

Deer Park Quarry ERC Meeting Minutes

Location: Deer Park Quarry Training Room, Riding Boundary Road, Ravenhall

Date: Thursday 7 July 2016 - 5pm

Chairperson: Julia Preston, Stakeholder Relations Advisor (Southern Region) (JP)

Minutes: Vikki Barker, Property Administration Assistant (Southern Region) (VB)

QERC Members (Community and Regulatory):

- Wendy Bitans – neighbouring resident (WB)
- Marion Martin - Deer Park resident (MM)
- Mick Hewitt - Caroline Springs resident (MH)
- Eyal Cohen - neighbouring landowner (EC)
- Geoff Gilbert - Department of Economic Development, Jobs, Transport and Resources (GG)

QERC Members (Boral):

- Paul Hodges – Quarry Manager (Deer Park) (PH)
- David Karstens – Plant Manager Asphalt (Deer Park) (DK)
- Luke Brown – Project Sponsor Deer Park Quarry Plant Replacement (LB)
- Paul Jackson – Stakeholder Relations Manager – (Southern Region) (NSW/VIC/TAS/SA) (PJ)
- Christian McMahon – Metropolitan Operations Manager – Quarries (CM)

Apologies:

- Cr Nola Dunn – Melton City Council (ND)
- Michael Suddes – Operations Manager Country (MS)
- Rick Cleary - Department of Justice (RC)
- Sam Muscat – Deer Park resident (SM)
- Kevin White – Metropolitan Remand Centre (KW)
- Lorraine Harrison (LH)
- Cassi Sartori – Environmental Co-Ordinator (CS)
- Frances Carabott – neighbouring resident (FC)
- Meta Finnimore (DED-JTR)
- Dr Richard Strauch – Group Environmental Advisor, Boral Concrete (RS)
- Patrick Boyce – HSE Advisor – Quarries Vic/Tas (PB)

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

Minutes are reviewed at the start of each meeting to identify any items in need of correction.

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Meeting opened at approximately 5.00pm

1. Welcome, introductions and apologies

Julia Preston (JP) welcomed everyone to the QERC meeting and introduced herself as filling in for 12 months while Erin Furmanczyk is on maternity leave.

2. Previous Minutes and Actions

Previous minutes were accepted.

Actions from previous meeting:

PH advised Karl and Ryan are attending to the communication to the contractors regarding safe driving practices.

LB covered off the dust monitoring in the Deer Park Replacement Project presentation.

PH has advised the fake monitors have been removed.

No.	Action	Responsibility	Due date
1	Communication to Owner/Operator Contractors regarding safe driving practices	PH/EF	Next meeting
2	Baseline status update by Dr Richard Strauch (Dust monitoring)	PH	Next meeting
3	Fake monitoring cameras along Hopkins Road to be removed	PH	TBA

3. Business Reports

Concrete

Michael Suddes was an apology at this meeting. No update provided.

Asphalt

DK advised they have been working sporadically over the last three to four months on night shift. Upgrade to be confirmed depending on Montrose operations and upgrades.

MH asked about the time frame when the upgrade will be complete. **DK** advised the upgrade will be done in stages and will most likely commence in December.

Quarries

PH discussed the blasting spike in April. Permission was obtained from AusNet to blast under the power lines on that day. Monitors were placed on top of an Ausnet structure 100 meters away from blast.

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PH discussed the slide in the presentation in relation to the underspeed on Conveyor T06. After a review, it was found that a particular maintenance task possessed a high risk of manual handling injury where it could be prevented, as well as production loss and risk of damage to plant and equipment. An underspeed wheel and interlock were introduced, which reduced the risk as well as saving approximately 8 hours of production downtime, or \$30,000.

PH discussed the slide in the presentation in relation to the production cost and hazard reduction Conveyor T3A. Material building up inside the guard was seen as a hazard due to weight of the guard when removing it. Guard mesh size was increased to allow material to drop the ground to allow for a bobcat to clean up. Production cost saving not yet identified; alteration will lead to reduced risk of injury as well as reduced wear and tear on equipment.

MM commented that residents have advised her that they are taking photos of vehicles/trucks that are causing a spillage of materials along the road. **PH** asked **MM** to email photos of the vehicles for review.

4. Environment

PB was an apology at this meeting. **JP** offered to take any queries and pass them onto **PB** for comment. **PH** requested the spillage of materials along the road be raised.

5. Quarry Plant Replacement Project

LB advised 80% through concrete works. Construction commenced and on track for mid 2017. Bund planting to commence end of July.

LB discussed the dust monitors and the spike on the 4th July. Spike in dust was due to SP AusNet building a road near the dust monitor. EPA limit is 60 ug/m³ – quarry is averaging 12.6 ug/m³. Monitors have been in place since November and we are learning the dust is seasonal.

MH commented that it might take a few years to interpret the data to see trends. **LB** agreed.

6. General business

JP advised Meta Finnimore was to attend this meeting to discuss/offer improvements to community meetings. Meta was unavailable to attend. **JP** asked the community members to offer any advice or improvements also.

WB commented that between Middle Road and Christies Road there appears to be a lot of dumping of hard rubbish which appear to be picked/cleaned up by Boral and the Council. **MM** commented that most people still believe that the rubbish belongs to the Boral tip. **WB** thought it might be worthwhile Boral leaning on the Council a bit more to get them to maintain the area.

MH would like an update into the animal management and weed control. **PH** commented that the weed management plan that Cassie put in place is ongoing and he receives fortnightly reporting. Update on animal management and weed control to be raised at next meeting.

WB asked for a contact number to ring Boral to report on anything in relation to Boral Deer Park. **PH** handed out his business cards to members with his contact details.

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WB thanked the Boral members for the site tour and that she appreciated the time taken to organise it. **MM** also thanked Boral for the concern over the land area and for being co-operative with the community members.

EC requested another site visit around February/March to see the advancement of the new site.

ACTION LIST

No.	Action	Responsibility	Due date
1	Review of vehicles causing spillage of materials	PH	Next meeting
2	Animal Management update	PB	Next meeting
3	Weed control update	PB	Next meeting

Meeting closed at approximately 5:40pm