

**Minutes of the Special Meeting of Cleary Bros Gerroa Sand Quarry
Community Consultative Committee**

Held via Zoom

On Thursday August 31, 2023 at 10:43 am

Present via Zoom:

Chairperson	B Weir
Community Representative	K Sekulic
Community Representative	S Brazier
GEPS Representative	W Holder
Cleary Bros Environmental Officer	M Hammond
Cleary Bros Representative	T Kalajzich

Item 1: Welcome and Apologies

The Chairperson opened the meeting and stated that the purpose of the meeting was to consider the Annual Review document as required by the Quarry's approval. The Chair extended a welcome to all, and acknowledged the Traditional Owners of the Land on which the meeting was being held and paid his respects to Elders Past, Present and Emerging.

Cr Croxford (Kiama Council Representative) provided his apologies to the meeting.

Item 2: Annual Review for the Gerroa Sand Resource for 2022/2023

The Chair asked MH whether there was anything to add to the Annual Review since it was distributed.

MH stated that there wasn't, and asked all members whether they had received a copy of the Annual Review for 2022-2023.

All members confirmed they had received the Annual Review.

MH also stated that the Annual Review had been submitted to the Department of Planning and Environment and both local councils.

The Chair asked SB whether he had any questions regarding the Annual Review.

SB referred to page 53 of the Annual Review, enquiring whether any feedback had been received as yet from the Department of Planning and Environment regarding the Planning Agreement.

MH responded that no feedback has been received from DPE, however he will follow up with the Department again.

The Chair asked KS whether he had any questions regarding the Annual Review.

KS asked about the screen planting design, noting that the Landscape and Biodiversity Management Plan specifies 2m centres, but Figure 9 of this document shows scattered plants with more than 2 rows.

MH stated that it was intended to plant 700 plants in this 350m zone, with approximately 2 rows at 1m spacings. MH stated that almost all plantings in this area had now been completed, and he would have to check how the plantings had been arranged.

KS asked whether it would be similar to the tree screen fronting Berry Beach Road just west of the site entrance.

MH stated that he wasn't overly familiar with the tree screen west of the site entrance, so would have to come back KS once he had viewed the tree screen.

KS asked about the long paddock meteorological data used in the Annual Review, and how consistent it was to the site rainfall records.

MH explained that this data was used in the report to ensure consistency between the rainfall and evaporation data sets used for the water licence calculations. MH stated that he did not have the site rainfall data at hand, and so would have to come back to KS on this matter at the next meeting.

BW asked WH whether he had any questions regarding the Annual Review

WH responded saying he didn't have any questions.

SB asked whether the waste silt from the processing plant could be used to create shallow areas of habitat in the pond.

MH explained that due to the risk of acid sulphate soils, the processing fines needed to be deposited in the deeper areas of the dredge pond below the lowest foreseeable water level. They couldn't be placed in shallow areas due to the risk of oxidation and creation of acids in the dredge pond.

TK added that there was minimal silt coming from the processing plant anyway.

The Chair proposed that it be confirmed that the Annual Review for 2022-2023 had been received, considered and noted at this meeting.

The motion was accepted and approved by all present.

Item 4: Next Meeting:

Next meeting scheduled for Thursday 15 February 2024, which would include a site visit.

There being no further business, the Chair closed the meeting at 11.05 am.