

**Marulan Quarry Project
Community Consultative Committee
Minutes of the Eleventh Meeting, Thursday 15 June 2023**

6:30pm-8:30pm at the Marulan Community Hall

The meeting started at 6:30pm

Attendance:

Ian Colley (Independent Chair)
Vergilio Serra (Global Quarries)
Ankeedo Esho (Minute taker)
Karl Rosen (GHD)
Bill Pickering (GQ)
Stephanie Mowle (Council)
Graeme Dally
Wendy Dally
Bill Kenchington
Darryl Pearson
Don Angelosante
George Emerzidis
Shane Hill

Welcome and Introductions

Ian Colley welcomed the attendees, noting the long time since the last meeting in August 2022.

Wendy Dally gave an Acknowledgement of Country.

Minutes of the previous meeting and Business Arising

Shane: Why did it take so long to publish the minutes of the last meeting?

Ian C: I'm not sure it was that long, but I will check¹.

Graeme: The bullying issue should have been noted. And I disagree about the community consultation. You have never met with the NOW executive, or with local businesses. There

¹ Ian Colley Note: After the meeting, I checked the timeline and the first draft of the minutes of the meeting on 18 August were issued on September 9. Usually I send a very raw draft out in the first week after the meeting, but these minutes required much more work to get a clean draft.

are people on the highway who have never received any information. In relation to the claim on page 3 about the community 'drop in' session, a dozen or so people talked.

Don: You have never sent anything to me. Not a visit or a letter. I've got nothing from GQ and I live on Winfarthing Rd.

Vergilio: I have personally walked and letter-boxed that Road. We've only done one doorknock session though. I'll check the record.

Bill K: What about the action items?

Ian: I'm holding those until the end of this meeting to see if we can check some items off, after the presentations tonight.

Bill K: You used my address on your notice about the aboriginal consultations. I didn't get an apology.

Karl: We published an apology in the paper

Bill K: But not to me, personally

Vergilio: That might have been a misunderstanding then, about a public versus personal apology. We will follow this up.

Action Item: GQ to send apology to Bill K

Bill K: Your stall at Marulan, you took a photo and asked me permission to use in media releases, I gave it initially but then rang you to withdraw it. But I see it is on the web site. Please remove it.

Action item: GQ to remove photo

Wendy: We would have liked written information beforehand for these meetings.

Vergilio: We will send out soft copies tomorrow. We were still changing things as late as today.

Don: I would like it in the mail please. I don't have email.

Bill K: So there are no written handouts tonight?

Vergilio No

Update on GQ operations

Bill P read a summary report updating the current context for the Marulan Quarry project. This is attached below with these minutes. Bill P. noted that he had previously presented a summary of the key findings in the Community Engagement Report that will be submitted along with the EIS.

Bill P: An important development we need to outline tonight is that we were expecting to submit the EIS to the Department before the deadline at end June. For two reasons this has not become possible:

1. Consent from Crown Lands/local Aboriginal custodians for use and purchase of the land.
2. Notice yesterday from Transport NSW denying our preferred exit/entry route.

We now need to submit a new SEARS and expect to be submitting by October this year.

We also have a major new investor with quarry experience which strengthens our position.

We will send out all this information in a Community Information Notice tomorrow.

VS: We are almost there with all our reports now, that's why we are confident about the October date. But we can't proceed without the Crown Land consent. And the Transport NSW issue which means we need to change our approach but won't be able to do this before the submission date.

Shane: Will it be another four years?

Karl: The assessment reports are mostly complete. Updates to the EP&A Regulation mean that landowners' consent is required in writing prior to submission.

Wendy: How come it has taken so long to realise that Aboriginal land claims would block your application?

Graeme: So the current application is null and void in two weeks?

Vergilio: Yes

Graeme: And this committee is null and void?

Karl: My hope is that it will continue.

Shane: What about the 350 questions we have asked. Will they be wiped out?

Graeme: The basic problem is we can't trust you. You don't follow through. Eg your statements in leasing or purchase of the land have been contradictory. You can't purchase if there is a claim. I offered to purchase the same land parcel myself but this was rejected.

Vergilio: Why did you want to purchase the land?

Graeme: I was doing it on behalf of the community. Crown Lands indicated that they already had an application from Mr Putrus. I often use the track within this parcel of land for walks and picnics – as do others.

Karl: It is not necessary to purchase before consent is granted. We are hoping to have the landowner consent issues sorted by October. If the scope of the project hasn't changed, we will check and see if there is any additional assessments or consultation requirements in the new SEARs. I will be surprised if given the history from the previous application that the CCC will not be a requirement. In saying that is the new DA is approved, then a new CCC will be required.

Graeme: can you make the decision of making this the current CCC ongoing?

Karl: No, the SEARs application requires 28 days response, then we look at the updates SEARs and address the requirements.

Wendy: This prolonging to October will stress us all out even more.

Vergilio: We were targeting end of June. Until now, that we have to satisfy the new requirements.

Shane: October date, do we have a year for this October date?

Vergilio: depending on the new SEARS, it shouldn't be too different from what we have now. we will need to make some modifications. But main thing is there we are not starting from scratch. Our aim is October.

GQ EIS Update

Karl presented his summary of reports being prepared for the EIS (Note that Karl's power point presentation and corresponding reports were emailed to CCC members on Friday 16 June, and hard copies were hand delivered to letter boxes on 17 June).

Key points:

Karl: Back in 2019 GQ and GHD engaged in a workshop with RMS (*now TfNSW – Ian C.*). RMS didn't initially support a right turn movement from Winfarthing road intersection and the community were against the use of Winfarthing Road. We went back to the drawing board and presented a range of intersection concept designs to RMS in a series of workshops. RMS

initially indicated they would be willing to consider two of the options as part of the development application process subject to satisfying a number of assessment requirements in a Transport Impact Assessment. The strategic design was subsequently presented to TfNSW who indicated they no longer would accept a right turn treatment for east bound traffic from the site. We did have another meeting to clarify and as of yesterday at 4pm have formally given us the notice that do not support the application.

Shane: So, what you going to do?

Vergilio: We are doing our own investigations.

Karl: So the traffic assessment needs to be redone. TNSW is a critical stakeholder, we won't get approval without them.

Shane: Why not take the Council's suggestion? I told you back at the start that there would not be a right turn out.

Shane: Now there's going to be more trucks on the road to Goulbourn,

Vergilio: Regardless to what option we are going to do, there will be an affect. Winfarthing road is out of the picture.

Shane: Have you been in a truck and dog?

Vergilio: No

Shane: Yeah, it takes a long time to accelerate. The road is 110km, the truck and dog wont do max 80 going up that hill.

Graeme: How long is the acceleration lane?

Karl: 420 meters

Graeme : No mention of left hand out of the quarry. You need to have a 1km long acceleration lane. The prescribed distance is over a kilometre

Darryl: Why not do a full intersection?

Karl: It's a cost benefit thing, that intersection is for a much bigger facility, with 4m tonnes of load, we only require 500,000.

Karl: There is no point in submitting a DA that is not safe. We will be going back to the drawing board and come up with a revised turning plan.

Graeme: Are you providing any more info tonight, or no?

Karl: I do have more information but as the projector is not working. I will email something out to you all tomorrow. Cultural heritage and cultural report have been issued to the Aboriginal community. The Aboriginal reports have been submitted to the various interested groups, some 35 RAPs.

Graeme: Can we have copies?

Shane: instead of sending us a lump of 300 pages, send us parts so we can see what doesn't look right

Karl: There is a process, the reports need to be tweaked. There is a due process of consultation with these parties, but we are happy to share at the appropriate time.

Shane: You never seem to give us anything. So how can we give you feedback. This CCC is about the community to help you, if something is not right we can let you know.

Vergilio: we are presenting key points, we don't feel comfortable to submit something when it's not final. Giving information and reports are different.

Graeme: I have had enough of these 4 years. This is a farce. I'm out of here.

Vergilio: I promise if we could have submitted by the 30th we would.

At this point in the meeting, Graeme and Wendy walked out of the meeting. Don also left.

Bill P: We all understand the frustration. These delays beyond our control. Transport have changed the goal post on us and we are sorry you are in the middle of it.

Bill K: There are several developments along the motorway that have been refused cross median access. Why would GQ expect to be granted cross median access for their development?

Karl: We did the workshop, and the updated SEARs, and had formal written notice that they would consider the right turn.

Vergilio: They have put a hard stand on it now, before it was a maybe with them.

Darrel: Putting a quarry here is a stupid idea. You got no transport in and out of the quarry there's no point.

George: You did mention you have new investors; did you ever advertise it?

Vergilio: No, we never advertised.

Shane: Is this new investor going to make an appearance?

Vergilio: Yes, there is a new investor, Star Equity is the investor. It is public information. They do have experience in quarries. This company is a partner with us, and they have brought gifts if you guys would like to accept it you may.

Shane: So are we going to hear from the investor?

Vergilio: At this stage of the project, no. They will want to do an appearance once the quarry is in an operational stage.

Shane: So you are aware this is public information, you can go on the website and see it all

Bill P: We noted the fact that the new partner is coming onboard tonight. At this stage there is an investor that is bringing in funds. As soon as this quarry is approved, they will come down and meet the community here.

Shane: The bus stop is a big thing to us.

Vergilio: We told them that's the first thing we will work on.

Ian: What is the status of the CCC itself at this point? Does this group continue to meet?

Karl: it will be more useful to get an answer on the intersection first before having another meeting.

Darryl: I have a truck and dog. Come ride me with I will show you how hard it is to get up the hill

Vergilio: I will take you up on that offer.

Other Reports

Karl: Brian, the biodiversity officer from Council, has come out to the site and inspected.

Stephanie: He came in spring for 2 days; he did walk around the site wherever he wanted.

Karl: Air quality meteorology methodology was sent to Ian this morning. I have also added a list of all the species of animals and plants recorded on the site as previously requested.

Vergilio: I do appreciate you guys staying back

Shane: To move forward you need to nail the road then talk about the quarry. It's been 4 years. It's frustrating.

Vergilio: We will provide you all with information

Ian: The CCC is in a grey area at this point. It was meant to conclude once the EIS was submitted. I will follow up with the Department of Planning to see what the next steps are, but appreciate the general consensus is that the current committee should continue until the EIS is submitted.

Meeting ended 9:04pm

Action Items

Eleventh Meeting

Action 1: GQ to send apology to Bill K

Action 2: GQ to remove photo. (Completed)

Items remaining incomplete from previous meetings (or noted as completed now)

Tenth Meeting

Action 1: Email the list of threatened species – Karl (Completed)

Action 2: Check the truck payload – Karl

Action 3 – Get response from RMS on the viability of the truck exit turning space – Vergilio (Completed)

Action: Ensure the report addresses the questions about traffic movements at the site.

Ninth Meeting

Action 2: Email copies of the noise modelling to the CCC - To do.

Action 3: Invite a blasting professional to address the CCC - To do.

Action 4: Send the wind methodology to the CCC - Completed

Eighth Meeting

Action 4: Vergilio for GQ to respond in writing with relevant information in draft form when it becomes available. – in process

Action 5: GHD to respond to the calls for more direct and frequent communication with local residents. – in process

Sixth Meeting

Action 1: VS check for inconsistencies and gaps in the information document handed out last meeting (such as contradictory statements on the trig station) – to do

Action 2 – VS to supply the visibility study when completed – to do

Fifth Meeting

Action 1 VS to consider meeting with NOW Inc, subject to Covid advice. – to do

Action 2 (this action item rephrased for clarity) VS to supply its local contact list to NOW and to contact people to participate in the second SIA. -to follow up

First Meeting

Action 6 The EIS report will be made available when completed. – to do

Action 8 GQ will clarify power source to members. – to do

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

Attachment A

COMMUNITY NOTICE (COPY)

OCTOBER SUBMISSION ANTICIPATED FOR QUARRY APPLICATION

Global Quarries Australia Pty Ltd is working towards an October submission to the NSW Department of Planning and Environment to develop a quarrying operation on Lots 3 and 4 of DP247199, and Lot7001 of DP 1025585 near Winfarthing Road, Marulan.

The company had hoped the application would be completed by the end of June prior to expiry of the Secretary's Environmental Assessment Requirements (SEARs), but delays in receiving consent from all landowners and recent feedback on the proposed new intersection to the Hume Highway mean the development application will not be lodged.

"We are expecting everything will be completed by October this year. The Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) is nearly ready along with our Community Engagement Report, but amendments are required for the proposed site entrance and finalisation of Crown Lands consent is still needed," Global Quarries Project Manager Vergilio Serra said.

A Community Consultative Committee meeting was held on Thursday night (June 15) to advise local representatives about the delay, and to update the committee on the status of environmental and planning investigations.

Mr Serra said Global Quarries Australia Pty Ltd wanted a strong application to go before the Minister and the Department. A new application for SEARs is required to be submitted to the Department of Planning and the EIS updated to reflect any new assessment requirements. He added that Global Quarries Australia had recently gained a major investor for the project with extensive experience in quarry operations which will help ensure the success of the project should it be approved.

"We acknowledge there have extensive and unexpected delays in putting together the company's quarry application, but we are confident we have addressed community concerns wherever possible and will run a successful operation."

If approved by the NSW Minister for Planning, the quarry is expected to extract up to 500,000 tonnes of hard rock aggregate each year for the supply of concrete and other uses to the Sydney and regional markets for around 18 years.

As a State Significant Development, the quarry would help meet the demands of the construction industry including for roads and infrastructure projects and housing.

Global Quarries Australia anticipates employing 20 people during the construction phase if the quarry is approved. Once operational, an expected 10 full-time staff will be employed onsite, with an additional 20 involved in off-site transportation.

“We are committed to providing local employment and engaging local contractors and businesses first wherever possible,” Mr Serra said.

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