

# Marulan Quarry Project Community Consultative Committee

Third Meeting – Thursday 16 April 2020  
6.30pm-8.00pm  
Online

## Minutes of the meeting

### Attendees:

#### **Present**

Ian Colley (Independent Chair)  
Vergilio Serra (Global Quarries)  
Justin Flaherty (Global Quarries --- Minute taker)  
Graeme Edwards (consultant)  
Graeme Dally  
Wendy Dally (alternative for this meeting)  
Bill Kenchington  
Shane Hill  
George Emerzidis

#### **Apologies**

Cheryl Bell (Apology - – resigned)  
Stephanie Mowle – GM Council (apology)

#### **Not present/unknown**

Don Angelosante  
Darryl Pearson

## **1. Welcome and Introductions - Ian Colley, Independent Chair**

### Attendance

Cheryl Bell sent apologies and noted she was withdrawing from the CCC due to conflict with rostering changes. Request for Wendy D to replace Cheryl. IC indicated that he would take this up with the Dept.

Stephanie Mowle was an apology.

### Committee schedule and Minutes

IC reviewed the context for the CCC meetings, noting the original intention to hold a few meetings before submission of EIS. Then the committee might be reformed if the proposal was approved.

He also noted the process for publication of the minutes:

- a draft to be sent out within one week of the meeting
- responses to this draft one week after distribution
- publication of the minutes on the GQ web site two weeks after this

IC also undertook to email the final minutes to members as well.

### Business Arising

Initial questions – Graeme Dally

- EIS when will it come?
- When will map come?
- When will map of traffic options come?
- Wildlife corridor, power source, Vergilio was coming back
- When will GQ come back with questions from both meetings

VS - Apologised and noted that studies had been delayed. The committee would be notified once the information was available.

IC – Noted that GD had covered the Actions Arising items

IC – in response to an email suggestion from Darryl, Ian posed the question as to value of scheduled meetings in the absence of new information from GQ.

- GD – meetings must have a purpose, we are getting no information back
- Shane – not hard to pick out a couple of concerns and answer them
- Bill – agrees. Strange prep for EIS has gone on 12 months and amazed no information has been prepared that can be presented
- George – had 12 months to come back with info, haven't come back with anything. Need to know some information.

IC noted that we will return to this issue at the end of this meeting for a decision about further meetings.

## **2. Minutes of Last Meeting, and approaches to minute taking**

- Minutes Accepted – Graeme Dally and Vergilio
- Change GC to GQ (Global Quarries)

### 3. Update from GQ - Vergilio Serra

VS - Since last meeting, slight progress made with mining design. There has been a slow down across the board (GHD included). Some reports on hold until we can finalise the mining and quarrying designs to a higher quality. Until the design is at a suitable stage all testing is on hold. GE is the mining engineer.

GE – Introduced himself as a civil engineer with mining experience via Boral. Past Fellow of Institute of Quarrying. Bought on board to assist Global develop the plan and assess the suitability of the site.

Inability to travel has frustrated site visits so still trying to finalise the plan and sequencing of the development of the quarry. Aware of some concerns re access via Winfarthing road. Attempting to accommodate residents to the western side. Development of quarry will be in an easterly direction so that dust and sound emissions will be mitigated. Until plan is fully developed/accepted and agreed it is only in draft form and it can only be progressed at a high level at this stage.

Shane – concerned noise will bounce off valley/mountain range.

VS – once modelling completed then will know about noise once plan is finalized. Everyone should know, GD has sent through further concerns they are all noted and forwarded to GHD in report for EIS. Concerns are not falling on deaf ears.

Bill – asked GE if you can see quarry ops from Winfarthing road.

GE – you will see work when it is on crest and not once works progress.

Bill – are you saying will you remove only part of the hill

GE – won't know until final quarry plan is completed

Bill – once the hill is levelled will there be a hole?

GE – there will be until reinstatement. Plan is still in progress.

George – do you know the height of the hill

GE – Have lidar information

GD – Are you working on west side of hill.

GE – open face will be to east. Will be a wall on western side screening activities in quarry such as trucks, blasting, vibration. Blasts shouldn't be noisy should be directed into ground being broken.

GD – Will final plan not be done until approved by authorities

GE – that is the normal way it works. There will normally be restrictions on blasts, noise monitoring etc

GD – Won't get feedback until EIS released?

GE - that is the process. Plan that goes in is generally the plan that is adopted. If issues raised with design, anything proposed that will be commented on and required to be amended prior to approval. Drafts of the plan will be made available for comment. Don't want to provide answers that may be misleading in light of future changes

GD – Blast face on East will be visible for 1.8km. How do you plan to avoid accidents from people being distracted?

VS – will be addressed in the visual impact statement. Not for GE to answer.

Shane – how far back into hill will you step back for blasting

GE – will be determined by modelling (about 45 degrees). The depth of the proposed quarry will be less than 100 metres. (In a clarification after the meeting, in an email to Ian Colley, Graeme Edwards noted that the blasting depth will likely be likely in the range of 10 -20 metres, undertaken incrementally for each bench level).

Bill – trig station will it be removed? Shane - it is still in use

VS – will be reinstated at a future date. Part of the heritage study. Will pass onto GHD

Wendy – do you have permission from Crown Lands/Surveyor general. VS working through it now. We will do things properly. VS – knew it was Crown Land and that there was a trig station.

GD – exclusion zone for fly rock? GE – flyrock is not a serious issue – can occur when you have very large blasts occurring – not of a magnitude that will require very large blasts. Likelihood is extremely low due to tech, now much lower risk. No incidents in the last 10 years.

IC – noted that most Actions Arising from these meetings will not be addressed as EIS not available. When will it be available? VS says months not weeks. Design must be progressed before questions answered.

IC – Can rough design or maps available before detailed studies are done? VS – we can but not yet.

IC how long before preliminaries are available? GE – 2-3 months for draft plan.

#### **4. Presentation by NOW on issues of interest/concern**

Refer to “meeting 3 – concerns” appended to these meetings.

GD – highlighted the part of the document concerning Bell Quarry – Lithgow

WD – highlighted the part of the document concerning Social, Physical & Mental Health Impact. *(Note that the full text of Wendy’s comments are at Attachment B. Wendy asked for these comments to be attached to the minutes).*

Shane – why not mine under the hill?

VS – completely different operation – mining not quarrying

VS – happy to hear concerns

IC – Noted that we don’t need a committee meeting and formal minutes in order to document community concerns. These can be submitted at any time. The purpose of the CCC is for consultation through discussion. A version of the meeting that only contains concerns is not as useful.

GD – unusual to have CCC meetings as early (ie pre approval). These are here for lack of communication on this project.

## 5. General Discussion

VS – we are happy to attend meetings for community to express concerns even if we have no additional information yet.

GD – we are supposed to consult as a committee – GQ is refusing to consult

IC – GQ is saying they don't have information. What will we do as our meeting procedure in the absence of such information

Shane – set monthly meetings, a week or so get in touch and see if there's anything new to discuss

VS – bi monthly would allow for more information to have been obtained

Shane – there may be more concerns from residents as they arrive from overseas

## 6. Next Steps and Close

IC – Suggested that we meet in 2-3 months time, as it is possible GQ will have some preliminary information at this point.

GD – 2 months is fine but need exact date

IC – 18 June tentatively proposed – for another 'at a distance' meeting

IC – will we try Zoom? I will propose both options

GD - Will questions be answered by GQ to CCC or will they be in the EIS?

IC – how long before the EIS is submitted will the relevant info be available to the CCC? VS – we won't give it only one day before but will discuss suitable time with Directors.

### ***Action 1: GQ to decide a suitable time for early notice of information to CCC before formal submission of the EIS***

Shane – to GE – Where else have you worked/designed that had Koala habitat and how close were residents?

GE – 250m was closest. Have been involved with 2 operations with Koalas but that is the environmental consultants area

### **FOLLOW UP ACTIONS FROM THE PREVIOUS MINUTES (1<sup>st</sup> Meeting)**

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

***Action 2*** A clearer map of the traffic options will be made available

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

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

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

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

**Action 7** – *Is the area in the middle of a wildlife corridor. GQ will get back to the committee on this*

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

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