the NSW Department of Planning and Infrastructure and was awaiting a response/comments.

Jeff Champion explained that following the Audit a minor s75W Modification would be submitted to the NSW Department of Planning and Infrastructure addressing several issues raised and discussed in the Audit.

The Chairperson recommended that Champions Quarry write to the NSW Department of Planning and Infrastructure and enquire on behalf of the CCC as to the status of the issues raised in the Independent Environmental Report.

The Chairperson also mentioned that any questions regarding the Audit and associated reports that may arise after the meeting could be directed to the Chairperson or straight to Jeff Champion for a response.

- There have been no other site inspections since the last meeting.

3. Environmental Performance

Jeff Champion provided the following overview of the quarry's environmental performance, with full details/results on the Champions Quarry website:

- Routine air quality monitoring – Compliant, Environmental Analysis Laboratories (EAL) carry out the tests on the gauges.
- Routine noise monitoring and responsive noise monitoring – Compliant.

Champions Quarry have carried out annual noise monitoring at Receivers 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5. Receivers 2 and 3 were compliant. It was established that due to meteorological conditions the noise criteria at Receivers 1, 4 and 5 did not apply. This is discussed in the IEA Report (October 2015) and accordingly, Champions Quarry will repeat noise testing at Receivers 1, 4 and 5.

Discussions took place between Matt Kelly and Jeff Champion in relation to what the "revised noise monitoring locations were" referred to in the IEA Report. Jeff Champion explained that under the Environmental Protection Licence each noise assessment location is to be within 30 metres of the affected residence. However, this was not possible in relation to Receiver 1 as the boundary fence was more than 30 metres from the residence on the sides facing the quarry. Champions Quarry had contacted Receiver 1 and sought permission to access their land to conduct noise testing, with no response. Accordingly, Champions Quarry will seek confirmation from the EPA that the EPA are satisfied with the existing location. The existing location is also the location that was used for noise modelling purposes in the original EA.

- Routine water monitoring – Compliant/building baseline data for future reference in accordance with the Water Management Plan. EAL test the samples. The water monitoring points for the Environmental Protection Licence are the same as those outlined in the Water Management Plan, with only one discharge point from the Water Reuse Dam.
- EPL – Champions Quarry is now operating under an Environmental Protection Licence.

4. Community Complaints and Responses

No community complaints have been received by Champions Quarry since the last CCC Meeting in March 2015.

5. Annual Reports

The Chairperson confirmed that the annual overview of the CCC can be included in the Champions Quarry 2015/2016 Annual Report, rather than a separate document.

Correspondence

The Chairperson advised he had received a letter from Mr Chris Woolley (the Local Community Representative) dated 30 September 2015 (and tabled the letter). The letter advised that Mr Chris Woolley was unable to attend the CCC Meeting unless it was held on a Tuesday or Wednesday due to staffing issues. Mr Chris Woolley acknowledged that other surrounding residents had been approached in an attempt to find an Alternate Local Community Representative, with no response. Mr Chris Woolley proposed meetings be held on alternate days (ie one meeting on a Tuesday or Wednesday and the following meeting on a day other than a Tuesday or Wednesday) if no Alternate Local Community Representative was found so that Mr Chris Woolley could attend at least one meeting per year.

Various discussions took place amongst members in relation to changing the meeting day to a Tuesday or Wednesday. The Chairperson acknowledged that there were complications for some members (including the Chairperson) if meetings were on a Tuesday or Wednesday. Members of the CCC further discussed the following in relation to moving the day of the CCC Meeting and the absence of a Local Community Representative or Alternate Local Community Representative:

- CCC Members expressed that if Mr Chris Woolley had genuine concerns in relation to the Quarry he should be committed to attending the CCC Meetings.
- All members and the Chairperson had significant work commitments, some who were also self employed, notwithstanding this they attended the CCC Meeting.
- The fact that the six closest residences were contacted seeking applications/expressions of interest for an Alternate Local Community Representative and no responses were received. The members considered that this was an indication that the Quarry may not be a significant concern to local residents.
- The primary function of the CCC Meeting was community consultation, in the absence of a Local Community Representative/Alternate Local Community Representative, the function of the CCC was diminishing.
- Matt Kelly and Andrew Gordon questioned whether the CCC should be dissolved in the absence of a Local Community Representative/Alternate Local Community Representative. It was noted however that there was a legal requirement to have a CCC. Jeff Champion considered that it was likely the NSW Department of Planning and Infrastructure would want the CCC to be run for two or three years regardless.
- Members discussed whether Champions Quarry may wish to approach the NSW Department of Planning and Infrastructure in the future and request the number be reduced from twice annually to once annually.
- All members instead moved that Champions Quarry email a copy of this CCC Draft Meeting Minutes to Mr Chris Woolley once finalised. Mr Chris Woolley can then table any concerns that he may have at the next CCC Meeting even if he is unable to attend.

Members of the CCC moved that Champions Quarry write to the NSW Department of Planning and Infrastructure on behalf of the CCC and seek guidance on the position of the CCC where there is waning or lack of local community interest and no Local Community Member present and at what point does the CCC cease to exist.

Communication with the NSW Department of Planning and Infrastructure in Relation to the CCC

No correspondence was received from the NSW Department of Planning and Infrastructure in relation to the CCC by Champions Quarry. It is noted that the Chairperson corresponded with the NSW Department of Planning and Infrastructure in relation to the Alternate Local Community Representative.

Meeting Open for General Business

No further business.

Next Meeting

To be advised. Requirement to meet by March 2015.

Action required to be taken following this CCC Meeting

1. Champions Quarry write to the NSW Department of Planning and Infrastructure and enquire on behalf of the CCC as to the status of the issues raised in the Independent Environmental Report.
2. Champions Quarry email a copy of the CCC Draft Meeting Minutes to Mr Chris Woolley. Mr Chris Woolley can then table any concerns that he may have at the next CCC Meeting.
3. Champions Quarry write to the NSW Department of Planning and Infrastructure on behalf of the CCC and seek guidance on the position of the CCC where there is waning or lack of local community interest and no Local Community Member present and at what point does the CCC cease to exist.