

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

Held at the Site Office

On Thursday December 2, 2021 at 10:00 am

### Present:

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

### Site Inspection

The meeting was preceded by a site inspection.

The Inspection commenced with an inspection of the new green house and the various species and seedlings being propagated therein.

The Inspection Party then travelled by mini bus through the quarry site. It travelled past area 2A.3, through areas 1.1 and 2B.2 and then stopped at the southern and northern ends of 2C.1.

During the inspection discussion took place regarding the plantings, the proposed Aboriginal Conservation Area adjoining Zone 4 and the progress with the rehabilitation of various areas.

The Inspection Party then returned to the Quarry office.

### Item 1: Welcome and Apologies

The Chairperson opened the meeting, extended a welcome to all, and then acknowledged the Traditional Owners of the Land on which the meeting was being held and paid his respects to Elders Past, Present and Emerging.

He stated that Mr Sekulic had phoned him earlier in the week to notify him of his inability to attend this meeting. He advised that he had not received the business paper and minutes for the June meeting nor the notice for this meeting and asked that the practice of posting these to him rather than email, be resumed. He also advised the Chair that he wished to remain a Member of the CCC.

The Chairperson further advised that Cr Sloan had just sent a message apologising for his inability to attend due to an urgent work issue. He had extended his thanks to the community representatives for the issues they had raised, and "the determination by all to manage impacts". He extended best wishes to all, as, following the election, he would no longer be Kiama Council's representative on this Committee.

**Item 2: Declaration of pecuniary or other interests**

These interests- being Messrs. Hammond and Kalazich being employees of the proponent and the Chairperson receiving a meeting fee, were again declared.

**Item 3: Business arising from previous minutes**

Mr Brazier referred to Item 5 (ii) and queried whether it was relevant to the purpose of the Committee for the proponent to list sponsorship and community activities in the report to the Committee.

The Chairperson replied that such a report was considered very relevant on the agenda of other Committees he chaired, showing the proponent's community engagement and other community activities, in addition to the economic benefits of the project and as an acknowledgement of the impacts on the community by these mining activities in some cases.

Mr Hammond and Mr Kalajzich both replied and outlined the proponent's long history of community support, sponsorship and other community links.

**Item 4: Correspondence**

Nil

**Item 5: Cleary Bros reports and overview of activities**

Mr Hammond spoke to his report (attached).

5 (ii) Site Inspection: It was agreed that, due to the favourable climatic and rainfall conditions over the last twelve months, there had been considerable progress with the site's revegetation and rehabilitation as well as additional planting having been undertaken.

Mr Brazier asked whether the bores around the modification area were brackish.

Mr Hammond responded that some of the new bores were quite fresh while one of them did have a brackish influence.

Mr Holder requested that the plant sourcing be improved to include Angophora floribunda.

Mr Hammond responded that this species had not been available from the main local plant supplier, but that he would look at other options for sourcing this species.

**Item 6: Other Agenda Items**

**i) Proposed Modification to the Gerroa Sand Quarry**

Mr Hammond advised that there was nothing further to report other than that the DPIE had approached CB seeking further information regarding possible conditions of consent.

**ii) Chairperson's Annual Report on the operation of the CCC**

There was no comment.

The Chairperson advised Mr Brazier that he had been unable to successfully email a copy of the Annual report to him. He handed him a hard copy and invited him to contact him if there was any aspect of the report he wished to discuss with him.

**Item 7: General Business**

Mr Brazier queried whether there were any deer in area 2D, referring to the 2021 annual ecological inspection report from Niche which identified damage to a planting in this area?

Mr Kalajzich replied that he had not seen any and that they would be destroyed as part of farm operations if they had been observed.

Mr Brazier referred to the Niche Report's reference to area 2B.1, re the guards missing from a recently planted area, and asked if this had been rectified?

Mr Hammond and Mr Kalajzich both indicated that further work had been undertaken in that area since the report was undertaken and that issue had been resolved.

**Item 8: Next Meeting:**

Mr Hammond suggested that the next meeting be held on July 28, 2022.

In closing the meeting the Chairperson thanked everybody for their attendance and input and extended to all the Compliments of the Season.

Meeting concluded 11.10 am.

## Item 5 – Gerroa Sand Resource CCC Meeting 2 December 2021

### Cleary Bros reports and overview of activities

#### Progress of the Project

Total sand transported from the Gerroa resource for FY22 to 31 October 2021 was 6,681t representing an annualised rate of 20,043t. Cleary Bros continue to supplement the Gerroa sand supply with alternative sources including manufactured sand and sand sourced from 3<sup>rd</sup> parties. Production rates are expected to remain at similar levels in the short to medium term, dependent on the availability of suitable 3<sup>rd</sup> party supplies.

#### Site Visit

A site visit is planned to be undertaken prior to this meeting.

#### Monitoring and environmental performance

##### Meteorology

Automatic weather station (AWS) is currently operating well. Rainfall recorded for 2021 to 31 October 2021 was 957mm, which is slightly below average.

##### Dust (Total Insoluble Solids)

Average annual dust levels in all gauges have decreased since the last meeting. Dust gauges 1A, 2A, and 3A are averaging (as at 19 November 2021) 1.3g/m<sup>2</sup>/month, 0.7g/m<sup>2</sup>/month, and 0.4g/m<sup>2</sup>/month for the previous 12-month period.

All measurements of air quality are within the criteria of the Development Consent and Environment Protection Licence for the Quarry.

##### Dredge Pond

All monitoring of the dredge pond has been in accordance with the Development Consent. Dredge pond water quality is generally stable and consistent with historical level results. The water level has shown fluctuations consistent with rainfall. Total Oxidisable Sulphur of sand extracted has remained low in the range of 0.02-0.03%.

##### Boreholes

All groundwater monitoring has been in accordance with the Development Consent. Borehole water levels have declined slightly from the recent post-drought peaks of mid-2020, however movements have largely followed rainfall patterns, and have been consistent with the longer term averages for the respective bores. Water quality of the bores has remained largely stable with all measurements within or close to the historical range of recorded measurements for each bore. Bore MW1 continues to exhibit a brackish influence however the salinity has shown a general downward trend since a peak approximately 2 years ago.

##### Revegetation and Rehabilitation

Rehabilitation works are now in the maintenance phase, generally in accordance with the Landscape and Rehabilitation Management Plan approved under the Development Consent. Since the last meeting, works have focussed on the control of grasses and other annual growths around smaller plants, particularly Zone 2C.1. We have also taken advantage of the good rainfall through Spring, with infill planting of 600 seedlings in Zone 2C2 (consisting of *Acacia implexa*, *Banksia integrifolia*, *Casuarina glauca*, *Pittosporum revolutum*), and 200 seedlings in Zone 2D (*Banksia* and *Casuarina*), as well as replacing some *Eucalyptus robusta*'s lost to flood damage in Zone 2D. Weed control in the past few months has focused on *Lantana* control across the site. Ongoing management of all areas continues based on the advice provided in the quarterly internal inspections and annual inspections by an ecologist.

The greenhouse is now well stocked to ensure a reliable and continuous supply of plants as required (see photo), and Cleary Bros are proud to have been Highly Commended in the Environmental Innovation category of the NSW Cement Concrete & Aggregates Association 2021 Innovation Awards.



### **Community Complaints**

No community complaints have been received since the last CCC meeting.

### **Community Engagement**

Cleary Bros have been proud to support the following community programs and events over the past 12 months:

- Group 7 Referees – Major sponsor over more than 35 years, continuing the development of rugby league referees on the South Coast.
- South Coast Blaze – Franchise Partner supporting the team in the NSW Premier League netball competition, fostering the best current and emerging netball talent from the local area.
- Partnering with the Jerrinja Local Aboriginal Council to support ongoing education and development of the local indigenous community.
- Illawarra Convoy – Long term supporter of the Illawarra Convoy, providing much needed support to families affected by life threatening medical conditions and local charities.
- Kiama Rugby 7's – Tournament Sponsor over a number of years, providing integral support to one of Kiama's pinnacle annual events.

Cleary Bros have recently employed Paul Jackson as our Stakeholder Relations Manager. In this newly created role, Paul is looking forward to working with all our stakeholders as we continue our commitment to being a valued member of our community.

### **Information provided to the community and any feedback**

The Cleary Bros website is regularly updated to ensure all required information is current, including approvals, management plans, and environmental monitoring data.

Cleary Bros recommends the above report is received and noted by the CCC

Signed:

Mark Hammond (Environmental Officer)

25/11/2021