

BRANDY HILL QUARRY CCC & COMMUNITY FORUM
MINUTES OF MEETING HELD FRIDAY 15th SEPTEMBER 2017
AT 16 Brandy Hill Drive, Brandy Hill (home of Neil & Margarete Richie)

PRESENT	NAME	ORGANISATION
	Lisa Andrews (LA)	Independent Chairperson
	Ellen Davis-Meehan (EDM)	Key Insights Pty Ltd (Consultant)
	Rob Adams (RA)	Community Representative (Resident)
	Les Fisher (LF)	Community Representative (Resident & member of Brandy Hill/Seaham Action Group)
	Deborah Fisher (DF)	Resident
	Peter Rees (PR)	Community Representative (Resident & Member of Voice of Wallalong & Woodville Inc. [VOWW]) <i>(left at 6.32pm)</i>
	Margarete Ritchie (MR)	Community Representative (Resident & member of Brandy Hill/Seaham Action Group, Martins Creek Quarry Action Group and Voice of Wallalong & Woodville [VOWW])
	Neil Ritchie (NR)	Community Representative (Resident & member of Brandy Hill/Seaham Action Group and Voice of Wallalong & Woodville [VOWW])
	Paul Le Mottee (PLe)	Resident <i>(left at 5.52pm)</i>
	Darrell Pryer (DR)	Resident
	Jill Cronin (JC)	Resident
	Les Cronin (LC)	Resident
	Christine O'Keefe (CO)	Resident
APOLOGIES	Nil	

WELCOME	The Chair opened the community forum at 4.40pm and welcomed all attendees to the meeting.	
INTRODUCTIONS	The Chair introduced Ellen Davis-Meehan (EDM) from Key Insights (KI) who has been engaged by Hanson to independently review and update its Social Impact Assessment (SIA) for the proposed extension to the Brandy Hill Quarry (BHQ). LA asked EDM to provide background on her qualifications and involvement with the project.	EDM provided an overview of KI, who is a social research company that will provide an independent and objective review of the social impacts on the proposed extension of BHQ. EDM advised that she would listen and reflect residents' concerns in preparing a final report for consideration in accordance with the Department of Planning & Environment's (DP&E) requirements.
DECLARATION OF INTEREST	LA advised that she is an approved Independent Chairperson with the Department of Planning and Environment and engaged by Hanson to chair the CCC. Chair asked all present if there were any declarations that they wished to make.	No declarations from persons present.
BUSINESS ARISING	Nil	
CORRESPONDENCE	Nil	
COMMUNITY FORUM DISCUSSION	At the outset EDM advised that she had just met with the residents of Giles Road and had met with representatives of the quarry earlier. The purpose of the community forum meeting was for EDM to listen to the concerns of residents on the current operations of the BHQ as well as the potential impact that any extension to the project may bring.	EDM also stated that she would like to hear suggestions of potential mitigation measures to be imposed, in the event that the application receives approval.

	<p>The following issues were raised and presented by attendees:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Concerns that by EDM's suggesting 'mitigation', that the project will proceed • Final documents not yet available, so representatives present are unable to comment on amendments • Safety concerns are one of the major issues • Decreased ability to walk on side of roads • Pot holes and traffic hazards from truck movements • Residents can't take it anymore. The trucks pass through residential areas; the road structure that carries the trucks is extremely disappointing • Hanson don't care and are waiting to be forced to do something; a sense of betrayal • The local community does not count with Hanson • No compromise from Hanson to address communities' and individual's concerns • Market share and profits before people for Hanson • Providing a product to the greater community (infrastructure) at the expense of local residents who are impacted • Bullying tactics (requesting removal of signs) • Limited community consultation – CCC meetings held, but concerns not taken on board and mitigated • Empty trucks create more noise than full trucks • Contractors/sub-contractors truck drivers not as cautious as Hanson drivers. Often contractors line up on other roads (13 or more) from 4am awaiting for BHQ to allow entry • Regular inspections of trucks to ensure compliance with noise requirements • Effective identification of trucks to allow non-compliance to be identified • Cumulative problems because of Martins Creek Quarry (MCQ) {previously owned by State Rail prior to selling it to Daracon} • Current proceedings between MCQ & Dungog Council – awaiting ruling • Discrepancy between the alleged "approved" hours of operation • Fewer disruptions after 7.30pm • Possible stockpiling of product to lessen amenity issues • SEPP – Mining, Petroleum Production, Extractive Industries 2007 – is able to prohibit movements in residential areas • Residents have put up with existing operations, despite no amelioration attempts by company, however, residents not willing to allow further impact on their lifestyle from the proposed expansion • 24 hourly operations will be hell for residents 	<p>EDM offered to obtain copy of approval</p> <p>Link to SEPP at end of minutes</p> <p>PLe encouraged residents to lodge a request with Council when there were potholes, etc.</p>
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In hot weather bedroom windows need to be open and the noise from the quarry trucks operating at night will be unbearable. • Communities affected want a normal life restored • Need for the control of operating hours (no 4am starts), build safe walking paths, contribute heavily to the safety and maintenance of Brandy Hill Road, Butterwick Road & Clarence Town Road. • Traffic would be quieter if road was asphalt • Community Funds – previously supplied product (free of charge) – now company is not supplying. Feel community/sporting groups are being punished for residents’ objections. • EDM suggested reduction of speed limits to perhaps 80kpm • 100kph on Clarence Town Road should be reduced. Current 80kph on Brandy Hill Rd is acceptable. • Suggest road safety signs at the end of each road • Flashing warning lights, advising motorists of heavy vehicles • Noise and vibrations caused from truck movements and operations at quarry are a major problem • No compromise from Hanson in dealing with the issues raised at CCC meetings. Feel it has been a waste of time • No respite from truck movements • Loss of social contact with neighbours and friends because of inability to walk, ride bikes, etc • Location of quarry is now inappropriate given its proximity to residential areas • Roads needs to be reconstructed to cater for additional loads, not just patched • Not commence extended operations until all approval conditions have been met (ie roads upgraded, pathways, etc) • Deal with complaints immediately, not wait until the next CCC meeting. • Butterwick resident 2km away adversely affected by blasting. • Beautiful amenity of the local area now destroyed by the operations of the quarry 	
<p>GENERAL BUSINESS</p>	<p>Details of a tour undertaken by NR & others of the Marulan area, in the southern tablelands of NSW. Holcim Quarry was inspected which demonstrates “world’s best practice” and solutions for mitigating noise and dust issues. \$30M alone was spent on the upgrading of the highway interchange. No transportation through residential areas. Construction of 10km of rural roads, etc. Operators value their community members. Honest attempt by companies to deal with the potential impacts from the operations.</p>	<p>Photos taken by NR were shown to the attendees</p>

Meeting closed at 6.42pm with LA thanking all attendees for their time and contribution. A draft copy of the minutes would be provided to all attendees for comment, prior to finalisation.

ACTION ITEMS

ITEM	ISSUE	RESPONSIBILITY
1	Copy of Consent (approval to operate)	EDM
2	Copy of Code of Conduct	EDM
3	Copy of Amended Traffic Report	EDM
4	Link to SEPP – Mining, Petroleum, Extractive Industries 2007	LA

Item 4 – Link to SEPP

http://www.austlii.edu.au/cgi-bin/viewdb/au/legis/nsw/consol_reg/seppppaei2007924/

Note: The key themes that emerged at the meeting as noted by EDM are attached as the Annexure 'A'.