

Global Quarries

Community Consultative Committee First Meeting, Marulan Community Hall, 14/11/19

Attendees:

Shane Hill
Graeme Dally
Bill Kenchington
Don Angelosante
Cheryl Bell
George Emerzidis
Darryl Pearson
Stephanie Mowle – GM Council
Wendy Dally (alternative, and observer for this meeting)

Vergilio Serra (Global Quarries)
Yas Wickramasekera (GM Centium – Minute taker)
Justin Flaherty

Ian Colley (Independent Chair)

Introductions

Introductions were made of the attendees.

Ian explained the role of the Community Consultative Committee and noted that it will run until the approval process commences. If approval is received, the CCC may be reformed.

Conflict of Interest forms

Committee members (who have not already) were asked to sign the need to sign the Conflict of Interest forms.

A Presentation was made by VS on behalf of Global Quarries (a copy of presentation was provided to all members)

Action 1 – *For document sent out to members to be sent out as editable PDFs so members can comment.*

Vehicle access

VS Highlighted the option that is being explored of not utilising Winfarthing Road and establishing access via the Hume Highway (a copy of the two options being explored was circulated to the members).

Action 2 – *A clearer map of the two options will be made available at the next meeting*

Question: Is the Hume sufficiently wide to enable truck access.

VS advised that RMS has requested GQ to make further investigations into this.

VS noted that the RMS indicated it could support the road change but will require more high level design before approval. GQ will close off access to Winfarthing Rd if Hume highway entry is approved after high level design. RMS advised that they preferred option 2 & 4 as they had a left turn going out of the quarry towards Goulburn. There will be 45-50 trucks per day using the quarry (which will be 90-100 movements)

Question: Will Global be required to make a new application with the change of the Road?

VS – working with RMS to ensure that everything within RMS guidelines

Question: Why has RMS suggested a left out and no right turn in?

VS clarified that as there is no right turn coming from Goulburn, trucks will be going to the interchange.

Question: What was the accurate truck movements per day?

VS noted that there will be probably 90-100 truck movements per day. VS will double check and confirm numbers to the Committee

Question: Should the committee know about what the RMS is proposing?

VS – the full documentation will be shared with the committee before the submission process

Action 3 *A Map of the actual quarry will be provided to all members at the next meeting*

Dust and Water

Question: How is silicon dust going to be managed?

VS – Modelling is currently being undertaken through the EIS and more information will be provided after the modelling is completed. GQ will have to advise department as to how dust will be managed.

Question: Where is the water coming from?

VS – Currently considering the options

Question: Where will the waste water go?

VS – this will be addressed in the EIS

Question: What about flooding? How are rain events to be managed?

VS - Doesn't know, but will get back on this.

On site activity

Question: Why are people using shotguns on the property? Members have observed activity on site.

VS – Shouldn't be anyone on site. GQ has leased the land from the owner.

Action 4 - GQ will make sure that no one is on the land shooting.

Question: John Ibrahim advised that Members could go on the property and look around. Is this the case?

VS – requested that from now on moving for members requested that GQ is contacted prior to access. This would be appropriate from a safety perspective. VS requested members to contact him if we see anyone on site or hear shooting

Access to the site

Question: DA noted that there are locks on gates linking to immediate neighbours. This prevents access (eg for emergencies).

Action 5 – GQ will not lock the neighbour's access gates moving forward. But noting that various utilities such as Telstra, electricity and gas companies may be locking the access.

EIS report

Question: Can members have a copy of the EIS when it is finalised?

Action 6 – *The report will be made available when completed.*

Environment and Rehabilitation

Question: Is sufficient funding available for rehabilitation? EPA recognises that the area is part of a wildlife corridor. All the land is in the middle of the corridor. If the area is more than 100mtrs it will impact on wildlife.

Action 7 – *GQ will get back to the committee on this*

Question: Impact on threatened species?

VS – will be address in the EIS (undertaken by GHD)

Question: Where will GQ be getting power from? The current power infrastructures is owned by a co-operative which was formed some 37 years ago, Graeme and Bill are members of this co-op as are some other long term residents.

VS - will get back on this

Action 8 - *GQ will clarify power source to members*

Zoning and Occupancy for neighbours

Question: Where this is currently dual occupancy zoning (right to put two houses on property). If quarry goes ahead, will council still permit two houses?

Council (SM) – permissibility won't change. However permissibility doesn't guarantee approval.

Question: Does it change what can be built on the property? Council – it shouldn't do. This is a DCP provision and requests can be made to vary DCP provisions as part of a DA.

Question: When blasting, if it causes structural damage, how will owners be compensated.

VS – work will be undertaken to minimise impact. GQ is fully insured for the work undertaken.

Action 9 *GQ to provide details of insurance once approval is granted.*

Question: Can GQ take photos of the property before the blasting. Council – this is quite common to be requested. This can be included in the submission. If a report is required this will be required to be undertaken by GQ.

Question: Can minutes be made available?

Action 10 *Minutes will be provided to all members*

Question: Will the zoning change?

Council – No. There is no reason why the zoning of the land would automatically change as a result of the proposal.

Quarry operations

Question: Where will the fill be brought from?

VS – from anywhere that meets the required standard (for VENM and ENM) .

Question: If there is a difference in alkalinity?

VS – EIS requires a rehabilitation plan

Question: Who / where will monitor compliance?

VS – will verify this via GHD

Question: Blasting – what is the exclusion zone?

VS – Still working on the blasting design and sequence. The level of blasting will be representative of the size of this quarry.

Question: is GQ aware that there can be no sound or sight?

VS – will raise this with GHD

Question: Dust with blasting – how can we protect the drivers on highway.

VS – will factor that in

Question: Process for backfill material. Potential conflict of two operations - dust suppression, run off.

VS – will be outlined in the EIS.

Question: Can GQ ensure continuous stockpile on site?

VS – stockpile will be managed in a safe manner – it will be addressed in the EIS.

Observation /concern: Stockpiling of VENM and ENM needs to be used in a short time.

Comment: CCC members raised health concerns of silicon dust.

Impact on lifestyle and environment

Question: Rural residential environment. A number of neighbours have been there for a significant period and have a deep connection to the area and its environment. Concerned about the visual, devaluation of property, impact on the environment. How can the change in lifestyle be addressed?

VS – trying to ensure to minimise the effect on the residents and environment as much as possible.

Question: Long term health issues?

VS – department has requirements which VS will be required to abide by.

Comment by Chair: these are fundamental issues that can be raised in the submissions

Question: Devaluation of property – after quarry came into the picture approximately reduced by 150K.

VS – GQ will make note of it

Question: Is there is a need for the quarry in Sydney?

VS – other quarry supplies larger supplier. GQ will be focussing on smaller suppliers can't be services by the bigger suppliers.

Question: Is there a way the committee can ensure that GQ has the funding to rehabilitated?

Council – this should be a part of the submission to the department

Question: Question was raised previously as to whether there is uranium on site?

VS – still investigating this

Question: Crown land Trig station. Has this land been purchased? It was noted that the trig station has extensive history – concern about losing Trig station and heritage.

Question: Is it true that the trig station won't be touched?

VS – will need to confirm this. Will show the map as a part of the quarry design.

VS – GQ is in the process of exploring these options with CLs.

Question: Has GQ spoken to indigenous community?

VS – currently undertaking heritage studies and this will be provided in time. The heritage study will be made available (as appropriate) through the EIS.

Question: Work hours?

VS – 7-6 Monday to Saturday but could be modified.

Question: Movement of workers and trucks on weekends?

VS – there will be a set up period

Question: Will there be a crusher on site?

VS – to be determined (but very likely).

Information and Consultation

Question/Comment: All these questions were raised in the previous meeting and no responses have been provided to the members.

VS – I understand the frustration of members and we apologise for the delay in responding. Will pass the information when it is available. Note that the bio-diversity study has been completed but the report hasn't been finalised. Once the reports are finalised, they will be made available.

CCC Issues

The Chair noted that there will be at least two more meetings before the EIS is submitted.

Comment: Members would like the information so that they are not kept in the dark. They are not trying to stop GQ but to try and understand.

Question: Timeline for lodgement of the EIS?

VS – Feb to April, 2020

Concern: Members raised concerns with communication (monthly newsletters, meeting dates).

The Chair offered a meeting in early December, but members indicated that there was no point having a meeting if no information will be available then. New Year may be a better option (probably in late Jan). Thursday is suitable for all members.

Chair: Minutes will be provided by Chair to be distributed to all CCC members.

There will be no meeting in December – next meeting in late January (on a Thursday)

VS's contact details will be made available to all Members for notification purposes:
vserra@globalquarries.net.au (0405 000 133)

Thanks to all members for their time and effort in attending the first meeting.