

# MEETING NOTES

**Subject:** Boral Teven Quarry Community Consultative Committee meeting

**Location:** Boral Teven Quarry offices, North Teven Road, Teven

**Date & Time:** 1 November 2018, 5:30pm

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## Attendees:

1. **Denis Perkins** – Neighbour

### *Boral staff*

- **Scott Gillieatt** – Quarry Manager, Boral Teven Quarry
- **Paul Jackson** – Stakeholder Relations Manager (NSW/ACT and National Land Development), Boral Property Group

### *Apologies*

- **Peter Blackwood** – Neighbour
- **Sam Henderson** - Neighbour

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*The following notes are taken from presentations and conversations conducted as part of this meeting. The content, while representing an accurate summation of proceedings, should not be taken to represent exact dialogue unless specifically minuted as such.*

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**Meeting commenced: 5.45pm**

## **1. Welcome and introductions**

After waiting for around 15 minutes to see if there would be any further attendees, **Paul Jackson** as Chair of the meeting offered the other two CCC members present, **Denis Perkins** and **Scott Gillieatt**, the opportunity to either cancel the session or run through the content of the presentation.

As the community representative, Denis was afforded the choice and opted for a quick overview of the information compiled.

## **2. Review of previous meeting notes and matters arising**

The regular administration of the meeting was then dealt with. No matters were mentioned as arising from the previous meeting held 17 May 2018, and the apologies for the session were noted. Given the small attendance, a 'safety moment' was not discussed on this occasion.

## **3. Quarry operations update**

Scott then overviewed activity at the quarry since May's meeting, starting with the news that Teven Quarry had captured the Cement Concrete Aggregates Australia Community Leadership National Award for 2017-18 for the quarry's partnership with the Tintenbar-Teven Community Aid Network (TinCAN).

The Award was presented in September and followed the partnership obtaining a similar acknowledgement at the NSW/ACT Awards a month earlier, which made it eligible for the 'Nationals'.

Scott said the site was very proud of the achievement and thanked TinCAN for the opportunity to work with them over many years. Paul mentioned the Award was a welcome recognition at Boral, but that he and the local team were infinitely more proud of the difference TinCAN's 'bus trips' made for residents.

Scott then focussed on the quarry's current workload which continues to be dominated by the Pacific Highway upgrade program. More locally, the last supply has been provided to the Ferngrove Estate in Ballina. It was asked whether Boral knows if the estate will be extended – this is unknown presently.

Paul also noted that **Rod Wallace**, who had overseen planning matters connected to the quarry during the past eight years, had recently changed roles within Boral and was now the NSW/ACT Environment Manager for the organisation.

Scott then spoke about the 'Kid's Quarry Day' the site team had held on 27 October. Site employees were invited to bring their children to see their parents' workplace and buried a time capsule amongst other activities on the day.

The number of days of mobile crushing implemented during the year to date was noted as 55 compared with 34 at the same time in 2017. Two stripping campaigns have also been undertaken removing up to 180 000 tonnes of overburden so far. It was asked whether stripping activity was also taking place near the Perkins' driveway which was confirmed.

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## **4. Environmental management and performance**

Scott and Paul then covered off the regular environmental reporting section using data supplied through Boral's Health Safety Environment (HSE) team. The usual update on weed control hours spent was offered, as were the results of dust, water management and blasting monitoring.

While all levels remained within compliance limits, small 'spikes' were noted on each graph during the most recent (Aug-Sep) period. Scott explained these could be attributed to the overburden 'stripping' campaigns.

A discussion was then had about issues relating to rock dust exposure in occupations like extractive industries as it had been topical in national news during recent weeks. Scott explained quarry personnel were protected from and monitored regularly in relation to the topic, citing PPE and procedural arrangements and ongoing health assessments as some of the measures.

Scott further explained that the rock at Teven has a low silica content, silica being at the centre of the issues being reported through the news.

## **5. Quarry future plans**

Paul then presented an overview of future plans for the quarry's development on behalf of his colleagues within the Land and Property Group. He explained that with the Pacific Highway upgrade project nearing its end, Boral had started to examine what Teven Quarry's next focus would need to be.

It was noted the quarry's existing consent would last until 2026. Paul stated that as previously discussed with the community, there's more than enough quality rock to see extraction continue beyond this time, and beyond the currently approved footprint.

Accordingly, Paul foreshadowed that Boral would soon begin preparing to make a State Significant Development (SSD) application to the NSW Department of Planning and Environment for approval to access these reserves.

It was indicated no timeframe had been set to begin the SSD, but that it was important to raise it now with locals given the time length of the process, and the need for Boral to begin collecting data during at least the next two years to support the application.

Paul said he hoped to have one of his new Planning and Development Manager colleagues at the next community meeting to further outline the SSD process and give more indicative timing.

Feedback was offered that as the quarry was developed, creating a more 'squared' pit and landform would be preferable for visual appeal. It was expressed that the consequent creation of views from some surrounding vantage points across the valley would be appreciated by locals.

## **6. Community Activities and General Business**

Paul and Scott then wrapped up the discussion by offering an overview of the quarry's activities in the community since the last meeting.

Scott said the quarry had supported another recent TinCAN 'bus trip' to New Italy which was well received, as well as the annual Children's Christmas Parties for both the Ballina Lions and Immuno Deficiency Australia organisations.

Support was also offered to Tintenbar-Teven Public School's Country Fair, the Richmond River Clay Target Association and a local junior touch football team. Financial donations were also made to the 'Pledge a Plank' Tintenbar Hall restoration project by both Boral and Paul personally.

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Scott also showed pictures of Boral's entry in the Bangalow Billycart Derby which was held during late May.

Paul then asked for any items of general business, nominating a matter which had been forwarded by an absent member for consideration.

It was decided to start with this issue which centred on the observance by residents that Ballina Council seemed to take a lengthy amount of time to repair reported damage to North Teven and Teven Roads after it had been reported.

Through the email which raised the issue, it was requested that Boral consider writing to Council about this on behalf of the CCC. This was agreed to by all present.

A discussion was then had on the progress of the development application for the proposed new function centre at 290 Teven Road. The application is currently being considered by the NSW Land and Environment Court following Council's refusal of the application earlier in the year, with an on-site hearing held two days previous to the meeting.

During this discussion, it was indicated that Boral was very much aligned to the existing community in opposition to the proposal.

Finally, it was asked whether Boral knew of any moves to install further communications towers on the hills overlooking the quarry. It was stated that no further information was known about this.

With no further matters being raised, Paul then closed the meeting, noting the next session would be the bi-annual 'whole of community' meeting during mid-2019. Paul passed on his thanks to the CCC community representatives for their ongoing support and interest during the current term.

**Meeting closed at approximately 6.30pm.**